



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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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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February 24, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on FEMA's Denial of Alabama's Request for Emergency Public Assistance

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement after being notified that Alabama's request for emergency public assistance for Jefferson, Perry and Chilton counties was denied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The federal disaster declaration request for public assistance was made on Feb 7, 2012 by Governor Bentley, following the devastating storms and tornadoes that ripped through the state several weeks ago.

“I am disappointed to learn of FEMA's decision to deny the State of Alabama's request for public assistance and direct federal assistance for Jefferson, Perry and Chilton counties. It was my sincere hope that FEMA would have granted the State of Alabama's request for public assistance to aid our state in its recovery efforts. Following the tornadoes in January, we once again witnessed tremendous coordination between agencies and officials at the local, state and federal level. In spite of FEMA's denial, I am committed to continuing to work with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that every affected community receives the necessary support and resources it needs to rebuild.”

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February 23, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$76,000 FEMA Grant Awarded to Livingston Fire Department

Washington, DC – Today, 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.

“Across the State of Alabama and this nation, our community firefighters continue to put their lives on the line for our citizens,” said Rep. Sewell. “These funds are critical to ensuring that rural fire departments like Livingston have the resources and equipment they need to keep our communities safe.”

“I want to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her continued support of rural fire departments,” said Terry Peeler, Fire Chief of the Livingston Fire Department. “This funding is important for our fire department and will allow us to purchase new equipment that helps save lives.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program supports organizations that do not have access to the necessary resources and tools needed to protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel as they save our communities. AFG grants boost the ability of fire departments to respond to fires and fire-related hazards as well as their overall level of preparedness.

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February 17, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Extension of the Payroll Tax Cut and Unemployment Benefits

Washington, DC—Today Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on the extension for the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits, which passed the House today by a vote of 293-132:

“Today, I voted to extend the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits. While this is not a perfect bill, the extension of these benefits will provide a lifeline for millions of Americans and further promote our nation’s economic recovery.

It is unfortunate that the bill singles out federal employees that play an integral role in our day-to-day lives. However, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle came together to extend unemployment insurance benefits and the payroll tax cut, which helps our nation’s families by reducing poverty, infusing money into the economy, and creating much needed jobs.

We all understand that extending unemployment insurance benefits and the payroll tax holiday is a temporary fix to a long term problem. We must move quickly to adopt a comprehensive jobs plan that encourages businesses to create jobs for all Americans and ensures that our communities continue to grow and thrive.

I look forward to working with the administration and my colleagues in Congress on long-term measures that strengthen the middle class sustain health care coverage and access for our seniors and promote economic growth and job creation.”

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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 – 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=1JMFPP5NJQkJBnJ55MQJXrhLQy_mQWTMtWwsHq1gX0Nhc0WyQRXpp!98924490?oppId=146633&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW – 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. Other Sponsors of the program include the Alabama Farmers Federation, Alfa Insurance, Alabama Cattlemen’s Association, Alabama Poultry Contract Growers Association, Alabama Poultry and Egg Association, Alabama Farmers Federation State Soybean Committee and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Proceeds from the sale of ag tag license plates also benefit the program. 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: **NEW – 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 maximum award to any applicant is \$25,000 and the minimum is \$5,000. 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. EDA encourages the submission of applications that will create and nurture regional economic ecosystems through applied research and development, technology commercialization, and targeted activities that cultivate 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 Health & Human Service

Program: **NEW - Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program (NAT)**

Description: The purpose of the Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program is to provide traineeship support for licensed registered nurses enrolled as full-time students in a master's or doctoral nurse anesthesia program. Traineeships will pay all or part of the costs of the tuition, books, and fees, and the reasonable living expenses of the individual during the period for which the traineeship is provided. The deadline is March 29, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=DqP9PP1T6h0sw8MM5Fzn6QYccGTT1XQQjKY5JYsN51dYQyzLDpgJ!98924490?oppId=147673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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

Description: The purpose of the EMPG Program is to make grants to States to assist State, local, and Tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq). 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: **NEW - 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=6TxtPP5TZxwH3wnxkFhbGj3Znd21y8hn1jWISSvQ84h8ybyblchx!98924490?oppId=147433&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI)**

Description: This Initiative provides funding to QFHOs, FHOs, and nonprofit groups organizing to build their capacity in fair housing enforcement, establish new fair housing enforcement organizations and/or provide fair lending enforcement. Under this component, these enforcement organizations will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in underserved areas as defined in "Program Definitions" of this NOFA, rural areas and/or areas with new immigrants (especially racial and ethnic minorities who are not English speaking or have limited English proficiency. The deadline is March 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=144594&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Education Outreach Initiative**

Description: This Initiative assists organizations that inform the general public about their rights and obligations under the Fair Housing Act. Under this Initiative, there are two programs with a total of five components. They are the EOI -Regional/Local/Community-Based Program (R/L/C-B) which includes the General Component, Lending Component, Higher Education Component and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Component; and the EOI - National-Based Program which includes the National-Media Campaign Component.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=144593&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

Description: 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. HUD is focused on directing resources to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-up income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term; 2. People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents’ health, safety employment, mobility, and education and 3. Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-up income neighborhoods with access to well –functioning services, high quality public schools

and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. The deadline is April 10, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpC KQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - OVC FY 12 Action Partnerships for National Membership Professional Affiliation and Community Service Organizations Responding to Polyvictimization**

Description: OVC will award up to six cooperative agreements of up to \$250,000 each to national organizations to identify and address gaps in services to or awareness of victims who suffer from polyvictimization, and to propose to remedy those gaps through training and/or technical assistance. Also known as multiple victimization or multi-victimization, polyvictimization occurs when an individual experiences multiple kinds of victimization and requires a holistic response. The deadline is May 15, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vZx0PPQJLvGzpTDNx0QSIvNSYQh12Zk7JvVHnnyPmjHCw1NhT1D!98924490?oppId=147713&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. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal

justice systems, processes, and procedures. The deadline is June 2012 est.

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

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Adult Generation 5 - SGA-DFA-PY-11-02**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, announces the availability of approximately \$20.6 million to serve adult ex-offenders returning to their communities. The Department expects to award approximately 17 grants of up to \$1,212,000 each for 27-months, which includes up to three months for a planning phase and a minimum of 24 months of operation. Any non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status may apply for these grants to provide pre-release and post-release services to ex-offenders returning to high-poverty, high-crime communities. The deadline is March 12, 2012.

Website:

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/sga_dfa_py_11_02_final_1_11_2012.pdf

Program: **Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI)**

Description: The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$12.1 million from funds made available through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 DOL appropriation for Training and Employment Services for grants to State Workforce Agencies (SWA) to develop the Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI). ETA expects to award approximately twelve grants of up to \$1 million each for a 36 month period of performance. The deadline is April 19, 2012.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/wdqi_sga_dfa_py_11_01.pdf

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

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$30 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Training and Service-Learning grants to 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

Program: **Workforce Innovation Fund - SGA-DFA-PY-11-05**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$98.5 million in Workforce Innovation Fund grants authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10). These funds support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, both in terms of outcomes for job seeker and employer customers and cost-effectiveness. The deadline is March 22, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-11-05.pdf>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **NEW - 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>

Program: **NEW - FY 2013 Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes**

Description: The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for two or more assistance awards for the 2013 Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) for Intensive Summer Institutes, which provide foreign language instruction overseas for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. The deadline is May 25, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3LyzPPQLpmW13D237dH8LHVq5LJsVYpVZnQHFGjPwtRVGCnzYpxn!98924490?oppId=147193&mode=VIEW>

Program: **American Youth Leadership Program**

Description: The award recipients will recruit and select youth and adult participants from the United States and provide them with a three-to four-week exchange program in select countries abroad focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Upon returning home, the students will apply what they have learned to serve their schools and communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxSzZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=145573&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - 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: **NEW - 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: **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 - 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: **NEW - 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: **NEW - Biggest Loser Energy Competition**

Description: Reduce your school's energy use by turning down the lights—a huge energy drain—as well as TVs and computers. The school team that sheds the most pounds of CO₂ in four weeks wins a \$1,000 grant. Regional winners get \$500 grants. The deadline is April 6, 2012.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93223.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - NiSource Charitable Foundation Grants**

Description: The foundation funds nonprofit organizations focusing on learning and science education, environmental and energy sustainability, community vitality and development, and public safety and human services. The deadline is April 1, 2012.

Website:
<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=100948.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Pre-College Grant Program**

Description: Proposals for programs must focus on supporting the education of talented high school students. Applicants must be educational institutions or 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations or affiliated with such an organization. The deadline is May 1, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/222>

Program: **NEW – North Face Explore Fund**

Description: North Face's goal is to inspire and enable the next generation of explorers by funding non-profit organizations that are working to re-connect children with nature. The company believes in the physical, emotional and social benefits of a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle, and that a strong connection with the outdoors will lead to greater support and protection of our natural landscapes.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=98412.0.0.37934>

Program: **Playful City USA**

Description: In an effort to address the play deficit among children, national non-profit KaBOOM! is offering Let's Play grants totaling \$2.1 million through 2013 via Playful City USA, a national program advocating for policies that increase play opportunities for children. The applications for 2012 Playful City USA status are due March 15 and applications for grants are due March 29, 2012.

Website: http://kaboom.org/take_action/playful_city_usa

Program: **NEW - Public Health Law Research: Making the Case for Laws That Improve Health**

Description: Public Health Law Research (PHLR) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program seeks to build the

evidence for and strengthen the use of regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health. The deadline is April 4, 2012.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21388>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

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. The Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 and has experienced substantial growth. 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

CBCF Scholarship Opportunities

CBCF Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program

The Louis Stokes Health Scholars program seeks to increase the number of qualified, yet underrepresented, college students entering the health workforce. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest to work in underserved communities. Students currently attending two-year institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Environmental Studies Scholarship

The Environmental Studies scholarship seeks to provide financial awards to minority and women college students pursuing a degree in environmental science or other related fields of study. Applicants should have a junior class standing in college with a declared major in environmental science or a related field, and understanding and acceptance of ServiceMaster's core values. This scholarship offers \$5,000 per semester to two students.

Deadline: March 15, 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

CENTER POINT DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO BECOME AN SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER

The disaster recovery center at the Center Point City Hall, currently staffed by state and federal specialists, will become a disaster loan outreach center operated by the U.S. Small Business Administration on Monday, Feb. 27. Homeowners, renters and businesses who visit the center will be able to talk individually with SBA representatives. The Center Point disaster loan outreach center will be located at the Center Point City Hall, 2209 Center Point Parkway, Center Point, AL 35215, and will remain open until Thursday, March 8. The center will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. It will be closed on Sunday.

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).

BBCF Announces Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops

The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) will conduct a series of Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops throughout the Black Belt region of Alabama between February 20th and March 15th, 2012. Applications will be available at each of these workshops. The BBAI Grant Application deadline will be April 16, 2012 and the Community Grant Application deadline will be May 15, 2012. Community organizations based in and serving BBCF's 12-county service area are invited to attend these workshops, where they will learn more about the Black Belt Community Foundation and their Grants Program. For more information contact please contact the BBCF office at 866-874-1126.

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
P.O. Box 2603
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
Phone: 256.389.0500
Fax: 256.389.0599
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
Phone: 205.251.8139
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
Phone: 256.237.6741
Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

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
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, Alabama 36302
Phone: 334.794.4093
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: 251.433.6541
Fax: 251.433.6009
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
Phone: 334.749.5264
Fax: 334.749.6582
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
P.O. Box C
Decatur, Alabama 35601
Phone: 256.355.4515
Fax: 256.351.1380

Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
Phone: 256.830.0818
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/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County 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.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
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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Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
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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
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Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
E-mail: CFOWA@bellsouth.net
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
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