



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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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$4.8 Million in USDA Funding for the City of Uniontown

WASHINGTON DC, - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) announced that the City of Uniontown was awarded \$4.8 million by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development.

Approximately \$2,296,000 of the funding was awarded in the form of a grant and \$2,505,000 was awarded in the form of a loan. This funding will enable the City of Uniontown to repair their existing waste water treatment plant, install new water meters, rehabilitate and install new pumps for city pumping stations.

“I am pleased that USDA will provide this essential funding to the City of Uniontown to help repair their existing waste water treatment plant,” said Rep. Sewell. “Uniontown was in desperate need of funding due to an outdated waste water treatment facility and insufficient water meters. These improvements are critically important to ensuring that families have access to clean and safe water. USDA’s consistent support for infrastructure projects reflects their commitment to ensuring rural communities have the vital services and resources they need to create jobs, strengthen economic development and improve quality of life for families,” added Rep. Sewell.

“The citizens of Uniontown and Perry County are elated to receive this substantial grant for improving the sewer and water systems,” said Perry County Commissioner Albert Turner. “I want to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her diligent work in helping us solve this decade old problem. The success of this grant award shows that effective leadership is achieved through team work from city hall, to the court house, to the state house, to the halls of Congress.”

"We are humble and grateful for receiving this assistance from USDA with the support of Congresswoman Terri Sewell," said Uniontown Mayor Jamaal Hunter. "The improvements to our waste water treatment plant will greatly improve the quality of life of our citizens in Uniontown. Further, these improvements will serve as an incentive to industries that are interested in locating in Uniontown and our surrounding areas. This issue has long plagued our community and our resources and infrastructure has suffered as a consequence. Again, we are sincerely grateful to God and all of those who have assisted us."

“We spent a lot of time working on this issue so the City of Uniontown could financially support this solution,” said State Director of USDA Rural Development Ronnie Davis. “I was proud that we could develop a sustainable solution and help resolve the issues with their sewer and water system. USDA Rural Development is committed to helping communities across the state of Alabama and to ensuring our communities have quality water systems.”
Next week, Rep. Sewell will be joined by elected officials and community leaders for a ceremonial check presentation in Uniontown.

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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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Recent Grant Awards

- **July 30, 2012** – Kids One Transport of Birmingham is awarded \$150,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission for continuation of a service which transports mothers and children to medical treatment.
- **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

Corporation for National & Community Service

Program: **NEW – Senior Corps Funding Available to Engage Older Americans in High-Impact Service**

Description: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) launched its 2013 RSVP grant competition encouraging nonprofits and public agencies across the country to learn how RSVP can help them increase their impact by engaging volunteers 55 years and older in service. The program helps nonprofits, higher education institutions, Indian tribes, and public agencies expand their impact by engaging experienced and committed volunteers.

Website:

http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW - NEA Research: Art Works, FY 2013**

Description: The NEA has aimed to explore the factors and conditions affecting arts participation and art-making, and also illuminate the impact of the arts on American lives and communities. Arts workers and arts industries depend on timely information and analyses to monitor patterns of employment, fiscal health, and public demand for their goods and services. The deadline is November 6, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=kY4JQhDBFryyqBy16jShgpDSvZDtMQS2rvSYTrT3Wm0RR59vzk7!1086421522?oppId=188214&mode=VIEW>

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: **NEW - National Endowment for the Humanities Invites Libraries and Humanities Councils to Apply for Bridging Cultures 'Muslim Journeys' Bookshelf**

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures initiative is designed to engage the power of the humanities to promote understanding of and mutual respect for people with diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives within the United States and abroad. The deadline is September 25, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=CBUWSLMNR5YT1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=387200005

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**

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Website:

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

National Science Foundation

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.

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: **NEW- Guide to Rural Development Funding**

Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) this month announced the publication of a guide outlining programs the federal government has available to support rural communities as they promote economic development and enhance the quality of life for rural residents.

Website:

<http://fundbook.org/new-guide-to-rural-development-funding/>

Program: **NEW - My Plate Fruits and Veggies Video Challenge**

Description: USDA invites you to create short videos (approximately 30 seconds) showing how you're adding fruits and vegetables to your diet without spending a lot of money. We encourage you to create videos that are inspiring and instructive — show a healthy tip that has worked for you and that you think can work for other people. Videos must be submitted in one of the following categories: Tips for kids; Tips when eating at home; Tips when eating away from home.

Website: <http://fruitsandveggies.challenge.gov/>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW - Collaborative Science, Technology, and Applied Research (CSTAR) Program**

Description: The CSTAR Program addresses NOAA's Mission Goal 3--Weather Ready Nation. This is collaborative research between operational forecasters and academic institutions which have expertise in the environmental sciences.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=M1htQhLWnHHbgrjntMwMjqxF2QFJ97GD6N4y6LnLvVfYn5JdHpSd!1086421522?oppId=188133&mode=VIEW>

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 Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Strengthening Emergency Care Delivery in the United States Healthcare System through Health Information and Promotion**

Description: The recipient of this cooperative agreement will plan the publication of a Health Affairs thematic issue that will identify, explore and propose policy options for developing, strengthening and preparing a regionalized, accountable and coordinated system of emergency care that is broadly integrated into the United States healthcare system and capable of responding to a public health emergency or disaster. The deadline is August 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=M1htQhLWnHHbgrjntMwMjqxF2QFJ97GD6N4y6LnLvVfYn5JdHpSd!1086421522?oppId=186674&mode=VIEW>

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?oppId=186733&mode=VIEW>

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

Description: Don't wait until the last minute to get started on your FY 2012 SAFER Grants application. Get your application in before the application deadline: Friday, August 10, 2012, 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. 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.

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

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

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - Land Trust Rally 2012**

Description: The Land Trust Alliance's Rally is the largest gathering of conservationists in the country and truly unique in its approach to land conservation. It is strategically focused on training, supporting and preparing the local conservation champions who are the future of conservation in America. Rally is the only national conference dedicated to training and advancing the private land conservation network.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=M1htQhLWnHHbgrjntMwMjqxF2QFJ97GD6N4y6LnLvVfYn5JdHpSd!1086421522?oppId=188394&mode=VIEW>

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: **NEW - National Center on Leadership for Employment and Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD)**

Description: The Center will seek to improve employment outcomes and promote the economic advancement of people with disabilities by focusing on five strategic goal areas.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=kY4JQhDBFryyqBy16jShgpDSvZDtMQS2rvSYTrT3Wm0RR59vzk7!1086421522?oppId=188793&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **NEW - Community College Initiative Program**

Description: The Community College Initiative Program will support study by international undergraduate students at accredited U.S. community colleges. The Program provides quality educational programs, leadership and professional skills development, practical professional experience, community engagement, and programming that builds mutual understanding and knowledge about American society and culture to underserved, non-elite international students, particularly women, who already have some work experience.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=kY4JQhDBFryyqBy16jShgpDSvZDtMQS2rvSYTrT3Wm0RR59vzk7!1086421522?oppId=188213&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW – Statewide Implementation of Prehospital Care Guidelines**

Description: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Discretionary Safety Grants We anticipate funding the project up to three years from the effective date of award for a total of \$400,000.00. Current available funding is \$200,000. Maximum of two 2 awards will be given depending on the proposed projects submitted for consideration.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=M1htQhLWnHHbgrjntMwMjqxF2QFJ97GD6N4y6LnLvVfYn5JdHpSd!1086421522?oppId=187873&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Program: **NEW - Treasury Tax Credits Available**

Description: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) has officially opened the 2012 round of competition under the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program). The CDFI Fund is making up to \$5 billion in tax credits available under the 2012 round, pending Congressional authorization.

Website:

<http://fundbook.org/5-billion-in-new-markets-tax-credits-available/>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available in Alabama**

Description: Alabama agribusiness owners severely impacted by the drought may be eligible for economic injury disaster loans, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Loans up to \$2 million are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, non-profit organizations that suffered financial losses as a direct result of the drought. Eligible counties include 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, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington and Wilcox.

Website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

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

Program: **NEW - Lowe's Toolbox for Education Accepting Applications for Fall
2012 K-12 Public School Improvement Projects**

Description: Funded by the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, the Lowe's
Toolbox for Education program provides grant awards of up to \$5,000 to
support school improvement projects at K-12 public schools in the United
States. Now in its sixth year, the program has donated over \$25 million to
more than five thousand schools.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=384900018

Program: **NEW - CVS Caremark Community Grants Program Offers Funding
for Organizations Serving Children With Disabilities and the
Uninsured**

Description: An annual philanthropic initiative of CVS Caremark, the CVS Caremark
Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations and
schools for programs that help children (under the age of 21) with
disabilities lead full and independent lives, as well as programs that
improve access to quality healthcare for the uninsured and underserved.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=377700040

Program: **NEW - AVANCE Invites Re-Grant Applications to Implement
Parent-Child Education Program**

Description: AVANCE, a nonprofit organization that provides parenting and early
childhood education programs along with other family support services, is
accepting proposals from nonprofits to enter into a re-granting agreement
to implement AVANCE's nine-month parent-child education program.
With a \$12.6 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, AVANCE
created the Unlocking America's Potential Project in 2010 to expand the
evidence-based Parent-Child Education Program across the country.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=379600025

Program: **NEW - Fitch Charitable Foundation Offers Project Grants to Mid-Career Professionals in Preservation and Related Fields**

Description: The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation provides mid-career grants to professionals working in the fields of historic preservation, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, decorative arts, architectural design, and architectural history. Fitch Mid-Career grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded annually to one or two mid-career professionals with at least ten years of experience and an academic background, professional experience, and an established identity in one or more of the eligible fields.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=CBUWSLMNR5YT1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=387100011

Program: **NEW - Kids In Need Foundation Offers K-12 Teacher Grants to Support Innovative Classroom Projects**

Description: A program of the Kids In Need Foundation, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500 and are intended to be used to finance creative classroom projects. The number of grants awarded varies from year to year, depending on the total amount of funds requested. Typically, three hundred to six hundred grants are awarded annually.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=CBUWSLMNR5YT1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=370200038

Program: **NEW – Build a Bear for Children's Health, Animals, and Literacy Programs**

Description: Toy retailer Build-A-Bear Workshop provides grants through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation to charities in the United States and Canada working to support a range of causes, including children's health and wellness, animals, and literacy and education.

Website:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=CBUWSLMNR5YT1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=387100004

Program: **NEW - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming Midcareer Consultant Program**

Description: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to RWJF, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis.

Website:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=CBUWSLMNR5YT1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=387100006

Program: **NEW - IBM Opens Smarter Cities Challenge**

Description: IBM recently launched the third round of its Smarter Cities Challenge, inviting cities to apply for a 2013 grant. The Smarter Cities Challenge was created by IBM in 2010 as a competitive grant program that focused on helping metropolitan areas embrace technology to make their cities a more vibrant and livable place for residents.

Website:
<http://fundbook.org/ibm-opens-smarter-cities-challenge/>

Program: **NEW - KaBoom Playground Grants**

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.

Website:

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

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS /FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships.com

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

Financial Aid Tips

Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/financial-aid-tips/>

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 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/>

Section V RESOURCES

Celebrate National Catfish Month - Buy American

The lazy dog days of summer provide the perfect time to chow down on catfish, as August marks National Catfish Month. First established in the 1980s, National Catfish Month has celebrated delicious meals from the whiskered freshwater fish for more than 20 years. When selecting a scrumptious filet to prepare, nothing compares to catfish grown and produced right here in the United States.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/neighbors/neighborsStory.phtml?id=4780>

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/1-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>

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>

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>

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>