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Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest— December 7, 2023

To notify the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) of your intent to apply for any of these or other grant opportunities, please submit a [Proposal Intake Questionnaire](#) to provide OSP with preliminary information.

Check out the [Office of Sponsored Programs website](#) to view more funding opportunities to consider.

Federal



Eastern States Invasive and Noxious Plant Management Program

One of the Bureau of Land Management's highest priorities is to promote ecosystem health, and one of the greatest obstacles to achieving this goal is the rapid expansion of weeds across public lands. These invasive plants can dominate and often cause permanent damage to natural plant communities. If not eradicated or controlled, noxious weeds will continue to jeopardize the health of public lands and to constrain the myriad activities that occur on them.

Application Deadline: 2/6/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

Wildlife Program

The Wildlife Program fulfills the Department of the Interior vision of improving

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that support maintaining functioning wildlife habitats, developing and implementing restoration projects, and the inventory and monitoring of priority habitats and species to track trends and use on public lands.

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Farm to School Grant Program

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts.

Application Deadline: 1/12/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships Competitive Grants Program

The purpose of the Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships Competitive Grants Program is to educate agricultural producers about the full range of risk management activities. These activities include futures, options, agricultural trade options, crop insurance, cash forward contracting, debt reduction, production diversification, marketing plans and tactics, farm resources risk reduction, and other appropriate risk management strategies.

Application Deadline: 1/15/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

Future Proofing Plants to a Changing Climate

Climate change is challenging the sustainability and resilience of our agri-food systems through long-term changes to temperature and rainfall, increased threats due to extreme weather events, and shifts in pests and diseases. Plants overall need to be more resilient and adapt to these threats while crops need to continue meeting the demand for safe and affordable food for a growing population on less land and with greater resource use efficiency, in order to lower the impact on the natural environment. To address this imminent challenge, we need accelerated approaches in plant sciences translating knowledge across different plant and crop species.

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Biotechnology Risk Assessment

The purpose of the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program program is to support the generation of new information that will assist federal regulatory agencies in making science-based decisions about the effects of introducing into the environment genetically engineered organisms, including plants, microorganisms — such as fungi, bacteria, and viruses — arthropods, fish, birds, mammals and other animals excluding humans. Investigations of effects on both managed and natural environments are relevant. This program accomplishes its purpose by providing federal regulatory agencies with scientific information relevant to regulatory issues.

Application Deadline: 2/29/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

Renewable Resources Extension Act - National Focus Fund Projects

The purpose of the grant program is to provide funds for extension projects that have national or regional relevancy. In particular, the program supports extension projects that address emerging forest and rangeland resources through the adoption of climate-smart technologies among forest and rangeland owners.

Application Deadline: 3/13/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

Application Deadlines:

- **December 29:** [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science Program](#)
- **January 15:** [Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships Competitive Grants Program RFA](#)
- **January 16:** [Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program](#)
- **February 8:** [Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program](#)
- **February 15:** [Crop Protection and Pest Management](#)

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The Plant Genome Research Program supports genome-scale research that addresses challenging questions of biological, societal, and economic importance. This program encourages the development of innovative tools, technologies, and resources that empower a broad plant research community to answer scientific questions on a genome-wide scale.

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Harvest for Health Breakthrough Crop Challenge

The Harvest for Health challenge is accelerating the development of underutilized crops to increase the diversity of foods in the marketplace. The initiative focuses on crops that are nutritious and have properties of interest to food and ingredient companies.

Application Deadline: 8/7/24 | [View Opportunity](#)



Addressing Evidence-based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction

The Human Animal Bond Research Institute is issuing a call for research proposals to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted interventions, both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the positive effects of companion animals on human health.

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Veterinary Student Scholar

The Veterinary Student Scholar program is a competitive program that provides veterinary students the opportunity to become involved in mentored research that advances the health and/or welfare of dogs, cats, equids or wildlife.

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If you have any questions or you would like to learn more about our work with these programs, please [contact senior grants advisor Clinton Doggett](#) for a brief conversation.

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