



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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*.

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Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Commemorating the Anniversary of Bloody Sunday

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement commemorating the anniversary of Bloody Sunday:

“Today marks the 47th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama across the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the 1960’s Civil Rights Movement. Freedom fighters such as my dear friend and colleague Rep. John Lewis along with hundreds of courageous men and women who fearlessly marched, fought and bled for the justice, equality and freedom that we all enjoy today.

Without the tireless work and courage of countless Civil Rights giants that came before me, I would not have the privilege to serve as the Representative of Alabama’s 7th Congressional District. As a Selma native, it is a full circle moment for me to celebrate the monumental Selma to Montgomery march that ultimately led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The State of Alabama played an integral role in shaping the fabric of the Civil Rights Movement and American History. Let us not forget that this important legacy is not just black history, but American history.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, ‘We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.’

This anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on our past and recommit to the ideals of equality and justice that the Civil Rights Movement represents. We must remember that we must remember we all owe a debt of gratitude to the Civil Rights activists who championed the protection of the humanity, democracy and civil liberties of this great nation.”

March 6, 2012

Sewell Statement on the Passing of Congressman Donald Payne

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on the passing of Congressman Donald Payne:

“I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of a great mentor, colleague, legislator and friend, Congressman Donald Payne. Congressman Payne was a gentle giant in the House and his unparalleled leadership inspired all of us to seek a higher level of global consciousness. He was passionately committed to advancing human rights and equality at home and abroad. Congressman Payne’s legacy of strengthening international relations and restoring hope and democracy in Africa and across the world will live on forever. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and constituents during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed.”

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March 2, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Hosts 12th Annual Civil Rights Pilgrimage in Alabama

WASHINGTON DC, --Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) is hosting and participating in the 12th Annual Faith and Politics Institute's Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage in Alabama the weekend of Mar 2-4. The three-day pilgrimage is a commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

The bi-partisan Civil Rights Pilgrimage is co-hosted by Rep. John Lewis, Rep. Spencer Bachus, Rep. Martha Roby and Rep. Sewell. Participants have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Freedom Fighters who courageously fought for the Civil Rights of all Americans.

"I am honored to co-host the Civil Rights Pilgrimage and delighted to welcome my colleagues and all participants to Alabama and the 7th Congressional District," said Rep. Sewell. "The pilgrimage provides an opportunity to reflect on our past and recommit to the ideals of equality and justice that the Civil Rights Movement represents. The annual pilgrimage reminds us that we are indebted to the Civil Rights activists who marched, fought and bled for the rights that we all enjoy today," added Rep. Sewell.

The pilgrimage includes visits to historic Civil Rights sites in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma. The pilgrimage will conclude on the 47th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday with a reenactment of the historic march from Selma to Montgomery. Participants include over 20 Members of Congress, Civil Rights luminaries, students, and many noted scholars and civic leaders.

"At a time when our nation is so divided, it is encouraging to see the participation of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle joining together to celebrate the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement," said Rep Sewell.

The pilgrimage comes just a day after the unanimous passage of H. Res 562, a bi-partisan resolution directing the Office of the Historian of the United States House of Representatives to compile oral histories from current and former Members of Congress involved in the historic Selma to Montgomery marches as well as the Civil Rights Movement.

The resolution was sponsored by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) and Congressman Martha Roby (AL-02).

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March 1, 2012

U.S. House of Representatives Unanimously Passes Bi-Partisan Resolution Commemorating the Historic Selma to Montgomery Marches of 1965

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Sponsored by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell and Congresswoman Martha Roby

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a bi-partisan House resolution commemorating the historic Selma to Montgomery marches of 1965. Sponsored by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) and Congresswoman Martha Roby (AL-02), the resolution directs the Office of the Historian of the United States House of Representatives to compile oral histories from current and former Members of Congress involved in the historic Selma to Montgomery marches as well as the Civil Rights movement. These documents will be used for the purposes of expanding and augmenting the historic record for public dissemination and education.

“We are preserving a significant part of the legacy of this time in American history by documenting the collective stories and experiences of Members of Congress who were instrumental in the fight for Civil Rights,” said Rep. Sewell. “It is such an honor to introduce this resolution commemorating the historic events that took place in Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery. As a Selma native, it is a full circle moment for me to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama that embodies this rich history. I look forward to the collection of these oral histories that will preserve such a transformative period in American history,” added Rep. Sewell.

“Without the brave and courageous souls who shed blood, sweat and tears in Alabama and throughout the South, this would be a very different nation today,” said Rep. John Lewis. “It is very important that members of Congress understand and acknowledge the debt we owe to ordinary people with extraordinary vision who, as Dr. King once said, ‘injected new meaning into the very veins of our democracy.’”

The resolution, H.RES. 562, passed unanimously by the House of Representatives today.

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February 27, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Introduces Bi-Partisan Resolution Commemorating the Historic Selma to Montgomery Marches of 1965

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07), along with Congresswoman Martha Roby (AL-02), introduced a bi-partisan House resolution today commemorating the historic Selma to Montgomery marches of 1965. The resolution directs the Office of the Historian of the United States House of Representatives to compile oral histories from current and former Members of Congress involved in the historic Selma to Montgomery marches as well as the Civil Rights movement. These documents will be used for the purposes of expanding and augmenting the historic record for public dissemination and education.

“As a Selma, Alabama native, I am proud and humbled to introduce this bi-partisan congressional resolution acknowledging the historical significance of the Selma to Montgomery marches, which led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,” said Rep. Sewell. “This resolution ensures the preservation of the historical recollections of countless freedom fighters who served as members of Congress, such as my esteemed colleague Rep. John Lewis. I look forward to the passage of this monumental resolution.”

The resolution H.CON.RES. 562, is expected to be considered before the entire House of Representatives Thursday, March 1, 2012.

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February 24, 2012

Statement From Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on President Obama’s Framework for Business Tax Reform

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to President Obama’s Framework for Business Tax Reform:

“I applaud the President for outlining a bold framework for reforming the U.S. business tax system. This proposal is an important first step towards developing a comprehensive tax code that echoes the long held belief that we all must pay our fair share and enhance American competitiveness.

This framework proposes fair tax policies for businesses that would encourage job creation and strengthen American manufacturing. It puts an end to tax loopholes and subsidies that have hurt business productivity and growth. In addition, it provides incentives to strengthen our small businesses and encourage entrepreneurship. The framework will help us pave the way to rebuilding the middle-class and make our businesses - both large and small competitive again.

I look forward to continuing to work with the President and my colleagues in Congress on a comprehensive tax reform plan that will grow our economy, reduce our deficit and build a stronger economic foundation for America’s families.”

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Recent Grant Awards

- **February 23, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that \$76,000 in funding was awarded to the Livingston Fire Department by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. These funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve the Livingston Fire Department's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.
- **February 17, 2012** - The IRS issued news release IR-2012-25 announcing the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic grants for the 2012 grant cycle. In Alabama, the Legal Services of Alabama, Inc., located in Montgomery, AL, received a grant for \$55,000.
- **February 9, 2012** - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$66,589 in funding was awarded to the McAdory Area Fire District by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The fiscal year 2011 funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve McAdory's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.
- **February 8, 2012** - Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham, Inc., a member of the national NeighborWorks[®] network is being awarded \$43,500.00 in grant funds from NeighborWorks[®] America.
- **January 20, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the state of Alabama will receive \$55 million in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from HUD. Approximately \$16.6 million will be awarded to the City of Tuscaloosa, \$6.4 million to the City of Birmingham, and \$7.8 million to Jefferson County. This funding will enable each community to make vital repairs and improvements in infrastructure, housing, economic development projects, and emergency preparedness.
- **January 12, 2012** – EDA awards \$189,000 to the West Alabama Regional Commission that will establish an economic development planning framework, process & strategy that supports private capital investment & job creation in the region.
- **January 4, 2012** – Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$17,727 to the Southwest Alabama Economic Development Association (Marengo County) to construct a 1,110-foot-long walking trail in the Dixons Mills community.
- **January 4, 2012** - Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$100,000 to Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers to construct nine miles of trail at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- 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 Humanities

Program: **NEW - Preservation and Access R & D Grants**

Description: Preservation and Access Research and Development grants support projects that address major preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage. The deadline is May 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ZNH9PYSJcFgQm1SBGHLVHxR5hKJMLXyx1psSBGb1thxG9HrNvFMr!-213555334?oppId=147874&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Challenge Grants**

Description: NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing programs. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment, and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for activities. The deadline is May 2, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1JMFPP5NJQkJBnJ55MQJXrhLQymQWTMtWwsHq1gX0Nhc0WyQRXpp!98924490?oppId=146633&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - 1890 Facilities Grant Program**

Description: The 1890 Facilities Grant Program is intended for the acquisition and improvement of agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment, including libraries, so that the 1890 land-grant institutions, including Tuskegee University and Alabama A&M may participate fully in the development of human capital in the food and agricultural sciences. The deadline is May 4, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=11V2PYYT5JHBlsVk18ZLmh5RD632qrRCSIXjCqhVL057KP1F0SGS!-213555334?oppId=148037&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Alabama Ag in the Classroom Summer Institute**

Description: Alabama Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Summer Institute, a grassroots program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a program that teaches educators about agriculture and introduces them to new strategies for incorporating agriculture into their classrooms activities. Eligible applicants include K-6 teachers, media specialists and administrators. The deadline is April 15, 2012.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=6197>

Program: **Specialty Crop Grants**

Description: The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is accepting grant applications for projects that enhance the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops in foreign and domestic markets. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture (including maple syrup and honey) and nursery crops (including floriculture). The specialty crops block grant is a competitive grant process. The ADAI is looking to award multiple grants totaling more than \$325,000. The deadline is May 4, 2012.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=6195>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **FY 2012 University Center Economic Development Program Competition**

Description: The purpose of EDA's University Center Economic Development Program is to assist institutions of higher education and consortia of institutions of higher education in establishing and operating University Centers specifically focused on leveraging university assets to build regional economic ecosystems that support high-growth entrepreneurship. The deadline is March 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=143093&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Upward Bound Program**

Description: The UB Program is a discretionary grant program that supports projects designed to provide the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education and to enter and succeed in a program of postsecondary education. The deadline is March 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=11V2PYYT5JHBlsVk18ZLmh5RD632qrRCSIXjCqhvL057KP1F0SGS!-213555334?oppId=148533&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Service

Program: **NEW - Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)**

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP), to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty. The NFLP provides funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a distinct, interest-bearing NFLP loan fund. The deadline is April 20, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=HZhqPYzH1hGkbyn21cmdzkn51WTrRzSLhg2HZhYQsl23QJhQdTLp!482729280?oppId=150153&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Building a Medical Home for Multiply Diagnosed HIV positive Homeless Populations – Demonstration Sites**

Description: This funding opportunity announcement solicits applications for a new Special Project of National Significance (SPNS) multi-site initiative entitled Building a Medical Home for Multiply Diagnosed HIV positive Homeless Populations - Demonstration Sites.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ZNH9PYSJcFgQm1SBGHLVHxR5hKJMLXyx1psSBGb1thxG9HrNvFMr!-213555334?oppId=150273&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Drug Free Communities Mentoring Program**

Description: The purpose of the DFC Mentoring Program is to provide grant funds to existing DFC grantees, so that they may serve as Mentors to newly-formed and/or developing coalitions that have never received a DFC grant.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=11V2PYYT5JHBlSvk18ZLmh5RD632qrRCSIXjCqhvL057KP1F0SGS!-213555334?oppId=149873&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Region 4**

Description: Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal Government, States, and their political subdivisions.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxSzZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=144983&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Program: **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative - Planning Grants**

Description: Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants will enable communities to create a comprehensive plan to transform public and/or assisted housing within a distressed neighborhood. To achieve the program's core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or "Transformation Plan." The deadline is May 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6TxtPP5TZxwH3wnxkFhbGj3Znd21y8hn1jW1SSvQ84h8ybyblchx'98924490?oppId=147433&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

Description: There is still time to apply. Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their “Transformation Plan” to redevelop the neighborhood. The deadline is April 10, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpCKQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - OVW Fiscal Year 2012 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of the SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ZNH9PYSJcFgQm1SBGHLVHxR5hKJMLXyx1psSBGb1thxG9HrNvFMr!-213555334?oppId=150253&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - OJJDP FY 2012 Family Drug Court Programs**

Description: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award funding to enhance the capacity of family drug courts.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ZNH9PYSJcFgQm1SBGHLVHxR5hKJMLXyx1psSBGb1thxG9HrNvFMr!-213555334?oppId=150133&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

Description: JAG is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. The deadline is June 2012 est.

Website:

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/1837331-Federal-JAG-Grant-Program/>

Program: **Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service-Learning - SGA-DFA-PY-11-03**

Description: The Workforce Investment Act for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Training and Service-Learning grants serve young adult offenders ages 18 through 21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State law. The deadline is April 17, 2012.

Website:

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/training_and_service_learning_sga.pdf

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **NEW - YouthBuild Grants**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$75 million in grant funds authorized by the YouthBuild provisions of the Workforce Investment Act [29 USC 2918a]. YouthBuild grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Under this solicitation, DOL will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing

meaningful work and service to their communities. The deadline is May 8, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=11V2PYYT5JHBlsVk18ZLmh5RD632qrRCSIXjCqhvL057KP1F0SGS!-213555334?oppId=150353&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop**

Description: This is an open competition for the E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop advance the U.S. Department of State's goals by improving the quality of English language teaching throughout the world. The deadline is April 13, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LGBJPPQcxJdQ211F7HLX4Jd0H22HqyyvWHFnSWB1QwgzSHd8jFd4!98924490?oppId=147154&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **2013 PHMSA HMEP States & Territories**

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to increase State, Territorial, Tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. The deadline is May 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ybxsPPzZnXsQ1jvWf9jtPPQ1IGhnpHn21ChTGLLNNJRnb0ZZ9wqc!482729280?oppId=146813&mode=VIEW>

Program: **FY 2012 National Infrastructure Investments**

Description: Projects eligible for funding provided under this program include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments; public transportation projects, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that will expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxSzZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=144933&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW - Building Capacity to Implement EPA Voluntary Guidelines for K-12 State, Tribal and Territorial School Environmental Health Programs**

Description: EPA is soliciting applications from eligible entities for projects to create, implement, and evaluate models for establishing comprehensive state, tribal and territorial school environmental health programs. The deadline is April 10, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=11V2PYYT5JHBlsVk18ZLmh5RD632qrRCSIXjCqhvL057KP1F0SGS!-213555334?oppId=149613&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including non-profit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. The deadline is April 12, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=145741&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

Description: The goal is to: Increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs; create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs; address programs for children aged 10-16; support existing programs which have demonstrated success in providing a quality baseball or softball experience for youth; and address opportunities for minorities and women. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

Website:

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf_grant_process.jsp

Program: **NEW - Entertainment Software Association Foundation Announces Award Program for Incorporation of Video Games Into K-12 Classrooms**

Description: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation announces the Education Challenge Grant Program, a new funding opportunity for K-12 educators seeking to incorporate computer and video games into their curricula. The competition is designed to help foster a unified movement around the incorporation of video games into the classroom environment. The deadline is April 6, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=372200046

Program: **Allstate Foundation**

Description: The grantmaking priorities fall into three categories: Safe and Vital Communities, Economic Empowerment and Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity. A majority of funding is dedicated to addressing two issues: Teen Safe Driving and Domestic Violence. The goal of the Teen Safe Driving program is to make smart driving socially acceptable to teens by changing the way teens think and act in a car as a driver or passenger. The Economic Empowerment for Domestic Violence Survivors program provides grants to state domestic violence coalitions and local programs to develop or enhance projects that help survivors overcome economic challenges and achieve financial independence. The application deadline for both programs is March 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/1863127-Allstate-Foundation/>

Program: **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grant Program**

Description: The Youth Advisory Board Grant Program funds student-led, service-learning projects throughout the U.S. and Canada. Specific areas of interest include natural and societal disasters, driver safety, environmental responsibility, accessing higher

education/closing the achievement gap, and financial literacy. Educators who currently teach in a public K-12, charter or higher education institution are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations are also eligible if they can demonstrate how they plan to interact with students in public K-12 schools. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The deadline is May 4, 2012.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=84418.0.0.37934>

Program: **The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF)**

Description: Dedicated to assisting educational programs by providing inexpensive children's books, LEF has several programs available to teachers, non-profit groups and reading programs. LEF has already distributed books to over 40,000 schools nationwide. The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF) has increased the size of the matching grants available to \$20,000.00 per school. A school can now order \$40,000.00 worth of books and pay only \$20,000.00. (Any amount up to \$20,000.00 will be matched.)

Website: <http://www.lefbooks.org/>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

AARP Foundation Announces Sixth Annual Women's Scholarship Program

The AARP Foundation has announced a call for entries for its sixth annual Women's Scholarship Program. The program provides funds to low-income women age 50 and older who are seeking new job skills, training, and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=372100024

Harvard University is offering free tuition to families of honor students if their income is less than \$125,000 per year. Visit www.fao.fas.harvard.edu or call 617.495.1581

Syracuse University School of Architecture is desperately seeking young women and men of color interested in pursuing a 5 yr. professional degree in Architecture. Contact: Mark Robbins, Dean School of Architecture, 201 Slocum Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1250 (315) 443-256
www.soa.syr.edu/indes.php

The Federal Aviation Association is taking applications for Air Traffic Controller School visit the website www.faa.gov/jobs_opportunities/airtrafficcontroller/

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, <http://www.jkcf.org/>, is offering two scholarships. The undergraduate transfer scholarship offers \$30,000 per year to community college students to complete their bachelor's degrees at a four-year college or university. The application is on line and the deadline is December 6th. The Foundation's graduate Art Award provides up to \$50,000 to students or recent alumni with exceptional creativity and for up to three years at an accredited graduate school. The online application will be available November 1st.

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama.

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

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. Recipients for this program are selected through volunteers in the district offices of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). CBC Members work through local scholarship committees to award money to academically talented and highly motivated students.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions. Since the inception of the program, General Mills has invested more than \$1,000,000 to underwrite this initiative. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship has served hundreds of students over the years, and has helped to create leaders in the medical and health related fields.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

Established in the year 2000, the CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship program was developed in honor of the late Curtis Mayfield to ensure that students pursuing a career in the performing arts receive the financial assistance to achieve their goals.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

The CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship was established in 2006 for students who are pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

Scholarship Websites:

Alabama Scholarships

Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

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

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

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

<http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Alabama-State-University-100724>

Student Aid Programs

Website: <http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm>

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

Small Business Administration – Government Contracting Opportunities

If you are ready to bid on federal contracts, there are a couple of ways to get started. One is to submit your business profile to a database that federal agencies use to locate contractors. This approach is like sending your resume to a company, hoping to find a job. The other method is to

research existing opportunities using resources made available by the federal government.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/federal-business-opportunities>

AmeriCorps Week 2012 will take place from Saturday, March 10 through Sunday, March 18. This year's theme, *AmeriCorps Works*, will highlight the value these National Service members bring to their communities every day and the impact they make.

Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ofbnp>

Partnerships for the Common Good: A Partnership Guide for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations (PDF-15MB)

– This Partnership Guide will point you to particular opportunities to form partnerships with Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships across government, as well as helpful information on how to apply for federal grants and access capacity building resources.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/index.html>

Let's Move Faith and Communities Toolkit (PDF-15MB) – A guide to help faith-based and neighborhood organizations transform neighborhoods, engage communities and promote healthy choices as part of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* Initiative.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/index.html>

Police Grants Help 101 -- Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project.

Website: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants101/>

Alabama Open Grants: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

NEW - VA Launches Personalized Health Benefits Handbook

For more information about the new Health Benefits Handbook, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh/ or call VA's toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

Community Action Agencies of Alabama

Website:

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CSBG/Document%20Library/Copy%20of%20Community%20Action%20Agency%20List0409.pdf>

Website: http://www.caaalabama.org/agency_finder.php

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

Website: <http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/>

Alabama SAVES Loan Program

Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

Website:

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
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Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
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Executive Director: Keith Jones
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission
4200 Highway 69 North
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
Phone: 205.333.2990
Fax: 205.333.2713
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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Fax: 205.328.3304
Executive Director: Charles Ball
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202
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Fax: 256.237.6763
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South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
Fax: 334.682.4205
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
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Dothan, Alabama 36302
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Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
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South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
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Mobile, Alabama 36633
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Executive Director: Russ Wimberly
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission
125 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Phone: 334.262.4300
Fax: 334.262.6976
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
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Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
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Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
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5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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Fax: 256.830.0843
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591

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
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO
Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org
For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

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Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
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Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Montgomery, AL 36104
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Website: www.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org

For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: 256-353-5312
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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Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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Jasper, AL 35502-0171
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