

# OCTOBER 2022

# GENETIC AMBASSADORS

Mountain States Regional Genetics Network

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**WHO IS MSRGN?**



# **AGENDA**

- **INTRODUCTIONS**
- **GENETICS SUMMIT**
- **GENETIC POP-UP (10/12)**
- **VUS VIDEO PREMIERE**
- **INSURANCE RESOURCES  
FOR FAMILIES FOR  
GENETIC TESTING**
- **CROSS POLLINATION  
FUNDING**
- **WY GN**



# INTRODUCTIONS



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# INTRODUCTION

## QUESTION

Question:

What do you think is one of the biggest MYTHS associated with genetics?





# Myths about Genetics

All genetic conditions are caught at birth through Newborn Screening.

**FALSE**

Every childhood condition is caused by genetics.

**FALSE**

All genetic conditions are untreatable or incurable.

**FALSE**

A genetic diagnosis cannot help a child thrive.

**FALSE**

All genetic changes are harmful and cause disease.

**FALSE**

Genetic testing is VERY expensive.

**FALSE**



# MSRGN Genetics Summit 2022

## Momentum in the Mountains

November 9-10, 2022

Registration OPEN now at:

[www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/gs22/](http://www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/gs22/)

No-Cost Registration and  
Continuing Medical Education (CME)

A virtual summit to educate, engage, and connect families, providers,  
and public health professionals around contemporary topics in genetics.



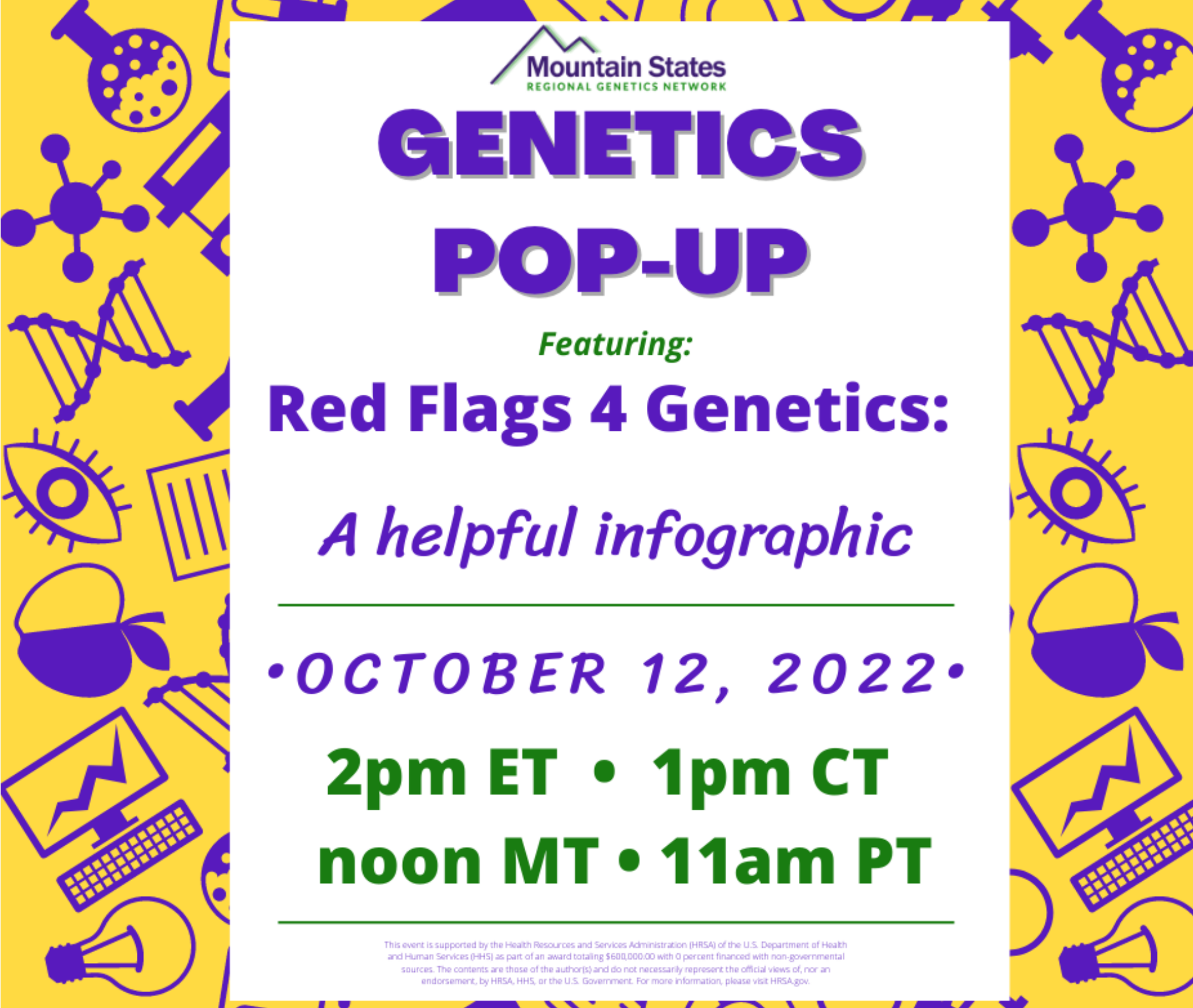
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# NEXT WEEK: GENETICS POP-UP OCTOBER 12



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## GENETICS POP-UP

*Featuring:*

### Red Flags 4 Genetics:

*A helpful infographic*

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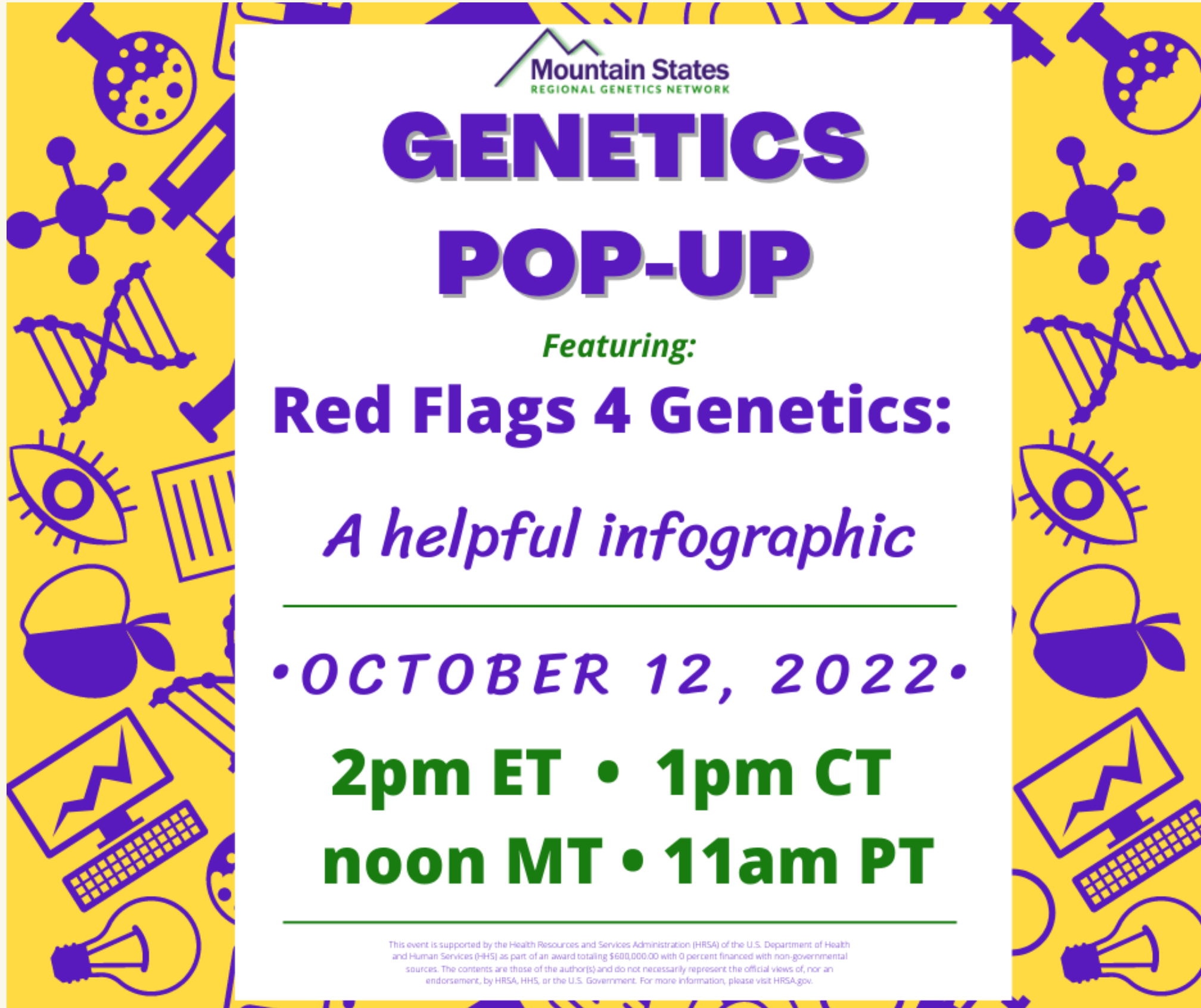
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<https://www.mountainstatesgenetics.org/october-12th-genetics-pop-up-red-flags-4-genetics/>

# GENETICS POP-UP CHALLENGE: THREE!



The poster is set against a yellow background with purple icons of DNA helices, microscopes, lightbulbs, and charts. At the top, the Mountain States Regional Genetics Network logo is displayed. Below it, the title 'GENETICS POP-UP' is written in large, bold, purple letters. The word 'Featuring:' is in green, followed by 'Red Flags 4 Genetics:' in bold purple. Below that, 'A helpful infographic' is written in a purple script font. A horizontal line separates this from the date '• OCTOBER 12, 2022 •' in purple. The times are listed in green: '2pm ET • 1pm CT' and 'noon MT • 11am PT'. At the bottom, a small disclaimer states that the event is supported by HRSA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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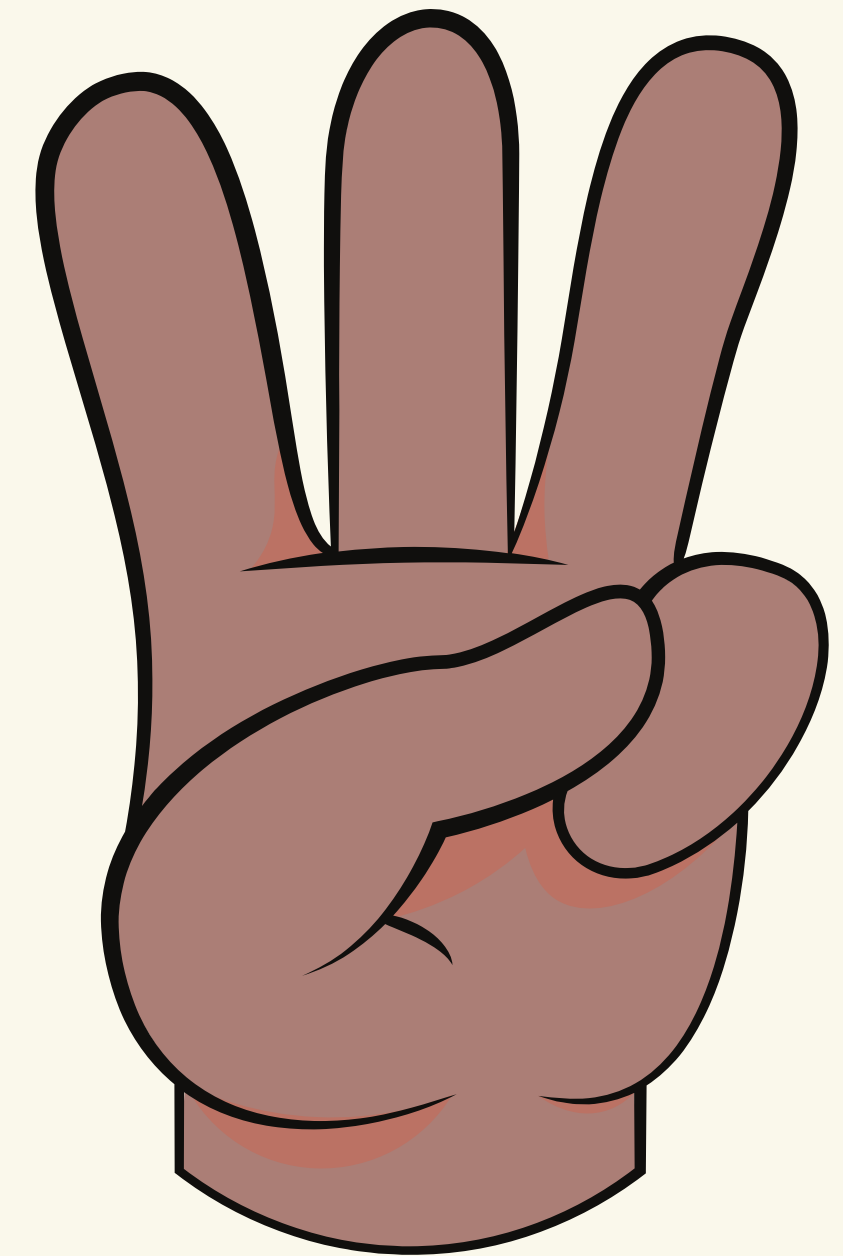
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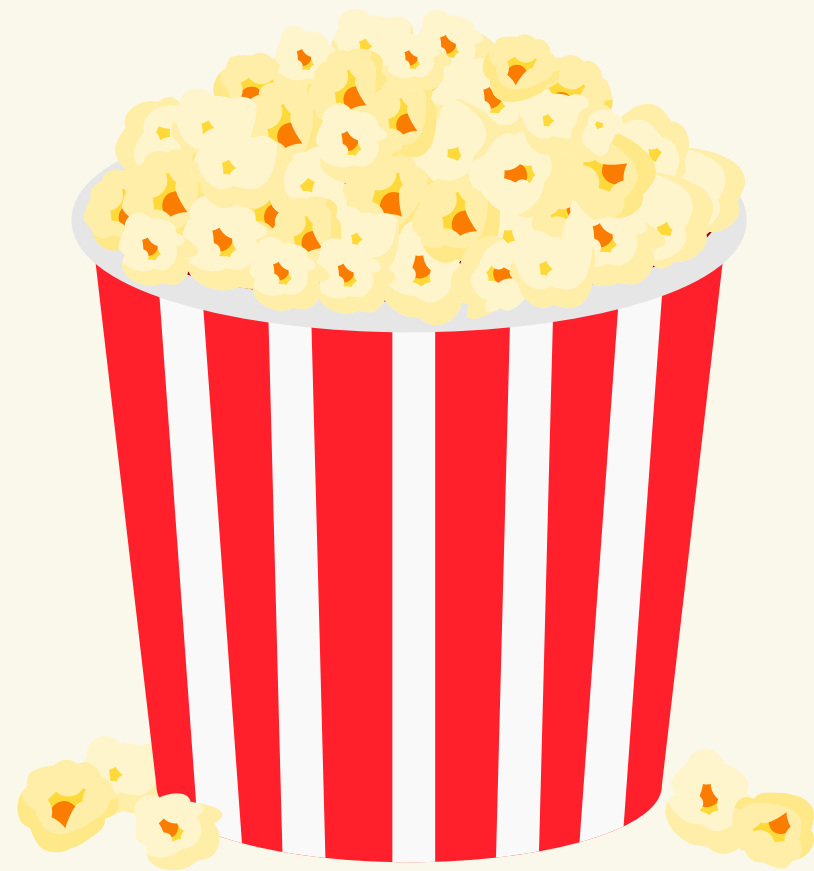
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places to help us  
spread the word!



# GENETIC EXPLAINER VIDEO IS LIVE!

**Genetics Explained:  
Variants of Uncertain Significance**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=QHrsia48fZA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHrsia48fZA)





# GA PROJECT IDEA: INSURANCE COVERAGE OF GENETIC TESTING/SERVICE FOR FAMILIES

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**Complex Lab Tests:  
How to Get Them Covered**



**PLUGS®**  
Patient-centered Laboratory  
Utilization Guidance Services

# CROSS POLLINATION FUNDING

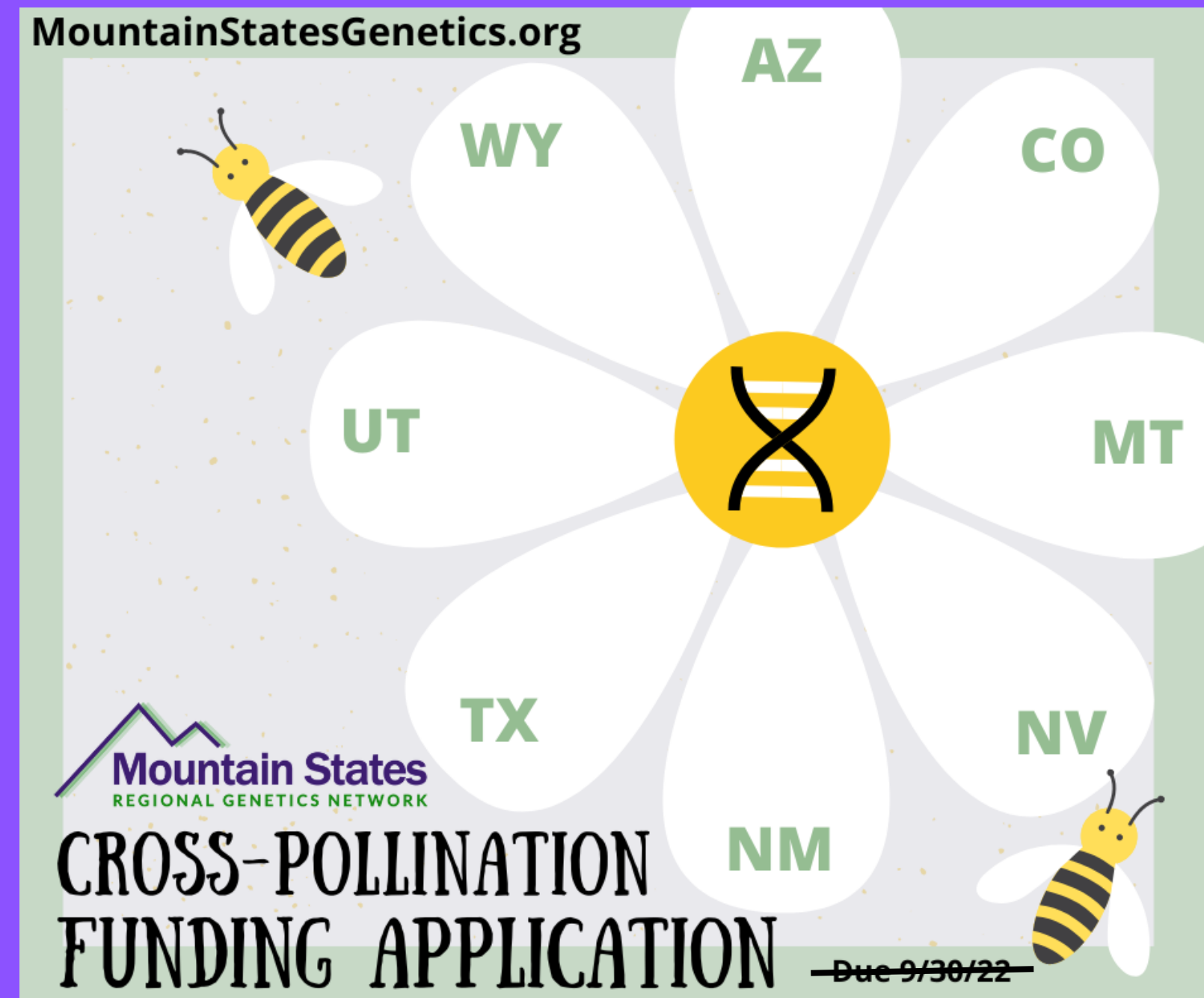
For year 6 of the grant cycle, this NEW funding opportunity is available for ANYONE in the mountain states region (AZ, CO, MT, NV, NM, TX, UT, WY) who has an idea they would like to submit which improves access to genetics services.

This funding opportunity will prioritize submissions where individuals from 2 or more of the states in our region are collaborating together on a project...since the focus is cross-pollination in our region!  
The application opened July 1, 2022 and can be found here.  
The deadline to submit the application is September 30, 2022 (extended).

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED to 10/31/22.**

You do NOT need to be a state team member to apply, however all individuals in our region (including state team members) are encouraged to apply if you have a project idea to improve access to genetics services in MSRGN.

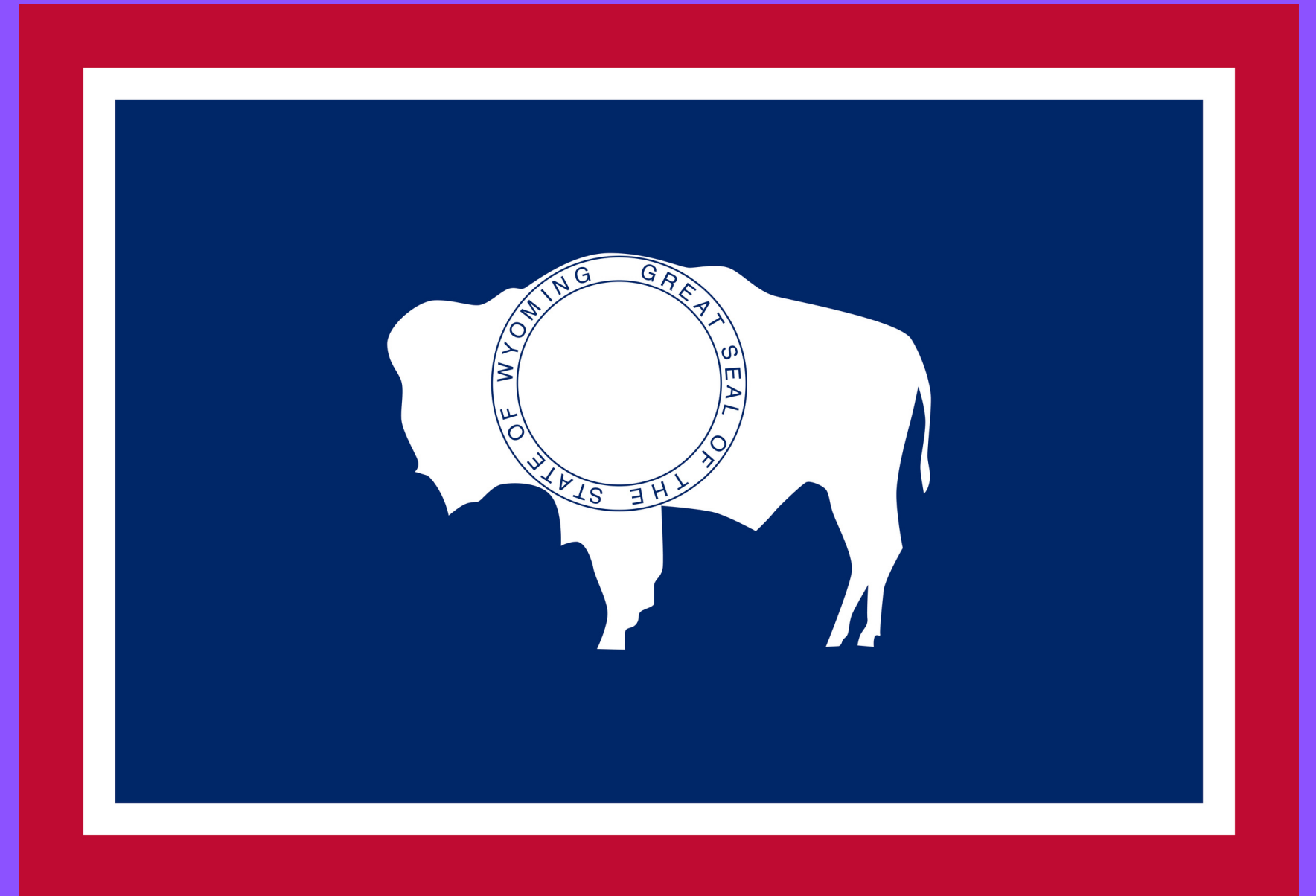
This funding is separate from state team funding, so please utilize the state team funding application for any state team specific project requests first.



DUE 10/31/22

# **LOOKING FOR GENETIC NAVIGATOR IN WYOMING**

Contact Kristi for more details





**QUESTIONS?**



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for your time today!

If we can be of further assistance,  
please reach out to:

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Thank  
you!