HIGHLIGHTS | Trump Administration Dedicating Billions for Innovators Developing Solutions to COVID-19

As part of President Trump’s whole-of-America response to the coronavirus, the Trump Administration is empowering U.S. innovators to solve some of the greatest challenges associated with the pandemic. In recent weeks, Federal agencies have announced billions in grants and funding opportunities tapping into the Nation’s entrepreneurial spirit to fight COVID-19.

“America’s vibrant innovation ecosystem has always brought outside-the-box ideas and technologies to the forefront to address great challenges. This time of crisis is no different. Through a range of funding, grant, and award opportunities, the Trump Administration is committed to leveraging our country’s brilliant start-ups, entrepreneurs, and technologists in the fight against COVID-19,” said Michael Kratsios, U.S. Chief Technology Officer.

- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is supporting $1.78 billion in research grants, contracts, and intramural projects to combat COVID-19, with funding opportunities focused on immune response, viral infection and transmission, and diagnostic, therapeutic and vaccine development.

- The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) is collaborating with industry on a comprehensive portfolio of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. Investments of $1.69 billion are supporting clinical trials, advanced development of therapeutics, rapid vaccine development and diagnostics as well as expansion of US-based production of medical countermeasures. Seven BARDA–supported diagnostics quickly received Emergency Use Authorization.

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) turbo-charged its Rapid Response Research (RAPID) funding mechanism, which allows the agency to fast-track grants up to $200,000 for urgent COVID-19 research proposals. In recent weeks, NSF has granted 58 awards for RAPID research funding.

- NSF is also offering funding opportunities for small businesses that are developing new technologies, products, and services with potential to assist in coronavirus response.

- The Department of Defense’s Basic Research Office announced the Newton Award for Transformative Ideas During the COVID-19 Pandemic, awarding up to $100,000 for innovative and outside-the-box proposals in a variety of fields during a time when researchers cannot work from their labs.

- The Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has opened a funding opportunity through its Manufacturing USA Institutes for rapid, high-impact manufacturing projects that support the nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about the coronavirus, please visit https://www.coronavirus.gov/.