How to find program announcements for federal grants

Go to grants.gov

In the search box at the top of the page, type in a keyword for your research (e.g., cancer).

This opens a search page. Sort the results as follows:

Under ‘Funding Instrument Type,’ click on ‘Grant’

Under ‘Eligibility,’ click on ‘Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.’
Under ‘Category,’ click on ‘Health’

Under ‘Agency,’ keep ‘All Agencies’ checked. This way you will get program announcements for all federal agencies that offer grants with your keyword.

You have narrowed your search. Now look at the Matching Results column.

To see the most current program announcements, click on the ‘Posted Date’ header. You should get a down arrow next to ‘Posted Date.’ That signifies that the list has been sorted in descending order, so that the most recently posted announcements are at the top of the list.

Other sorting parameters are available in the ‘Sort By’ box.

Pay attention to the ‘Close Date’ column at the far right. This tells you when a program announcement will expire. (This information is also on the program announcement itself.) When a program announcement expires, you are unable to apply to it.

Note: Program announcements that are listed as ‘Forecasted’ in the ‘Opportunity Status’ column have not yet been posted.
To view the full program announcement, click on the linked text under ‘Opportunity Number.’

That takes you to a ‘View Grant Opportunity’ page. Click on ‘Link to Additional Information,’ which is near the bottom of the screen.

(Close up view above) Click on the link to get to the full program announcement.
This leads you to the full, multipage program announcement. Read all pages carefully before deciding if it is an appropriate funding mechanism for your research interests.

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