



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!* Happy New Year!

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Sworn into Office as 113th Congress Begins

Joins Financial Services Committee

January 4, 2013

WASHINGTON, DC- U.S. Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL) today was sworn into office for her second term in the U.S. House of Representatives on the opening day of the 113th Congress.

“I am deeply honored to represent the people of Alabama’s 7th Congressional District for a second term,” Rep. Sewell said. “There is still much work to do and I remain committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and President Obama to reduce our deficit, strengthen our economy and create American jobs.

Rep. Sewell was selected to serve on the Financial Services Committee which has jurisdiction over the financial services and housing sectors, including banking, securities, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing. In the 7th District, Birmingham ranks as one of the most important business centers in the Southeastern United States and is also one of the largest banking centers in the United States.

“I am honored to join the Financial Services Committee,” said Rep. Sewell. “I look forward to using my 15 years of experience as a finance attorney to promote economic development in my district, strengthen consumer protections and ensure adequate regulation within the banking industry.”

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Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell On House Passage of Senate Bipartisan Fiscal Cliff Bill

January 1, 2013

Washington, DC- U.S. Rep. Terri A. Sewell released the following statement after voting for the passage of the Senate bipartisan fiscal cliff bill:

“Tonight, I voted in favor of the bipartisan Senate bill to avert the fiscal cliff and avoid tax increases for 98% of Americans and 97% of our small businesses. While not perfect, the bill is a balanced and measured approach that includes revenues and spending cuts and permanently extends vital tax cuts for the middle class and working families. Moreover, two million Americans including 18,000 Alabamians who have experienced long-term unemployment will continue to receive emergency unemployment benefits.

I believe that the difference between a divided government and a dysfunctional government is the ability to compromise. I am glad that ultimately we have shown that when we work together for the common good of all Americans, this Congress can achieve workable solutions. To be sure, I do have serious concerns about the agreement. I had hoped we would realize more revenues and I am deeply concerned by the spending cuts to diabetic and renal care which disproportionately affects the minority families in my district and across this country. However, the compromise agreement is an acknowledgement of the need for shared sacrifice by all Americans to obtain economic growth. For the first time in twenty years, a bipartisan agreement has increased tax rates on the wealthy so that they contribute their fair share and the burden of deficit reduction is not solely on the middle class.

My vote tonight provides certainty to our financial markets, fixes permanently the AMT issue and protects 25 million working families by extending Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit and American Opportunity Tax Credit, which helps families pay for college. While there is still much work to do, I applaud President Barack Obama and our House and Senate Congressional Leadership for listening to the American people.”

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"We are overjoyed to be receiving this grant that will greatly benefit our fire department," said Paul Syx, Fire Chief of Bessemer Fire Department. "This funding will go a long way in help improve the health and safety of our firefighters."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security is an integral part of the national effort to strengthen overall preparedness and respond to related hazards. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program provides funding for the purchase of emergency response equipment, personal safety equipment, training, firefighting trucks and emergency vehicles.

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is to make direct awards to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their capacity to protect the health and safety of the public. The awards are made on a competitive basis to applicants whose requests best reflect the purpose and priority of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces Assistance to Firefighters Grant to the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service

December 26, 2012

Washington, DC- Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is awarding a grant in the amount of 20,752 to the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The grant will be used for fire fighter education and training.

"I am pleased that the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service will receive this grant," said Rep. Sewell. "Fire fighters play a critical role in keeping our communities safe, and this grant program will give the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service the resources they desperately need to ensure that our communities are safe and secure."

"We are ecstatic to be receiving this grant that will be a shot in the arm for our entire department," said Larry Manning, Fire Chief of Midfield Fire and Rescue Service. "This funding will help us purchase a new fire hose and nozzles that were in need of replacement and is a real asset to our firefighters' safety."

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.95 Million SAFER Grant Awarded to Birmingham Fire and Rescue

Grant will help retain and hire firefighters

December 19, 2012

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) announced that the City of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service has been awarded a \$1,955,628 grant under the Fiscal Year 2012 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. These awards are administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency along with the U.S. Fire Administration. Funding from this grant will be used to recruit and retain firefighters and hire roughly 65 fire fighters.

“Firefighters put their lives on the line every day across the State of Alabama to keep our citizens safe from harm,” said Rep. Sewell. “This grant will retain and create much needed jobs for Birmingham firefighters and will ensure that there is adequate staffing and resources to continue protecting our communities.”

“I want to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her continued support,” said Ivor Brooks, Fire Chief of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service. “This grant will allow us to fill our staffing needs and will truly help us better serve our community and keep our families safe.”

The SAFER program is a funding initiative designed to strengthen the nation’s ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards and improve the nation’s overall level of preparedness. This program will help award grants directly to volunteer, combination and career fire departments to help the departments increase the number of frontline firefighters and to rehire firefighters who were laid-off due to the economy.

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- **December 19, 2012** – Whatley Health Services is awarded \$500,000 for the HRSA School Based Health Center Capital Program for Alberta Elementary School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- A federal grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. Federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. A federal grant may not be used to acquire property or services for the federal government's direct benefit. The 26 federal agencies offer over 1,000 grant programs annually in various categories.
Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants.jsp>
- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit www.grants.gov. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW - NEA Art Works Applications, FY 2014**

Description: Art Works refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tOnJQQOYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - NEA Challenge America Fast-Track Application, FY 2014**

Description: Challenge America Fast-Track category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213493&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions**

Description: These grants support ancillary public humanities programs to accompany NEH on the Road traveling exhibitions.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213413&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants**

Description: The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t7NJQQvhs2mJjZKD8P1J0zgvYvtwfx3J52vy8h7k02ZRZhLtwR5y!1382532130?oppId=211413&mode=VIEW>

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW - Broadening Participation in Engineering**

Description: The Broadening Participation in Engineering Program supports projects to engage and develop diverse teams that can offer unique perspectives and insights to challenges in engineering research and education.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vXGIQl3JQ7qKn33lSpbQkKKtfXpQnyGjYSyBJ5ZBf9TdWRRJnqsQ!-578240590?oppId=213373&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Distance Education Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (DEG)**

Description: The purpose of this program is strengthen the capacity of Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas to carry out resident instruction, curriculum, and teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences through distance education technology

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vXGIQl3JQ7qKn33lSpbQkKKtfXpQnyGjYSyBJ5ZBf9TdWRRJnqsQ!-578240590?oppId=213033&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration Program**

Description: USDA Rural Development, which administers the programs of the Rural Housing Service (RHS or Agency), announces the availability of up to \$19.9 million in program dollars, and the timeframe to submit applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing rural rental housing projects

Website:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/12/19/2012-30190/notice-of-funding-availability-multi-family-housing-preservation-and-revitalization-demonstration>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)--Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program--Phase I - CFDA 84.133S**

Description: The purpose of the SBIR program is to: Stimulate technological innovation in the private sector; encourage participation in innovation and entrepreneurship by socially and economically disadvantaged persons; strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research and development (R&D) needs; and increase private-sector commercialization of innovations derived from U.S. Department of Education (Department) R&D funding.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213193&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Magnet Schools Assistance Program CFDA-84.165A**

Description: The Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) provides grants to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) and consortia of LEAs to support magnet schools that are part of an approved desegregation plan.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213113&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW - Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants**

Description: The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vXGIQI3JQ7qKn33lSpbQkKKtfXpOnyGjYSyBJ5ZBf9TdWRRJnqsQ!-578240590?oppId=213153&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families**

Description: The purpose of these grants is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving and expanding services provided by systems of care (SOC) for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vXGIQI3JQ7qKn33ISpbQkKKtfXpQnyGjYSyBJ5ZBf9TdWRRJnqsQ!-578240590?oppId=213333&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - The CDCs National Undergraduate Student Program: A Public Health Workplace Experience to Increase Student Interest in Public Health**

Description: The primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to create a national program for the exposure of undergraduate students, including those from underrepresented racial and ethnic minority populations, to public health and biomedical sciences.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QIsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tOnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213233&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Telehealth Network Grant Program**

Description: TNGP networks are used to: (a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; (b) improve and expand the training of health care providers; and/or (c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, and patients and their families, for decision-making.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=CHRvQKJB7lp8bX5VKpHX1lnTfp3PD8Bp1hndWnknCm2RLhXBCG2F!-1502138492?oppId=211014&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant**

Description: The deadline for all FP&S Grant applications is due Friday, January 18, 2013, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). **Fire Prevention and Safety Activities:** Projects designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. **Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activities:** Projects aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, and wellness through research and development projects that reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries.

Website:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=6697>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency - Service Coordinators Program**

Description: The program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213453&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - NAWCA U.S. Standard Grants**

Description: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213433&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 13 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program**

Description: Grants to develop healthy, vibrant communities that are places to provide the opportunities, resources, and an environment that children, youth, and adults need to maximize their life outcomes, including high-quality schools and cradle-to-career educational programs; high-quality and affordable housing; thriving commercial establishments; access to quality health care and health services; art and cultural amenities; parks and other recreational spaces; and the safety to take advantage of these opportunities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213393&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 13 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

Description: BJA is accepting applications for FY 2013 grants to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t7NJQQvhs2mJjZKD8P1J0zgvYvtwfx3J52vy8h7k02ZRZhLtwR5y!1382532130?oppId=211614&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year 2013 CDFI Program**

Description: The purpose of the CDFI Program is to use federal resources to invest in CDFIs and to build their capacity to serve low-income people and

communities that lack access to affordable financial products and services. Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides two types of monetary awards to CDFIs - Financial Assistance awards and Technical Assistance awards. CDFIs may use the funds to pursue a variety of goals, including:

- To promote economic development, to develop businesses, to create jobs, and to develop commercial real estate;
- To develop affordable housing and to promote homeownership; and
- To provide community development financial services, such as basic banking services, financial literacy programs, and alternatives to predatory lending.

Website: http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year 2013 NACA Program**

Description: Through the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program, the CDFI Fund provides Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance grants to Native CDFIs; and Technical Assistance grants to entities that will become or will create a Native CDFI.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=m5xXQcDD9NF7vQH5fY1JyH0ppDqLyh2Wd4RK9gzd6kpyLdXycnFc!-1328374230?oppId=212534&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

Program: **NEW - Landowner Incentive Program**

Description: The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) is now accepting applications through its Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) to continue longleaf pine restoration efforts in Alabama. LIP funding is made possible through a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is available to qualifying landowners for longleaf pine restoration on private lands.

Website:

<http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=6365>

Section IV PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Invites Research Proposals in Areas of Unmet Medical Need**

Description: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has issued new Requests for Proposals through its Translational Research Program to support researchers in six critical areas of unmet medical need.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=401700014

Program: **NEW - Neilsen Foundation Invites Letters of Intent for Clinical and Scientific Research Grants Addressing Spinal Cord Injury**

Description: The mission of the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation is to improve the quality of life for those living with spinal cord injury (SCI) and to support scientific exploration for effective therapies and treatments leading to a cure.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=402800031

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS/ FINANCIAL AID

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

Website: <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

HBCU Scholarship Directory

Website: <http://hbcuconnect.com/scholarships/>

Scholarship Experts Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

Fast Web Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Section V RESOURCES

General Tips on Writing a Competitive Grant Proposal & Preparing a Budget from the EPA

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm>

Grant Writing Tips Sheets from NIH

Many [NIH Institutes](#) have guides and tip sheets on their Web sites. These guides can be useful resources. Here are just a few:

- [All About Grants Tutorials](#) - Including information to help investigators plan and write grant applications and manage their awards.
- [Applying for an NHGRI Grant](#)
- [Choosing an Appropriate NIH Funding Instrument and Funding Mechanism](#) (MS Word - 209 KB)
- [Peer Review Guidelines and Information](#)
- [Peer Review Meetings](#) - Meeting dates, descriptions, rosters, guidelines, etc.
- [Preparing Grant Applications](#)
- [Quick Guide for the Preparation of Grant Applications](#) (Complementary and Alternative Medicine)
- [SBIR/STTR Policy and Grantsmanship Information](#)
- [Tips for New NIH Grant Applicants](#)
- [Writing a Grant](#)

Electronic Media:

- [All About Grants](#) (Podcasts)
- [NIH Grant Review Process Videos](#) (YouTube) 

How you can help - Alabama Christmas Day Tornadoes

Christmas Day Tornadoes in Alabama

For those interested in volunteering after the Christmas Day tornadoes, please review the most effective ways to help those in need: Affiliate with existing non-profit organizations before coming to the disaster area. Immediately following a disaster, a community can become easily overwhelmed by the amount of generous people who want to help. Contacting and affiliating with an established organization will help to ensure that you are appropriately trained to respond in the most effective way. You may also sign up at www.handsonsal.org

Website: <http://www.servealabama.gov/>

Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.

VITA

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$50,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as [Earned Income Tax Credit](#), [Child Tax Credit](#), and [Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled](#). VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

[Find a VITA site near you](#) or call 1-800-906-9887.

Guide to Rural Development Funding - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) this month announced the publication of a guide outlining programs the federal government has available to support rural communities as they promote economic development and enhance the quality of life for rural residents.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/new-guide-to-rural-development-funding/>

The Fund Book – These are open grants programs which are of interest to local governments

Website: <http://fundbook.org/>

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East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
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Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
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South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
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Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: 251.433.6541
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Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission
125 Washington Avenue
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Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
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Autauga Area Community Foundation
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434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
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Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

Black Belt Community Foundation
609 Lauderdale Street
Selma, AL 36701-4555
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: (251) 867-4881
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
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Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org
For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

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Elmore County Community Foundation
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434 N. McDonough Street
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Website: www.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
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Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
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Contact: Arthur W. Orr
Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Contact: Lynne Berry, President
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

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P.O. Box 990
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
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Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
E-mail: CFOWA@bellsouth.net
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171
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Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>

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Serving: Lee County

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136 North Court Street

P.O. Box 278

Talladega, AL 35161

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624 Broad Street

P.O. Box 1888

Gadsden, AL 35902

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Decatur, AL 35601

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