

NATIONAL COALITION OF DONUTS (NCOD)

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Glazing the Future: Innovation in Doughnut Research and Outreach (GIDRO)

Funding Opportunity	
Number:	NCOD-NOFO-2026-001
Assistance Listing Number:	42.101 – Confectionary Advancement
Opening Date:	April 1, 2026
Closing Date:	July 15, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern
Total Funding Available:	\$5,000,000.00
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000.00
Award Floor:	\$100,000.00

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I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose

The National Coalition of Donuts (NCOD) is pleased to announce the "Glazing the Future" initiative. The primary objective of this program is to support Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) in conducting groundbreaking research and community outreach focused on the expansion of donut availability, flavor

profile engineering, and the maximization of the societal benefits derived from fried dough products. This grant seeks creative, interdisciplinary proposals that merge culinary arts, chemical engineering, sociology, and economics.

B. Priority Areas

Competitive applications will address one or more of the following priority areas:

- **Structural Integrity and Flavor Osmosis:** Research into molecular glazing techniques that prevent staleness while enhancing flavor delivery systems.
- **Equitable Access:** Innovative distribution models that ensure "Donut Deserts" are eliminated in urban and rural populations.
- **Nutritional Fortification:** Creative methods to incorporate vitamins, probiotics, or protein into traditional donut matrices without compromising the "O-Ring" texture.
- **Donut History and Cultural Preservation:** Documentation and revitalization of regional donut traditions (e.g., the New England cider donut or the Hawaiian Leonard-style Malasada).

II. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Type of Award: Grant or Cooperative Agreement.

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2026.

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10-15 awards.

Period of Performance: 24 months, with an option for a 12-month no-cost extension depending on progress and dough quality.

Funding Instrument: Discretionary Grant.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligibility is restricted to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965. This includes public and private non-profit universities and colleges. Partnerships with local bakeries or private sector confectionary firms are encouraged, but the lead applicant must be an IHE.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost sharing is not required for this program. However, applicants who demonstrate a 10% match (either in-cash or in-kind, such as flour donations or laboratory equipment time) will receive a "Glaze Bonus" during the technical review scoring process.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Address to Request Application Package

Application materials can be found on Grants.gov by searching for Funding Opportunity Number NCOD-NOFO-2026-001. Technical questions regarding the portal should be directed to help@grants.gov.

B. Content and Form of Application

Applications must include the following components, strictly adhering to the page limits indicated:

- **Project Summary (1 page):** A high-level overview of the proposed donut innovation.
- **Project Narrative (1 page):** Must include problem statement, methodology, evaluation plan, and sustainability strategy.
- **Budget and Budget Justification:** Detailed breakdown of costs using Standard Form (SF) 424A.
- **Biographical Sketches:** Resumes for key personnel (Lead Donut Investigator, Glaze Technician, etc.).

C. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM.gov

All applicants must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and possess an active UEI. Registration must be maintained throughout the duration of the award.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following weighted criteria:

Criterion	Weight	Description
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Innovation and Creativity	30%	Does the proposal push the boundaries of current donut technology?
Feasibility	25%	Is the technical approach sound and the timeline realistic?
Impact and Outreach	25%	Will this benefit a significant population or advance the field?
Organizational Capacity	20%	Does the IHE have the facilities (kitchens/labs) to succeed?

VI. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A. Federal Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NoA) via electronic mail. The NoA is the legal document issued by the NCOD Grants Management Officer. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and may request a debriefing from the Chief Glaze Officer.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200). Recipients must also comply with the National Donut Safety Act of 1994.

C. Reporting

Recipients are required to submit Semi-Annual Technical Progress Reports and Quarterly Financial Reports (SF-425). A final "Taste Test Evaluation" report is due 90 days after the end of the period of performance.

VII. FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACTS

For programmatic questions, contact:

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VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

The NCOD reserves the right to request a physical sample of any innovations produced under this grant for quality assurance and "voluntary" consumption by the review panel. NCOD is an equal opportunity funding agency.