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The Funding Opportunity Announcement outlines the grant priorities, evaluation factors, and application guidance for up to six competitive grants. Eligible applicants include government entities from states, U.S. territories and possessions, counties and cities with at least 50,000 residents, and federally recognized Indian/Native American tribes with a population of at least 10,000. This is the third year of funding, building upon the 2014 and 2015 grant programs, through which the Women's Bureau awarded over \$2 million to support paid leave studies.

Secretary Perez announced the grant opportunity today at a roundtable discussion at the U.S. Department of Labor. The event brought together leaders from Nestlé, Spotify, and other businesses to examine the growing momentum behind paid family and medical leave across the United States.

"We need to do more to give people the tools they need to succeed at work and home, so they don't have to choose between the families they love and the jobs they need," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "A growing body of research demonstrates that investing in paid family and medical leave is good for families, good for businesses and good for the economy overall. We are proud to support efforts that would expand access to these programs."

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, along with the Women's Bureau, will host a Prospective Applicant WebEx webinar on Thursday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during the webinar. Interested prospective applicants must register for the webinar in advance of the event,

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