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**Funding Opportunity Announcement for Grant Applications  
Control Number 1225-0086  
2019 State Grants Justification**

**Abstract:**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is making 10.537 million available to award grants under section 503 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to State or State-designated entities to:

- (a) assist States in developing and enforcing mining laws and regulations;
- (b) improve State workers' compensation and occupational disease laws and programs related to coal or other mine employment; and
- (c) promote Federal-State coordination and cooperation in improving the health and safety conditions in mines.

MSHA could award as many as 50 separate grants.

**Electronic Availability:**

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov website. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 100 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

**Small Entities:**

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**Assurances of Confidentiality:**

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

**Special Circumstances:**

This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5.

**State Grants, Applications:**

For the State Assistance grants, DOL would normally expect to receive 50 applications.

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Public reporting burden for each grant application is estimated to average 10 hours per response for reviewing instructions; searching existing data sources; gathering and maintaining the data needed; completing and reviewing the collection of information; and to prepare and submit an application in response to a Funding Opportunity Announcement. For purposes of this information collection request, the DOL assumes that a professional earning \$59.69<sup>1</sup> per hour will prepare an application. Therefore, the burden for these reporting activities is as follows using average response times:

Responses:	50 applications (50 respondents x 1 per respondent)
Burden Hours:	50 applications * 10 hours/application = 500 hours
Burden Cost:	500 hours * \$59.69 = \$29,845

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

*Total burden: 50 respondents (unduplicated), 50 responses; 500 hours; \$0 other cost burden.*

**Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods:**

There are no statistical methods.

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<sup>1</sup> Most recently available mean hourly wage of a "11-9151 Social and Community Service Manager" (Industry: states) as reported by the May 2017 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/2017/may/oes119151.htm>) is \$33.91. The reported mean value is increased for the annual change in employment costs (2.0%) as reported by BLS using series CIU3010000100000I (state and local management workers total compensation) qtr. 2 2017 to qtr. 1 2018, at <http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CIU3010000100000I> and 72.6% for fringe benefits (\$33.91 \* 1.02 \* 1.726 = \$59.69).