



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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May 10, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding to Four Colleges in the 7th Congressional District

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that \$1.59 million was awarded to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District for the Upward Bound Program under the U.S. Department of Education. The Upward Bound Program is one of eight Federal TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first generation college students and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

The four institutions awarded funding are:

Lawson State Community College — \$337,500

Miles College — \$353,266

Stillman College — \$553,367

University of West Alabama — \$347,834

“I am pleased that the Department of Education will provide this important funding to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District,” said Rep. Sewell. “The Upward Bound Program is critical to ensuring the success of students from all socioeconomic and education backgrounds. This funding will provide the resources needed to level the playing field and give all students the opportunity to achieve and succeed at the college level.”

The Upward Bound Program participants must be first-generation college bound high school students, low-income individuals or individuals who have a high risk for academic failure and a critical need for academic support to successfully pursue a secondary school curriculum and complete a postsecondary education program within six years after high school graduation.

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her support of the Upward Bound program,” said Mattie Crawford, Director of the TRIO Classic Upward Bound Program at Lawson State Community College (LSCC). “This grant will afford LSCC the opportunity to continue developing students academically, culturally and socially while attending high school as well as prepare them to attend and complete college.”

“Miles College is pleased to continue our tradition of over three decades of serving our community and youth through the Upward Bound Program,” said Miles College President Dr. George T. French Jr. “We are always appreciative of Congresswoman Sewell’s advocacy and support for TRIO Programs like Upward Bound.”

“We are delighted to receive this funding because the Upward Bound Program is linked to college success and we are focused on improving college graduation rates for high school students in Sumter County,” said Vicki Spruiell, Director of TRIO at the University of West Alabama.

"This is great news and we are excited to receive this funding for our Upward Bound Program which has been in operation at Stillman College since 1966," said Dr. Bettye Mullen, Director of Educational Support Services. “The program has served 130 students annually since its inception and is integral to helping build academic skills that assist these students in pursuing a successful post-secondary education.”

Federal TRIO Programs were established by the Higher Education Act of 1965, and amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, public or private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, secondary schools, and combinations of institutions, agencies, organizations and secondary schools.

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April 30, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell about Hyundai's Announcement of Third Shift at Montgomery Plant

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement about Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama's announcement of adding a third shift to its plant in Montgomery, AL:

“I am pleased that Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama is continuing to make critical investments in Alabama's local economy by adding a third shift to its plant in Montgomery. This third shift will not only create 877 new jobs at Hyundai, but will also generate job growth in auto related industries that will greatly benefit the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation. For nearly 10 years, Hyundai has maintained a strong manufacturing presence in our state employing thousands of hardworking Alabamians. I applaud Hyundai for its efforts to create jobs and strengthen economic development in Alabama.”

These additional hires will bring the total number of jobs created at the plant to more than 3,000 and Hyundai's 2012 production capacity will increase by approximately 20,000 units.

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April 27, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Observes the One-Year Anniversary of the April 27, 2011 Tornadoes

WASHINGTON DC, --Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement in observance of the one-year anniversary of the tornadoes on April 27, 2011 that ravished Alabama and claimed the lives of 253 people, including 76 deaths in the 7th Congressional District:

“One year ago, we witnessed some of the strongest and most devastating tornadoes in our nation’s history. As we reflect on April 27th, we are reminded of the strength, the generosity and the hope of the human spirit that was displayed in the face of such an unimaginable tragedy. Today, we stand together as a stronger, more united and better prepared community committed to recovering, rebuilding and advancing our state. Since last year, remarkable progress has been made and I am confident that even greater progress is to come.

The strength and resilience of the families across Alabama provide a shining example of what is truly possible when communities work together. I commend the coordinated efforts of the local, state and federal level and honor the first responders who courageously answered the call to duty. We pay tribute to and honor those who have lost so much by rebuilding our community stronger and better than before.”

Rep. Sewell assisted the state in securing more than \$245 million in federal disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), \$33.9 million of which was awarded to the 7th Congressional District of Alabama; more than \$55.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); more than \$18.5 million in assistance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA); and \$600,000 in assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the City of Tuscaloosa.

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April 25, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the University of West Alabama (UWA) was awarded \$235,543 from the U.S. Department of Education under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP). This funding will be used for UWA’s Project Engage which seeks to attract and retain students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, as well as address the shortage of minorities in professional STEM fields.

“I am pleased that the Department of Education will provide this important funding to the University of West Alabama to increase participation and reduce the attrition rate of minority students in the STEM disciplines,” said Rep. Sewell. “As a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, I understand how vital STEM education is to safeguarding America’s global competitive edge. This funding will help UWA provide much needed resources for students who can lead this nation in innovation and technology,” added Rep. Sewell.

“We are delighted to receive these funds that will improve passage, persistence, and retention rates of students enrolled in STEM majors,” said University of West Alabama Provost David Taylor. “As a model project to assist students entering STEM professions, it will impact the quality of science and math education throughout the Black Belt Region.”

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for helping us secure these funds and for keeping the promises she made on the campaign trail,” said Livingston Mayor Thomas Tartt. “We all understand the importance of STEM education and this grant will allow the University of West Alabama to launch new initiatives and programs designed to reinforce science and mathematics in the classroom and generate interest in these critically important subjects.”

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April 24, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$3.6 Million Funding from USDA for North Choctaw County

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that North Choctaw County was awarded \$3.6 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. Approximately \$1.6 million of the funding was awarded in the form of a grant and \$2 million awarded in the form of a loan. This project funding will enable the North Choctaw Water and Sewer Authority to make vital repairs and improvements to existing water infrastructure, add interconnectivity to neighboring water systems and purchase new radio read meters and equipment.

“I am delighted that USDA will provide this vital funding to Choctaw County to help rehabilitate their existing water well system,” said Rep. Sewell. “This community was in dire need of immediate funding for a new well and water lines after the recent collapse of an outdated water infrastructure that left families without access to clean water earlier this year,” Rep. Sewell added. It is critically important that families have access to quality, clean and safe water. This funding will stimulate economic growth through job creation and infrastructure development, while helping improve the quality of life for families in the North Choctaw community.”

In immediate response to the water infrastructure collapse, Congresswoman Sewell met with top officials at USDA and submitted a letter of support for the North Choctaw Water and Sewer Authority application to the USDA Rural Development requesting emergency assistance. Congresswoman Sewell remained in constant contact with USDA officials throughout the application process advocating the importance of providing funding for immediate relief to North Choctaw County.

“We are thankful to Congresswoman Sewell for her hard work in helping us secure these resources. The health and well-being of Alabamians and the people of Choctaw County will be ensured through the upgrades and investments we can now make in our water systems,” said Lisman Mayor Thomas Jackson. “These much needed funds will help improve our water and sanitation system and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Choctaw County.”

“We can’t thank Congresswoman Sewell enough for promptly addressing the needs and concerns of the people of Choctaw County. Interruptions in service and an unreliable water supply have

been an issue of concern for our citizens for over two years, but with these funds we will now be able to deliver quality and affordable services to the people of Choctaw County,” said Choctaw County Commissioner Willie Horn. “These funds mean that Choctaw County can now afford to purchase its own water well, which will make us less dependent on surrounding counties and better prepare us for emergencies. I have been praying, hoping and working for this breakthrough moment we desperately needed.”

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April 24, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces Winners of 2012 Congressional Art Competition

Washington, DC – On Saturday April 21, 2012, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) hosted the annual Congressional Art Competition for the 7th district at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. The competition was open to all high school students (grades 9-12) in Alabama’s 7th Congressional District and offered the winning participant the opportunity to have their artwork show cased in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year.

The 2012 Congressional Art Competition winner is **Jessica Johnson**, a senior from Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, AL.

The other students that placed were:

1st Runner Up - **Ke’Shuntae Tapping**, a sophomore from Minor High School in Birmingham, AL.

2nd Runner Up - **Christina Burroughs**, a senior from Thomasville High School in Thomasville, AL.

Rep. Sewell offered the following statement: “I was so impressed with artwork that was submitted this year. The 7th Congressional District is full of so many talented and outstanding students who represent the leaders of tomorrow. I believe it is critically important to cultivate the imagination and creativity of our young people through the arts. I am proud to sponsor this competition and I am looking forward to displaying the amazing talent in this district.”

This year’s competition had a total of 23 pieces of art submitted by students from across the 7th Congressional District. The competition was divided into three regions. Region One was comprised of schools in Jefferson County. Region Two consisted of schools from Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Perry and Sumter Counties. Region Three was made of schools from Dallas, Wilcox, Clarke, Marengo and Choctaw Counties.

Jessica Johnson, a senior at Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, entitled her winning piece “Time.”

Miss Johnson’s artwork will be on display in the U.S. Capitol building for one year and she will receive two round trip tickets to Washington, DC to attend the National Congressional Art Competition Reception on June 20, 2012.

Second place was awarded to **Ke'Shuntae Tapping**, a sophomore at Minor High School in Birmingham, Alabama for her piece "UnModern Steel." Third place was awarded to **Christina Burroughs**, a senior at Thomasville High School in Thomasville, Alabama for her piece "The Lively Museum."

"I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the overall winner and all the regional participants of the competition," said Rep. Sewell.

In addition to the top three winners, several students received regional awards for their artwork, including:

Cinnamon Callins, George Washington Carver High School, Birmingham, AL

Alexis Breeding, Centerpoint High School, Centerpoint, AL

Vincent Marino, Capitol School, Tuscaloosa, AL

Alyson Smith, Tuscaloosa Christian School, Tuscaloosa, AL

Tangie Powell, Thomasville High School, Thomasville, AL

Dalvin McGraw, Wilcox County High School, Camden, AL

Each year since 1982, Congressional offices across the Nation have participated in the Congressional Art Competition which is sponsored by the Congressional Institute. The competition provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents.

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Recent Grant Awards

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- **April 24, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announces \$3.6 Million in Funding for North Choctaw County Water Authority from the USDA
- **April 20, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.8 Million in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport awarded from the FAA
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB is awarded \$250,581.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$244,304.00.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB awarded \$262,011.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 12, 2012** - UAB awarded \$67 million dollars to set up a national network to research the best practices for dental care from the National Institute of Health
- **April 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$296,378.00 for Cancer Research from NIH
- **April 10, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$128, 116 for Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Disease research.
- **April 9, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$362,588 from the National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute for research through NIH.
- **April 3, 2012** – UAB awarded \$11,625 for the UAB Deep South Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Certs from DHHS.
- **March 29, 2012** - Whatley Health Services is awarded \$404, 249 for continuation grant through HHS for the Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS Program.

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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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Community Connect Grant Program**

Description: The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis, with broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1OgmpOT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169374&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Household Water Well System Grant Program**

Description: The Rural Utilities Service will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells. The approved organizations must set up a revolving loan program and provide low-interest loans to eligible individuals who own or will own and occupy an existing home that uses a private well system.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169453&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Revolving Fund Program (RFP)**

Description: The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private, non-profit organizations, who are selected for funding, will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169994&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Rural Housing Preservation Grants**

Description: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces that it is soliciting applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, which may include but not be limited to Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169858&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant**

Description: Grant funding is available for Cooperative Development Centers, individual Cooperatives or Groups of Cooperatives that serve socially-disadvantaged groups and where a majority of their governing board is comprised of members of socially-disadvantaged groups or at least 75 percent of their membership is comprised of socially-disadvantaged producers. The primary

objective of the SSDPG program is to provide Technical Assistance to Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Agricultural Producers.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9QmPjDMqwLDpBGK5pTJTB8cppJTDjwtn6PPwxQSTv33FGkB1J3Q!1020059110?oppId=168694&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - National Integrated Water Quality Program**

Description: Projects funded through this program will work to solve water resource problems by advancing and disseminating the knowledge base available to agricultural, rural, and urbanizing communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1OgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169780&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity**

Description: Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications for Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) investments under PWEDA. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major federally declared disasters. The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, disaster recovery, economic recovery planning, and public works assistance. It responds adaptively to pressing economic recovery issues and is well-suited to help address challenges faced by regions affected by natural disasters. The deadline is March 27, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLphW6491WK2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-21355334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Model Demonstration Projects on Reentry of Students with Disabilities from Juvenile Justice Facilities into Education, Employment, and Community Programs CFDA Number 84.326M**

Description: The purpose of the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9QmPjDMqwLDpBGK5pTJTb8cppJTDjwtn6PPwxQSTv33FGkB1J3Q!1020059110?oppId=168954&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Small, Rural School Achievement Program CFDA Number 84358A**

Description: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, CFDA: Number: 84.358A, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. The deadline is May 31, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKxIMXGcDgiQRZLqqDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=166533&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Promise Neighborhoods Program--Planning Grant Competition**

Description: Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/246>

Program: **Promise Neighborhoods Program--Implementation Grant Competition**

Description: Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/245>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - FY12 Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)**

Description: The purpose of the YEP is to address unhealthy behaviors in minority at-risk youth and provide them opportunities to learn skills and gain experiences that contribute to more positive lifestyles and enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169220&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity In Adult and Family Drug Courts (Short Title: SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts)**

Description: The purpose is to expand or enhance substance abuse treatment services in adult and family problem solving courts. A coordinated multi-system approach to projects is expected for substance abuse and mental health services. The deadline is June 21, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169714&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Rapid Assessment Post-Impact of Disaster (R03)**

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide an expedited funding mechanism for research in the aftermath of disasters and mass casualty events. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact NIMH Program Staff before submitting a RAPID application to determine whether or not the proposed work meets the guidelines of this program, whether requested RAPID funding is likely to be available, and whether the idea should be considered for initial submission as a fully developed, non-expedited application via a regular/parent FOA.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9QmPjDMqwLDpBGK5pTJT8cppJTDjwtn6PPwxQSTv33FGkB1J3Q!1020059110?oppId=168935&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Promoting Organ and Tissue Donation Among Diverse Populations**

Description: This FOA intends to stimulate investigators to develop effective culturally sensitive educational and behavioral interventions to improve the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors towards organ and

tissue transplantation, as well as the need for organ transplantation, among minority and other health disparity populations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9QmPjDMqwLDpBGK5pTJTB8cppJTDjwtn6PPwxQSTv33FGkB1J3Q!1020059110?oppId=168797&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 12 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Training and Technical Assistance Program**

Description: This new initiative, the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program, supports comprehensive place-based and community-oriented initiatives that involve service providers from multiple sectors and disciplines, as well as community representatives from all types of organizations, to work together to reduce and prevent crime and revitalize communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169413&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **NEW - Veterans' Workforce Investment Program**

Description: US Department of Labor announces over \$12 million in grants to provide job training services for over 6,000 Veterans. The U.S. Department of Labor announces the availability of approximately \$12 million in grants through the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) to provide job training and skills development services to help Veterans succeed in civilian careers. The department will award at least 10 grants in 10 states to support approximately 6,000 Veterans overcome employment barriers and ease their transition into unsubsidized jobs. Through VWIP, Veterans receive skills assessments, individual job counseling, labor market information, classroom or on-the-job training, skills

upgrading, placement assistance and crucial follow-up services. Veterans may also be eligible for services through other Workforce Investment Act programs for economically disadvantaged or dislocated workers.

Website: More information on the Department of Labor's unemployment and re-employment programs for Veterans can be found at www.dol.gov/vets. The solicitation for grant applications is available at <http://www.grants.gov>. It also may be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/vwip/main.htm>.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - Capital and Training Assistance Program for Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility**

Description: The OTRB program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility regulation.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj6gPs1QgmpQT122GH5R08KrTr2ty2bHjVRnf4DgwXLsTr713BdQ!1140575579?oppId=169733&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Portable Assistance Program**

Description: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Program Announcement No. OSBDC-2012-05 to invite application from existing SBDC recipient organization currently funded under the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program as authorized by Section 21(n) of the Small Business Act, (15 USC Section 648); Public Law 110-186, Section 107. Applicants will develop portable assistance programs to support the start up and sustainability of small business concerns in communities that are economically challenged as a result of a

business or government facility downsizing or closing, resulting in the loss of jobs or small business instability.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T4mXPv4W9QvwGfTv4WhvC5LMNv8bRB4ybhnN26Lypn CvVn5TXmph!1020059110?oppId=168974&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - National Film Preservation Foundation Accepting Applications for Basic Preservation Grants**

Description: Through its Basic Preservation Grants program, the National Film Preservation Foundation is accepting applications for lab work to preserve culturally and historically significant film materials.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=ZCZKJXJ14WX05LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=378300024

Program: **NEW - Shell Marine Habitat Program Invites Pre-Proposals for Gulf of Mexico Conservation Projects**

Description: Grants of up to \$200,000 will be awarded for conservation and restoration activities that result in measurable benefits to key species and their habitats along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Website: <http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/>

Program: **NEW - Elton John AIDS Foundation Accepting Grant Proposals**

Description: Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Central and South America for HIV/AIDS-related prevention, care, and anti-discrimination programs.

Website: <http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS

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

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

Alabama College Money For Military Members and Dependents

If you are a child or spouse of an eligible Alabama veteran, there might be money for tuition, fees and books waiting for you. The GI Dependents' Educational Benefit Program is for students attending Alabama public institutions of higher education. For more information or an application, call (334) 242-5077 or request a form from the Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509.

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>

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

About PoliceGrantsHelp.com

PoliceGrantsHelp.com provides members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and assistance. PoliceGrantsHelp.com features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities. Need help writing grants to purchase equipment for your department or agency? Let PoliceGrantsHelp's grant experts assist you.

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

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

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.hardesthitalabama.com/>

AlabamaSAVESEnergy Revolving Loan Fund

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>

www.AlabamaSAVES.com

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
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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

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

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

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