



Guide to Grants

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Proudly Representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District



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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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July 11, 2012

Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding Voting Against the Patients' Rights Repeal Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 6079 Patients' Rights Repeal Act:

“Today marked the 31st time House Republicans have voted to take away healthcare benefits instead of focusing on job creation and economic growth. With only thirteen legislative days left before summer recess, it is deeply disappointing that we must put up with this political charade that puts the health and welfare of millions of Americans in jeopardy. Frankly, the American people deserve better and my constituents expect more.

The Affordable Care Act has been passed by both the House and Senate, signed by the President and now upheld as constitutional by the highest court in the land. The American people would be better served if Congress joined the President in working to build on the healthcare reform, rather than undoing it. The fact is, the Affordable Care Act is already providing millions of Americans access to quality healthcare benefits and protections.

In the 7th Congressional District of Alabama alone, 36,000 children with pre-existing health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by their health insurers. 4,700 seniors now pay less for prescription drugs. 90,000 adults and 19,000 children will have health insurance that covers preventative care services and 6,800 young adults will continue to have access to health insurance through their parent's coverage.

In this difficult economy, where Americans are working harder for less and struggling to provide for their families, the last thing they can afford to lose is their healthcare benefits. Rather than continuing these divisive politics, we must work together to put people to work and strengthen the middle class. I remained committed to ensuring all Americans continue to have access to quality affordable healthcare.

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June 28, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding Decision to Walk Out on Partisan Attempt to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in Contempt

WASHINGTON DC, - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on her decision to walk out with the members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Democratic Caucus in response to the House Resolution contempt votes against U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder:

“Today’s contempt votes were yet another example of partisan politics and an attempt by House Republicans to discredit the Obama Administration. I could not, in good conscience, participate in such deception and disservice to the American people. To simply vote against the House Resolution does not adequately demonstrate the outrage and disdain that I feel about this unfair and woefully political vote.

I am deeply troubled by this partisan attempt to distract the American people from the critical issues facing our nation. With only 17 legislative days left before summer recess, Congress should be focused on legislation that promotes job creation, protects low interest student loans and invests in our country’s infrastructure.

The House Resolutions to hold the Attorney General in criminal and civil contempt reflect an abuse of power by House Republicans on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. This unprecedented action by House Republicans disregards the fact that there is no evidence that AG Holder authorized, condoned, or knew about gunwalking. Nor has AG Holder lied to Congress or engaged in any cover-up. On the contrary, the Attorney General has willingly complied with the Committee’s request and submitted over 8,000 documents, including all the documents related to the investigation. While I support a full and thorough investigation, this process has been tainted by partisan politics.

Given the economic challenges facing the country, it is my hope that Congress will get back to the work of the American people and stop with the political gamesmanship.”

“Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good.” -Gandhi

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June 28, 2012

Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding the Supreme Court Ruling to Uphold the Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling to uphold the Affordable Care Act:

“I am delighted that the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the landmark Affordable Care Act. This is a monumental victory for the American people and our country. Today’s ruling confirms what I have always believed that healthcare in America should be a *right* and not a privilege. I applaud President Obama’s leadership and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of our families, children and seniors.

As a result of today’s decision, millions of Americans will continue to have access to healthcare benefits and protections, which are so critical to the welfare and economic stability of our nation. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans will no longer have to live in fear of being denied healthcare coverage because of pre-existing conditions. Millions of young people across our nation will be able to stay on their parent’s insurance plans, seniors will continue paying less for their prescription drugs, and women and children will have access to vital preventative care. 33 million uninsured Americans can expect to receive quality affordable healthcare insurance without having to make the difficult choice between providing for their families or getting necessary medical treatment.

By affirming the Affordable Care Act, the 7th Congressional District of Alabama will continue to benefit from healthcare reform. In our district, 36,000 children with pre-existing health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by their health insurers, 90,000 adults and 19,000 children will have health insurance that covers preventative care services and 6,800 young adults will continue to have access to health insurance through their parent’s coverage.

I remain committed to working with President Obama and my colleagues to ensure that all Americans continue to have access to quality affordable healthcare.”

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Recent Grant Awards

- **July 23, 2012** – Pickens County Water Authority (Carrollton, Alabama) is awarded \$200,000 by the Appalachian Regional Commission for a new well and water treatment system for highway 59.
- **July 18, 2012** – University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa is awarded \$480,113.00 for osteoarthritis research.
- **July 11, 2012** – City of Bessemer awarded \$46,917 for the JAG program to purchase mobile data systems with computer aided dispatch and records management systems.
- **July 11, 2012** – City of Tuscaloosa awarded \$64,886 for the JAG program to support law enforcement initiatives.
- **July 11, 2012** – City of Bham awarded \$290,616 for the JAG program to support law enforcement initiatives.
- **July 11, 2012** – Birmingham Health Care awarded \$435,000.00 for the Healthy Start Initiative- Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities program.
- **July 10, 2012** – Capital Trailways Bus is awarded \$2,011,553 through DOT/FTA for the 5311 (f) grant that assists private companies to get back into rural bus service. The grant impacts Dallas County, Tuscaloosa, Clarke and Wilcox Counties in the 7th District.
- **June 22, 2012** – Rural Health Medical Program in Dallas County is awarded \$650,000 by DHHS for a new rural health medical clinic to be located in Selma and it will also serve surrounding areas.
- **June 19, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$10 Million in TIGER Grant Funding to the City of Birmingham for “Road to Recovery” Project
- **June 2012** - Rural Health Medical Program in Selma awarded \$650,000 from DHHS. This money will be used to convert the existing administrative location into a primary care practice that will offer primary care, OB-GYN care, and dental services.

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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

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**

Description: The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) invests in the nation's information infrastructure by funding projects designed to address the education and training needs of the professionals who help build, maintain, and provide public access to the world's wide-ranging information systems and sources.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=9>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **FY13 Art Works Grants**

Description: Art Works supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The deadline is August 9, 2012.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/fy13-art-works-grants-2nd-deadline/>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants**

Description: America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; and other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites. The deadline is August 15, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/americas-historical-and-cultural-organizations-planning-grants>

Program: **America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants**

Description: America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; and other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites. The deadline is August 15, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/americas-historical-and-cultural-organizations-implementation-grants>

National Institute of Corrections

Program: **NEW - Development of a 21st Century Corrections Learning Professional Competency**

Description: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is soliciting proposals from organizations, groups, or individuals to enter into a cooperative agreement in a twelve (12) month project period for the development of a Corrections Learning Professional Competency Model. The deadline is August 9, 2012.

Website:

<http://community.nicic.gov/blogs/nic/archive/2012/07/20/cooperative-agreement-development-of-a-21st-century-corrections-learning-professional-competency-model.aspx>

Program: **Dosage-Based Probation as an Effective Intervention**

Description: The intent of this solicitation is to expand on the foundation of work that NIC has led on offender risk reduction. “Implementing Evidence-Based Practice in Community Corrections: The Principles of Effective Interventions” outlines a framework of strategies that, when jurisdictions implement them correctly, lead to reductions in offender risk.

Website:

<http://community.nicic.gov/blogs/nic/archive/2012/07/18/cooperative-agreement-dosage-based-probation-as-an-effective-intervention.aspx>

National Science Foundation

Program: **Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR): Workshop Opportunities**

Description: The Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is designed to fulfill the mandate of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to promote scientific progress nationwide.

Website:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503341&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund

Program: **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.

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Website:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13646&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Rural Cooperative Development Grants**

Description: USDA is offering Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) to non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, and help businesses develop new markets for their products and services. One-year grants up to \$175,000 are available. In most cases, grants may be used to pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating rural cooperative development centers. The deadline is August 6, 2012.

Website:

http://fundbook.org/rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg

Program: **Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)**

Description: The primary objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The deadline is August 6, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JhjmPQLBpTqC91cPKIJhvT2bwLH2QzQshT6fhy1pHrJQvt2T0QMQ!-1255049606?oppId=174953&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)**

Description: EDA seeks to fund construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. The deadline is September 14, 2012.

Website:

<http://fundbook.org/public-works-economic-adjustment-assistance-eda/>

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>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities**

Description: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities and to improve the effectiveness of services

Website:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-10/pdf/2012-16832.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program**

Description: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) intends to support innovative programs that promote early literacy for young children, motivate older children to read, and increase student achievement by using school libraries, distributing free books to children and their families, and offering high-quality literacy activities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L0xyP14Qzcl1L0pF21H222VGKRdyPISVTjhsspFfWKLh3nJRM4tB!-1102048417?oppId=183113&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **NEW - Early Career Research Program**

Description: The Office of Science of the Department of Energy hereby invites grant applications for support under the Early Career Research Program in the following program areas: Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR); Biological and Environmental Research (BER); Basic Energy Sciences (BES), Fusion Energy Sciences (FES); High Energy Physics (HEP), and Nuclear Physics (NP).

Website: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/Default.htm>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW- Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks for Direct Patient Access Employees of Long Term Care Facilities and Providers**

Description: CMS is conducting a nationwide program that will identify efficient, effective and economical procedures for long term care facilities and providers to conduct background checks on prospective direct patient/resident access employees.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=15529>

Program: **NEW - Reproductive Scientist Development Program (RSDP) [K12]**

Description: The purpose of the RSDP is to provide career development support for obstetricians and gynecologists who have completed their clinical training, and who are committed to a career conducting basic science research in an academic setting. The overall goal of the Program is to strengthen the field of obstetrics and gynecology by encouraging the application of contemporary science advances to clinical practice.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-13-015.html>

Program: **NEW - National Childcare Consumer Education Referral Hotline and Website**

Description: The National Child Care Consumer Education Referral Hotline and Website will provide high quality, child care consumer education information to families searching for child care, and help families access child care in their local communities.

Website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2012-ACF-OCC-LH-0554>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program**

Description: The Emergency Food and Shelter Program provides emergency funding to local social service organizations to assist with efforts to provide food and shelter services to people who are hungry or homeless.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2MbGQRzJ2WgQd1Jv7bNP2b26XzmVTTdNF10nyJ9f4x2GT63ypryh!1083646803?opId=186733&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Staffing For Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)**

Description: FEMA is encouraging fire departments applying for FY 2012 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) hiring grants to make the recruitment and hiring of veterans a priority and focus of their hiring policies and recruitment efforts. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/>

<http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/safer/index.shtm>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**

Description: The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/boating-infrastructure-grant-program/>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, FY 2012 - Capacity Building Development Grants**

Description: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awards funds to nonprofit organizations to provide training and educational programs for workers and/or employers. Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying labor unions, community-based and faith-based organizations and employer associations, that are not an agency of a state or local government, are eligible to apply.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?opId=183174&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Patagonia Environmental Grants**

Description: Patagonia seeks proposals from organizations working on the root causes of environmental problems and approaching issues with a commitment to long-term change.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=83487.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Kids in Need Foundation Grants**

Description: The Kids in Need Foundation is dedicated to engaging students in the learning process by providing grants towards the purchase of supplies for students to participate in special classroom learning experiences.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/page.aspx?s=104105.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - End of Summer Risk Management Grant**

Description: The Grant can be used for any risk management, safety, loss control, worker's compensation, human resource issue that will help keep your school safe.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Corporate/257>

Program: **NEW - PetSmart Charities Accepting Applications for Spay/Neuter Grant Programs**

Description: PetSmart Charities is accepting grant applications for its two high-impact spay/neuter United States grant programs. The Targeted Spay/Neuter Program is intended to provide funding and mentoring for high impact spay/neuter project that focus on owned pets in areas where there is a critical need. Target areas may include all or part of a county, city, township, ZIP code, census tract, neighborhood, mobile home park, or other location.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=ABXYESHK3UU5LAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=385800028

Program: **Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for State Giving Program**

Description: Walmart Foundation supports organizations with programs that align with the foundation's mission to create opportunities for people to live better. The State Giving Program awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that serve a particular state or region. State Advisory Councils made up of local Walmart associates represent each state, including Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. The deadline is August 10, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=L4NJTYHT1KNLLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=385000029

Program: **KaBOOM! Playground Grants**

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Description: KaBoom is excited to announce a new grant opportunity to increase access to cities' playgrounds at the fraction of the cost of a new build. Joint use agreements allow local governments to partner with local school districts to open school recreation facilities to the public during non-school hours. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all grants are awarded. The final deadline is Friday, August 31, 2012 at 3:00 PM ET.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/new-kaboom-playground-grants-available/>

Program: **NEW - Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Invites Proposals for Therapeutic Pipeline Program**

Description: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, which seeks to stimulate development of Parkinson's disease therapeutics, has announced the opening of its Therapeutic Pipeline Program.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=383300026

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS

Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Application Deadlines: Varies

Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program - A state program designed to provide financial assistance to Alabama National Guard members who are residents of the state of Alabama for undergraduate and graduate education at accredited post secondary institutions of higher learning located within the state of Alabama.

Alabama Commission on Higher Education/Student Grant Program

Application Deadlines: Varies

Alabama residents enrolled in independent, nonprofit Alabama colleges and universities receive financial assistance through the Alabama Student Grant Program. This program helps bridge the differential between public and private institutions, and helps provide Alabama students an opportunity to take programs and courses at private institutions.

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

U of A Tuscaloosa Coca-Cola First-Generation Scholarship

Application Deadlines: December 01, Annually

Due to the generosity of The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarships will be awarded to twelve incoming freshmen that are first generation college students.

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

Alabama Scholarships

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

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>

Section V RESOURCES

SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE IN ALABAMA

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that federal economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes located in Alabama as a result of drought that began Jan. 1. **The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following Alabama counties:** *Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Coffee, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Escambia, Geneva, Hale, Henry, Houston, Jefferson, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Saint Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington and Wilcox.*

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES NEW EFFORTS TO AID DROUGHT-IMPACTED AREAS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced new flexibility and assistance in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's major conservation programs to get much-needed help to livestock producers as the most wide-spread drought in seven decades intensifies in the United States. Vilsack also announced plans to encourage crop insurance companies to provide a short grace period for farmers on unpaid insurance premiums, as some farming families can be expected to struggle to make ends meet at the close of the crop year.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=6273>

Drought Emergency Declared in 33 Alabama Counties

On July 13, 2012 a Drought Emergency was declared in 33 Alabama counties. These counties will be eligible for low-interest federal loans as a result of a drought emergency declaration by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack. Farmers should contact their local office of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to determine their eligibility and begin the process for loan application.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=6265>

Alabama Job Link- your no fee source for posting and finding jobs in Alabama. Whether you're looking for the right job or the right employee, Alabama JobLink is for you!

Website: <https://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/>

Website: <http://jobs.monster.com/l-alabama.aspx>

Website: <http://www.job.com/my.job/btsup/us=6049/?param2=Alabama>

Start or Expand Business: Loans and Grants Search Tool

To help you identify what government financing programs may be available to help you start or expand your business, use the “Loans and Grants Search Tool”

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/loans-and-grants>

Small Business Administration Start Up Loan Programs

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/sba-loan-programs>

Young Entrepreneurs: Here's Your Essential Guide to Start Your Own Business Website:
<http://www.sba.gov>

Veteran & Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

If you are a veteran or service-disabled veteran, SBA has resources to help you start and grow your small business. From creating a business plan to finding your first customer, SBA is here to help you succeed.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/sba-direct/article/3627>

Starting a Business: Choosing a Location & Equipment

When it comes to real estate, the saying is true: “Location, location, location.” **Where** you open for business can have a huge impact on your success. Be sure that you’re in compliance with property lease terms and zoning ordinances. Likewise, be sure to understand your options when it comes to buying or leasing equipment, or purchasing government surplus.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business/establishing-business/choosing-location-equipment>

A Helping Hand from Congress: Congressional support for local funding requests

Website: <http://fundbook.org/a-helping-hand-from-congress/>

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/>

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/>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
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Fax: 205.333.2713
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
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Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
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Executive Director: Charles Ball
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East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
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Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
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South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard

Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

107 Broad Street

Camden, Alabama 36726

Phone: 334.682.4234

Fax: 334.682.4205

Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs

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/searpcd/searpcd.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

P.O. Box 1665

Mobile, Alabama 36633

Phone: 251.433.6541

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Executive Director: Russ Wimberly

Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission

125 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Phone: 334.262.4300

Fax: 334.262.6976

Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive

Opelika, Alabama 36801

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

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Fax: 256.351.1380
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Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591
Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87

Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: (251) 867-4881
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

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

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Elmore County Community Foundation
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Website: www.eccinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org
For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: 256-353-5312
Contact: Arthur W. Orr
Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street

Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Contact: Lynne Berry, President
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

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

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

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

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251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
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Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

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Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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