UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting e-mails of interest for the HRSA “Bridging the Word Gap Research Network” funding opportunity. The funding agency limits the number of proposals per institution to one.

From the solicitation: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s (MCHB), Office of Epidemiology and Research is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2016 Bridging the Word Gap Research Network program. This cooperative agreement opportunity will establish and maintain a national interdisciplinary research network designed to reduce the gap in exposure to language among children from low-SES families, as compared to children from higher-SES families, also known as the “word gap”. The research network will foster scientific collaboration, with a focus on research designed to develop and test interventions to improve early language exposure, vocabulary acquisition, and language development for children from lower socioeconomic status (SES) backgrounds, including Dual Language Learners (DLLs). The Network should include researchers across a range of disciplines reflecting attention to the health and development of the child and family.

Estimated award amount: Up to $300,000 per year for five (5) years.

See the following link for further details: [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=282089](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=282089)

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description (200 words) via e-mail to limited@unm.edu by noon, Friday, April 8, 2016. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

The deadline for full proposals to the agency is May 9, 2016.

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