



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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May 30, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Attend Inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) will attend the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights in conjunction with the Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC) 2012 National Consultation. Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver the keynote address and voting rights experts will facilitate discussion surrounding new state voting laws.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to attend the inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights with faith-based leaders from my district,” said Rep. Sewell. “The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy and now more than ever we must come together to ensure that all Americans can vote without intimidation, prejudice or discrimination.”

Rep. Sewell will be joined by Pastor T.L. Lewis of the historic Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pratt City, AL.

“Pastor Lewis is truly a servant leader and a powerful force for good in the Birmingham area,” continued Rep. Sewell. “He continues to exemplify extraordinary leadership in face of the church’s devastation from last year’s April 27th tornadoes. America’s faith-based leaders have played a crucial role in growing and strengthening our spiritual health, family development and community empowerment.”

“This summit is essential because we have so many issues facing our nation currently,” said Pastor T.L. Lewis. “The collaboration of the CBC and faith-based leaders provides a good vehicle for collective strategy that we can take back to our communities and implement to its fullest.”

The Conference of National Black Churches is comprised of the national leadership of the nine largest historically black denominations with a combined membership of over 30 million and 50,000 congregations in the United States. The CNBC holds their “National Consultation” event annually.

May 25, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Observance of Memorial Day**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement in recognition of Memorial Day, which will be observed May 28:

“On Monday, we pay tribute and honor the commitment of our brave servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend this great nation. We owe our country’s freedom and safety to the willingness and courage of our troops who answered the call of duty.

Earlier this month, I had the privilege to travel with a bi-partisan congressional delegation to visit with our troops serving in Afghanistan to see firsthand the important issues they are facing. We were honored to celebrate Mother’s Day at Camp Leatherneck in the Helmand province with our troops who serve on the frontlines every day. This experience has truly deepened my appreciation for all of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who defend and protect our freedom.

As we gather with our families and loved ones this Memorial Day weekend, let us take a moment to reflect and remember that the rights and freedoms we enjoy everyday come at a great cost and sacrifice by our armed services, veterans, and families. We must also pause to thank and honor the families of our fallen heroes. We are eternally grateful for their service and their legacy will forever remain in our hearts and memories.”

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May 17, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Co-Sponsors Voting Rights Legislation**

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07), joined her colleagues as an original co-sponsor on H.R. 5799 the “Voter Empowerment Act of 2012” which seeks to modernize voter registration, ensure equal access to the ballot box and prohibit deceptive practices and voter discrimination.

“As the Representative of Alabama’s historic 7th Congressional District, where many fought, bled and died for the right to vote, I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important legislation,” said Rep. Sewell. “No right is more fundamental to our democracy, than our right to vote. Although great progress has been made since the days of poll taxes and literacy tests, Congress still has important work to do when it comes to ensuring that all Americans are afforded the right to vote without intimidation, prejudice or discrimination. This legislation will help ensure free and fair elections, so that everyone, including students, seniors, minorities and veterans can exercise their constitutional right to vote,” Sewell added.

The Voter Empowerment Act of 2012 has been designed to modernize the American electoral system by providing improved access to the ballot, enhanced integrity in our voting systems and greater accountability for the administration of our elections.

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May 13, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Visits Troops in Afghanistan on Mother's Day**

Kabul, Afghanistan – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell joined Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and a bi-partisan Delegation to Afghanistan for the first trip since President Barack Obama signed the historic Strategic Partnership Agreement with President Hamid Karzai. The two-day trip included visits to the provinces of Helmand and Kandahar as well as offered an opportunity for the delegation to visit with troops on Mother's Day weekend and discuss national security and woman issues in the Middle East, Asia and Africa with diplomatic and military officials.

“On this Mother's Day weekend, I've been honored to join Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and four of my female colleagues on a bi-partisan Congressional Delegation to Afghanistan,” said Rep. Sewell. “Our troops play such an integral role in Afghanistan and it was a pleasure to travel to Helmand and Kandahar provinces to discuss important issues facing Afghans from our commanders and their Afghan coalition partners on the ground. We were also honored to have the opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day at Camp Leatherneck in the Helmand province with so many of our brave troops, many of whom are mothers, daughters and sisters who courageously serve on the frontlines every day in our Armed Forces,” Sewell added.

“My appreciation for all of our servicemen and women has deepened with this experience. On this special day, words can't express my gratitude to all of the mothers in the military,” Sewell continued. “Thousands of miles away from home, our women in uniform continue to manage the challenges of parenting, while fighting for our liberties. To all our mothers far and near, Happy Mother's Day!”

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May 10, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to the U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahue's Newly Released Plan to Preserve and Protect Post Offices**

WASHINGTON DC,—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahue's newly released plan to preserve and protect local post offices in rural and small town America:

“I am pleased that Postmaster General Patrick Donahue recently released a new plan for the restructuring of the United States Postal Service. This plan is a vital step forward toward ensuring the future of rural, isolated and underserved communities across this nation. The new plan implements a strategy that would keep rural post offices open for business for thousands of my constituents who depend on the post office for their checks, life-saving medications, packages and bills. Rather than turning toward widespread closures, layoffs and costly reductions in service, the Postmaster General has developed a new strategy aimed at solving this fiscal crisis while ensuring that our nation's underserved communities still have access to vital lifelines for commerce and communications.

I applaud the Postal Service for taking decisive action to create a more efficient business model for the United States Postal Service. It is my hope that we develop a comprehensive postal service reform plan that will invest in both urban and rural communities and continue trusted, timely, reliable and affordable services.”

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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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## Recent Grant Awards

- **May 23, 2012** – The DOL awards The Dannon Project in Birmingham \$1,212,000 for Reintegration of Ex-Offender program.
- **May 18, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$362,588 for research in heart, blood and lung problems from DHHS
- **May 16, 2012** – Dallas County – Rural Health Medical Program receives \$1,778,784 for rural health center from DHHS
- **May 16, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$86,149 for cognition and cognitive disorders by DHHS.
- **May 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$366,250 for research regarding B cells in the lung by DHHS
- **May 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$198,269 for Telemedicine to Improve Depression and Adherence t in HIV+ Women in the Rural South
- **May 10, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding to Four Colleges in the 7th Congressional District
- **May 8, 2012** – Pickens County Community Action Agency is awarded \$1,662,508 for Head Start by DHHS.
- **May 3, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$425,000 for autism research from DHHS.
- **May 1, 2012** - The City of Livingston is awarded \$297,600 for an Economic Development Initiative by HUD
- **April 25, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education
- **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

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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](http://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](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.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities

**Program:** **NEW - Enduring Questions**

**Description:** The NEH Enduring Questions grant program supports faculty members in the teaching and development of a new course that will foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question. This question-driven course will encourage undergraduates and teachers to grapple with a fundamental concern of human life addressed by the humanities, and to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential thinkers over the centuries and into the present day. What is an enduring question? The following list is neither prescriptive nor exhaustive but serves to illustrate. • What is good government? • Can war be just? • What is friendship? • What is evil? • Are there universals in human nature? • What are the origins of the universe?

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173233&mode=VIEW>

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### National Science Foundation

**Program:** **NEW - Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation**

**Description:** The LSAMP program assists universities and colleges in diversifying the STEM workforce through their efforts at significantly increasing the numbers of students successfully completing high quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173497&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **NEW- USDA Seeks Grant Applications to Improve Rural Housing**

**Description:** USDA Rural Development is offering Housing Preservation Grants to intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. The deadline is June 25, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdamediafb?contentid=2012/05/0148.xml&printable=true&contentidonly=true>

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**Program:** **NEW - Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture**

**Description:** NLGCA Institutions may use the funds: (a) to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest; (b) to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities, the public, and any other interested

entity; (c) to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173073&mode=VIEW>

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## **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. 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 deadline is March 27, 2015.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLpthW6491WK2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-213555334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW - Promise Neighborhood Grants**

**Description:** Funding supports a range of youth services, from K-12 education and early-learning programs to health and safety initiatives in neighborhoods, and access to learning technology. The deadline is July 27, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://fundbook.org/promise-neighborhoods-grants/>

## U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

**Program:** **NEW- PPHF 2012: Community Transformation Grants - Small Communities Programs financed solely by 2012 Prevention and Public Health Funds**

**Description:** The overarching purpose of this program is to prevent heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes and other leading chronic disease causes of death or disability through implementation of a variety of evidence based programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in small communities that improve health and health behaviors among an intervention population.

**Websites:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173114&mode=VIEW>

<http://fundbook.org/community-transformation-grants-small-communities/>

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**Program:** **NEW - Addiction Technology Transfer Centers**

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to develop and strengthen the workforce that provides addictions treatment and recovery support services to those in need. In partnership with Single State Authorities, treatment provider associations, addictions counselors, multidisciplinary behavioral health professionals, faith and recovery community leaders, family members of those in recovery, and other stakeholders, the ATTCs assess the training and development needs of the substance use disorders workforce, and develop and conduct training and technology transfer activities to meet identified needs.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=172853&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Basic Center Program**

**Description:** The purpose of the BCP is to provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. The deadline is July 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170133&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Justice**

**Program:** **OJJDP FY 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention FIRE Program**

**Description:** OJJDP will fund field-initiated studies to inform what is understood about how communities can prevent and reduce violence involving youth. The deadline is June 28, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170613&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Labor**

**Program:** **NEW - Advanced Manufacturing Jobs & Innovation Accelerator Challenge**

**Description:** Program to provide funding for regional partnerships that accelerate innovation and strengthen capacity in advanced manufacturing. The goal is to accelerate job creation and economic prosperity through public-private partnerships and to serve as a catalyst for leveraging private capital, assisting entrepreneurial development in disadvantaged communities, and promoting cluster-based development in advanced manufacturing.

**Website:** [www.manufacturing.gov/accelerator/index.html](http://www.manufacturing.gov/accelerator/index.html).

## **U.S. Department of State**

**Program:** **NEW - Capacity-Building Assistance Program**

**Description:** The overarching goals for the capacity-building program are to help participants: 1) build upon skills relevant to their field of practice that will better enable them to fight organized crime, uphold the rule of law, and build resilient communities.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=J2nmP2kGY5JG2ZTpl4Vxdgq2VJkLf1bnCFhLstLYvhby4y8XRfQ2!-1248368548?oppId=172555&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Program:** **NEW - Small Community Air Service Development Program**

**Description:** The program is designed to provide financial assistance to small communities to help them enhance their air service. The Department provides this assistance in the form of monetary grants that are disbursed on a reimbursable basis. The deadline is June 11, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170433&mode=VIEW>

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## **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **21st Century Community Learning Center**

**Description:** 21st CCLC initiative is a key component of the “No Child Left Behind” Act. It is an opportunity for students to enhance and reinforce academic lessons of the regular school day, while also allowing them to learn new skills and discover new opportunities

after the regular school day has ended. In addition 21st CCLC programs provide youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, technology education programs, art, music and recreation programs, counseling, and character education to enhance the academic component of the program.

**Website:** <http://www.fldoe.org/curriculum/21century/>

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**Program:** **NEW - Cooking Matters**

**Description:** No Kid Hungry Campaign's strategy that teaches families how to shop for healthy foods on a limited budget.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/244>

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**Program:** **NEW - Child Welfare Foundation Grants**

**Description:** Assisting the children of this nation is the primary concern; The grants are awarded for one year.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/247>

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**Program:** **NEW - Fuel Up To Play 60**

**Description:** The free in-school nutrition and physical activity program

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/255>

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**Program:** **NEW - Touching Lives through Theatre Grants**

**Description:** School grant for theatre programs

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**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Corporate/254>

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**Program:** **NEW - Amie's Place Foundation Offers Support for Programs: Keep People and Pets Together During Times of Crisis**

**Description:** Committed to helping support organizations that provide direct services for critically and chronically ill children/adults veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children, fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them. Organizations within and outside New York City are welcome to apply.

**Website:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=380400002](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=380400002)

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**Program:** **NEW - Nominations Invited for Templeton Prize Honoring "Entrepreneurs of the Spirit"**

**Description:** An annual program of the John Templeton Foundation, the Templeton Prize honors a living person who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works.

**Website:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=380300035](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=380300035)

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## Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS

**CBCF Emerging Leaders Internship Program** | [Application](#)

**Session:** Fall 2012 | [Read more about this Internship Program](#)

**Application Deadline:** June 7, 2012

**Program Dates:** August 26 - December 8, 2012

**CBCF Communications Internship Program** | [Application](#)

**Session:** Fall 2012 | [Read more about this Internship Program](#)

**Application Deadline: June 7, 2012**

**Program Dates:** August 26 - December 8, 2012

**Website:** <http://www.cbcfinc.org/internshipsandfellowships.html>

### **200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

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

### **Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS)**

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program promotes diversity among health profession students and practitioners by providing scholarships to full-time students with financial need from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in health professions and nursing programs. Participating schools are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, making reasonable determinations of need, and providing scholarships that do not exceed the allowable costs (i.e., tuition, reasonable educational expenses and reasonable living expenses with a cap for the total scholarship award of \$15,000).

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=J2nmP2kGY5JG2ZTpl4Vxdgq2VJkLf1bnCFhLstLYvhby4y8XRfQ2!-1248368548?oppId=172534&mode=VIEW>

### **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 Student Loan Program**

Learn the facts about Alabama's designated guarantor of Federal Family Education Loan Programs

**Website:**

<http://www.alabama.gov/portal/secondary.jsp?id=educationResources>

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

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

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

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

### **Fast Web**

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

### **Merit Aid**

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

### **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>

### **Scholarship Experts**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

### **College Scholarships.org**

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

### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

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## **Section V RESOURCES**

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grants Programs - AFG Workshops and What's Next for Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Applicants?**

The list of Regional AFG contacts can be found at:

<http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/contact.shtm>

### **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.

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

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

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

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

### **Homebuyers looking to secure a mortgage may find help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) -- and they don't even need to plow a field to be eligible.**

Two USDA loans -- the [Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan](#) and the [Single Family Housing Direct Loan](#) - are available to a range of potential homebuyers, including some borrowers who are buying in areas that many would characterize as "suburban." The biggest lure of [USDA home loans](#) compared with other mortgage products is that it is one of the few mortgage programs available today that requires no down payment. The concept behind USDA loans is to encourage homeownership among low- to moderate-income families in locations that are not densely populated.

**Website:** <http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2012/05/24/not-farmer-can-still-get-100-percent-usda-financing/#ixzz1voaCAcW1>

**Alabama SAF-T-Net** is a statewide weather alerting service provided at no cost to the residents of Alabama. Designed to notify those in the path of dangerous weather through **text messaging, email or voice calls**, Alabama SAF-T-Net alerts subscribers for up to four monitored locations—when and where it matters. If you're not affected, you're not alerted. Sign up [here](#) today. For more information you can visit the website at <http://alabamasaftnet.com/>

**TechSoup** provides nonprofits with technology to better fulfill their missions. They offer technology products and information.

**Website:** <http://home.techsoup.org/pages/default.aspx>

**Alabama Giving:** Alabama Giving is a statewide association of grantmakers dedicated to building and strengthening organized philanthropy in Alabama.

**Website:** <http://www.alabamagiving.org/>

### **Community Action Agencies of Alabama**

**Website:**

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

### **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

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

## **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/searpdc/searpdc.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](http://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](http://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](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto: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.cacfinfo.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](http://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: [kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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>