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June 17, 2026

## News & Upcoming Events

### Limited Submission: NIH Shared-Use Infrastructure Grant (C06)

The NIH Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP) has announced a significant infrastructure grant (**PAR-26-106**) to fund the **Construction or Modernization of Collaborative Research Facilities**.

**Important:** UAMS is limited to **one application**, requiring an internal selection process.

**Available Programs:**

- **Biomedical Research Facilities (BRF):** \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000 (Basic, translational, clinical, or behavioral infrastructure)
- **HIV/AIDS Research Facilities (HRF):** \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 (Aligned with NIH OAR priorities)

**Key Details:**

- **Funding:** Awards are for up to 5 years, issued in a single payment. F&A costs are not allowable.
- **UAMS Internal Deadline:** November 16, 2026, by 5:00 PM
- **NIH Deadline:** January 25, 2027

If you are considering submitting or would like guidance on the pre-application process, please contact:

- Dr. Voth: [DVoth@uams.edu](mailto:DVoth@uams.edu)
- Dr. Elasi: [MOElasi@uams.edu](mailto:MOElasi@uams.edu)

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### Updates & Guidelines: CMS Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Initiative

As UAMS moves forward with the State's CMS Rural Health Transformation (RHT) initiative, please review the following important updates regarding internal processes for both UAMS-led proposals and external subaward partnerships.

◆ **Year 1 & Year 2 UAMS-Led Proposals**

- **Year 1 Finalized:** The selection for Year 1 UAMS-led RHT proposals is officially complete.
- **Year 2 Concepts:** An internal process to solicit Year 2 concepts will launch later this summer.
- **Note for Investigators:** If you already submitted a Year 1 idea, it will **automatically** be considered for Year 2. There is no need to resubmit.

◆ **External Subaward Opportunities (Action Required)**

If you are approached by an external partner to participate as a subawardee on a Year 1 RHT proposal, please follow these steps immediately:

1. **Contact Rachel Ott** at [REOtt@uams.edu](mailto:REOtt@uams.edu): Reach out right away to initiate the internal vetting process.
2. **Provide Documentation:** Be prepared to submit an abstract and a draft subaward budget.
3. **Review Process:** The UAMS RHT Committee will review the request to determine whether to proceed. Approved efforts will be coordinated through Rachel Ott and ORSP.

**Important Deadlines:** Please submit these requests as early as possible. UAMS may be unable to accommodate subaward requests received with **less than two weeks' notice** prior to the sponsor deadline.

◆ **Funding Reminder**

Per federal regulations, RHT funding *cannot* be used to fund "the cost of independent research and development, including their proportionate share of indirect costs" (See 2 CFR 300.477).

Questions: Please contact Dan Voth, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation at [DVoth@uams.edu](mailto:DVoth@uams.edu).

### CDMRP Webinars

Congress appropriated \$1.27B in FY26 funding for CDMRP through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 signed into law on February 3, 2026. CDMRP is releasing its FY26 research program funding opportunities and hosting four webinars for the program areas listed on the dates shown below from 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET. These meetings will be recorded. Live attendance as well as the recordings can be viewed using the same links.

**June 24, 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET**

Autism, Bone Marrow Failure, Combat Readiness, Epilepsy, Hearing Restoration, Orthopaedic, Reconstructive Transplant, Spinal Cord Injury  
[Webinar Link](#)

**July 8, 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET**

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Joint Warfighter Medical, Kidney Cancer, Neurofibromatosis, Parkinsons, Prostate Cancer, Rare Cancers, Toxic Exposures  
[Webinar Link](#)

### Now Open: 2027 UAMS Medical Research Endowment Fund Applications

Applications for the 2027 UAMS Medical Research Endowment (MRE) Fund are now open. Key information is summarized below.

**AWARD DETAILS**

- ▶ Maximum award: \$25,000
- ▶ Deadline: **August 30, 2026**
- ▶ Funding start: February 1, 2027

**ELIGIBILITY**

Permanent, full-time UAMS faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor or above. Faculty who received an MRE award last year (as PI or Co-Investigator) are not eligible for this cycle.

**FUNDING PRIORITIES**

1. Early-stage investigators
2. Start-up or seed efforts in new research areas
3. Projects with strong potential for extramural funding
4. Established investigators pursuing new research directions

[View Full Guidelines](#)

[Submit Your MRE Application](#)

### Quick Guide to NIH Public Access Policy Requirements and Key Compliance Steps for Researchers

As of July 1, 2025, the updated NIH Public Access Policy requires that all peer-reviewed publications arising from NIH-funded research be made immediately publicly available in PubMed Central (PMC) with no embargo. Researchers should confirm their journal's compliance pathway or be prepared to deposit the Author Accepted Manuscript via NIHMS at acceptance to avoid delays or funding impact.

[Read the Quick Guide](#)

### NIH Update: Research Security Training Certification

In accordance with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, all senior/key personnel on an NIH grant application must certify that they have completed [research security training](#) (RST) within 12 months of the date of application submission. **This requirement is effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026.**

As of April 22, 2026, NIH has updated the Biosketch and Other Support Common Forms to include this certification.

If you certified your Common Forms prior to April 22 and have a grant due on/after May 25, you should regenerate your Common Form PDF prior to submission.

Full announcement: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-079.html>

The Division of Research & Innovation offices will work with PIs to ensure everyone is compliant with these requirements as grant proposals are being prepared. Please reach out with questions, and we will get you the help you need.

### Research Administration Roundtable

**Topic: Capital Budget Committee**

**July 21, 2026 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II**



Speaker:  
**Taylor Crow, CPA, MBA**  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Finance

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## Funding Opportunities

### FY26 CDMRP Funding Opportunities

The Department of War (DOW) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) has released FY26 program announcements for the following programs (all cost caps are total costs):

- **Alzheimer's (AZRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALSRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Arthritis (ATRP)** *New award added* | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Breast Cancer (BCRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Ovarian Cancer (OCRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Pancreatic Cancer (PCARP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- **Spinal Cord Injury (SCIRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)

Visit the links above to view full announcements and submit a pre-application via eBRAP.

The following programs have released **pre-announcements** — official funding opportunities and due dates will be posted on Grants.gov pending Executive Order 14332 approval. Applicants should plan for condensed timelines for submission of both pre- and full applications.

- **Rare Cancers (RCRP)** | [View Pre-Announcement](#)
- **Kidney Cancer (KCRP)** | [View Pre-Announcement](#)

Visit the links above to view full details and submit pre-applications. For additional opportunities, see [anticipated](#) and [archived](#) funding opportunities on the CDMRP website.

### More Funding Forecast/Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Genomic and Biologic Therapies for ADRD (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)

**Estimated Post Date: July 1, 2026**

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361287>

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