



Greetings,

Please see below for federal funding opportunities, opportunities for action, news clips, articles of the month, and federal resources.

## Federal Funding and Action Opportunities

### Translational Research in Maternal and Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics

This opportunity supports translational and clinical research to improve safe and effective precision therapeutics for pregnant and lactating women, fetuses, neonates, and children, including those with disabilities. Funded through NOFO, projects will advance precision medicine by developing novel tools, models, and technologies with direct clinical impact; enhance understanding of drug action through studies on pediatric development and the physiological changes of pregnancy and lactation; and promote the discovery or repurposing of therapeutics to support safer, more effective treatment options for these populations.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public institutions of higher education, Non-profits, Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, and organizations that are public or private nonprofit institutions of higher learning
- **Who Can Apply:** Special district governments, higher education institutions, nonprofits other than institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, local governments, federal governments, and more.

**Deadline to Apply: 5/7/2026**

**Learn more [here](#).**

### Maternal Produce Prescription Program (MP3)

**NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity.** This funding opportunity supports the development and implementation of community-based produce prescription programs and related nutrition education for maternal populations at risk of poor health outcomes due to nutrition insecurity and other health-related factors. The community-based

prescription programs will increase maternal health and improve access to important health and nutrition information for vulnerable maternal figures.

- **Who Can Apply:** Independent school districts, public and state institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3), nonprofits non-higher education without 501(c)(3), other Native American tribal organizations, special district governments, county governments, city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, small businesses, and for-profit organizations other than small businesses
- **Deadline to Apply: 5/15/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

## MCH Workforce Development and Training Center

**NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity.** This opportunity supports training, technical assistance, and workforce development activities to strengthen the current and future maternal and child health (MCH) workforce. The Center will equip state Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program leaders, staff, and other MCH professionals with the skills and tools needed to address MCH priorities in their communities and improve maternal and child health outcomes nationwide.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public institutions of higher education, Non-profits, Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, and organizations that are public or private nonprofit institutions of higher learning
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply: 5/26/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

## Maternal Health Emergency Management Training (MHEMT)

**NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity.** This opportunity will extend the reach and impact of the AIM program by strengthening the capacity of the broader health care workforce in non-delivery and/or low-resource clinical settings. The primary goal of this program is to increase capacity and improve the quality of care provided by clinicians and first responders who encounter pregnant and postpartum women in non-delivery and/or low-resource clinical settings.

- **Who Can Apply:** Unrestricted
- **Deadline to Apply: 5/30/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

## Screening & Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MMHSUD)

**NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity.** This funding opportunity supports the improvement of maternal mental health and substance use disorder outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women through the development of resources for maternal health providers. The Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Program (MMHSUD) initiative will help to increase timely access to teleconsultation, training and care coordination support for obstetric, primary care, and other maternal health providers.

- **Who Can Apply:** State governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, and other Native American tribal organizations
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply: 6/1/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

## Leveraging Network Infrastructure to Conduct Innovative Research for Women, Children, Pregnant and Lactating Individuals, and Persons with Disabilities:

This opportunity leverages NICHD clinical research network infrastructure relevant to infants, children, women, pregnant and lactating individuals, and persons with disabilities to conduct innovative, multisite, investigator-initiated clinical trials and observational studies. This NOFO will utilize a bi-phasic (UG3/UH3), milestone-driven mechanism consisting of a start-up phase (UG3) and a full enrollment and clinical study implementation phase (UH3).

- **Who Can Apply:** Higher education institutions, nonprofits other than institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, local governments, federal governments, and more.
- **Deadline to Apply: 11/15/2027**
- **Learn more [here](#), or receive assistance at <https://www.era.nih.gov/need-help>**

## Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute - Call for Merit Reviewers:

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is seeking Merit Reviewers who share a commitment to patient-centered research and an interest in helping PCORI fulfill its mission of funding research that can help patients, clinicians, and other stakeholders make more informed health and healthcare decisions. Merit Review Panels consist of scientific, patient, and other stakeholder reviewers whose scores are equally weighted to ensure that all perspectives are heard.

- **Who Can Apply:** For patient and stakeholder reviews, individuals must have experience with health and health care as a patient, practitioner, payer, policymaker, or member of representative organizations; first hand experience in service, advocacy, policy setting, or other similar activities in the healthcare system or with a healthcare-related organization; involvement in community-

based initiatives involving representation of the interests and perspectives of patients; family; caregiver; advocates (e.g., service on Boards or committees); relevant publications or presentations; past participation in decision-making bodies at a national, state, or local level.

- **For scientific reviews**, individuals must have an advanced educational degree (e.g., Ph.D., DPhil, Ed.D., DNP, M.D., MPH, M.S., etc.); have significantly contributed to multiple publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals in the past 5 years; and/or lead research activities (e.g., PI, Co-PI, Site PI, etc.) on a current or recent research grant/contract.
- **Deadline to Apply: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis**
- **Learn more [here](#), or contact [reviewers@pcori.org](mailto:reviewers@pcori.org)**

## Reps. Adams, Underwood, Sen. Booker Reintroduce Bicameral Black Maternal Health Week Resolution

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Representatives Lauren Underwood, Alma Adams (D-NC-12), and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), introduced the bicameral resolution recognizing April 11 through April 17 as Black Maternal Health Week. This resolution serves to bring national attention to the maternal health crisis in the United States and the critical need to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rates among Black mothers.

In the United States, Black women face a maternal mortality rate two to three times that of white women, yet studies show that 80% of all maternal deaths are preventable. The resolution calls on Congress to support and promote policies addressing Black maternal health in order to address the ongoing Black maternal mortality crisis.

**“Our country’s Black maternal health crisis demands urgent action,”** said Congresswoman Underwood, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus. **“In 2019 I co-founded the Black Maternal Health Caucus with Congresswoman Alma Adams to respond to this crisis and advance evidence-based solutions that will save lives and end disparities. I’m thrilled to continue this work by introducing this resolution with Congresswoman Adams and Senator Booker to recognize Black Maternal Health Week 2026. I am thinking of the families and moms who have been impacted by this crisis like Mercedes Wells, Karrie Jones, and Dr. Janell Green Smith who we tragically lost, and I’m grateful to the Black Mamas Matter Alliance for their leadership in establishing this critical week of awareness and action. We must continue to elevate Black maternal health as a national priority, and we must pass the entire Momnibus.”**

**“Our annual Black Maternal Health Week resolution says, unequivocally, that Black Moms matter,”** said Congresswoman Adams, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus. **“This week is a time for us to raise awareness around the maternal mortality and morbidity epidemic Black mothers face and urge our Congressional and state leaders to take action. We need to see a real commitment from Congress to address this crisis, and I am dedicated to working with our Black maternal health advocates across the country to make that happen. Black mamas can’t wait!”**

**“It is unacceptable that Black women continue to face a maternal mortality rate two to three times higher than White women because of deep, systemic failures in our**

health care system,” said Senator Booker. **“This resolution is not just about acknowledging the disparities Black women face. It is about recognizing that Congress must do more to protect the lives of Black mothers by addressing the structural barriers that drive them and ensuring that every mother has a safe and healthy pregnancy and the care they deserve.”**

**“2026 marks more than a decade of Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) building the skills, convening, and mobilizing the global Black perinatal, maternal, and reproductive health workforce to END maternal mortality. Over the past 10 years, BMMA has worked to establish the global Black Maternal Health Movement, centering the organizing and collaborative efforts of Black perinatal and maternal professionals. That is our midwives, our physicians, our doulas, our nurses, advocates, healing practitioners, and even artists. We have built this movement on the intellectual traditions of Black feminism, womanism, and the principles of reproductive justice and birth justice.”** said BMMA, Inc. Co-Founder & Executive Director Angela D. Aina, who is also a [2026 TIME100 Health Honoree](#).

**“As we launch our 9th annual Black Maternal Health Week, we do so rooted in both the weight of this moment and the joy of this movement,”** Aina continued. **“We are witnessing unprecedented attacks on Black families, on reproductive rights, and on the very institutions meant to protect our health and dignity. And yet, we remain rooted. Justice and joy are not separate — they are the foundation of everything we do. BMHW26 is a time for community rooted action in addressing maternal health inequities and ensuring that everyone, especially Black Mamas, receive the resources needed to thrive.”**

Full text of the resolution can be found [here](#).

## Articles of the Month

**Axios:** [Black maternal mortality gap still persists in U.S.](#)

**Los Angeles Sentinel:** [Black Maternal Health Week Highlights Urgent Crisis Facing Black Mothers](#)

**Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health:** [Black Maternal Health: Where Mental Health Meets Heart Health](#)

## General Resources

- The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline is free, confidential, and here to help, 24/7, all expecting and new mothers. Call or text at 1-833-TLC-MAMA (or 1-833-853-6262). To learn more about the hotline or access shareable materials, please visit [here](#).
- The Office on Women’s Health offers [resources](#) for finding support for postpartum depression.
- The [CDC Hear Her campaign](#) has resources for raising awareness of urgent maternal warning signs during and after pregnancy.

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