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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your February 17 email and letter. Dr. Francis Collins and I appreciate your continued interest in this important issue.

As you note, in the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations process Congress explicitly required that NIH dedicate a portion of our Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations to firearms research. As part of the Department of Health and Human Service's compliance with this statutory requirement, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently posted a request for applications on firearms research (RFA-CE-20-006). NIH is actively considering our own approach. As in all cases, NIH will post information about funding opportunities linked to these specific appropriations in the NIH Guide.<sup>1</sup> We encourage you to subscribe to the Guide<sup>2</sup> for regular updates.

Sincerely yours,

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1 <https://grants.nih.gov/funding/searchguide/index.html#/>

2 [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv\\_dev.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv_dev.htm)