



# 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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January 10, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on University of Alabama's BCS National Championship Victory**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell issued the following statement on the University of Alabama's Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship win over the LSU Tigers:

“Congratulations to the University of Alabama's football team for its resounding 21-0 victory over the LSU Tigers in the 2011 BCS Championship, said Congresswoman Sewell. Today, we look forward to the team's return to Alabama as they bring home the crystal trophy to the 7th Congressional District of Alabama for the second time in three years. We are so proud of Coach Nick Saban, his coaching staff, and all of the players for their impressive victory last night.

This win is a unifying victory for the state of Alabama which suffered so much devastation in the wake of the April tornadoes. We must continue to work together to ensure the people affected by the storms keep receiving the help they need to recover.

This victory shows the resilient spirit of Alabamians and reflects our hope for a better future. Roll Tide!!”

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January 5, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on President Obama's Summer Jobs+ Initiative**

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement on the Obama Administration's new Summer Jobs+ initiative:

“I was very pleased to hear President Obama's announcement of the Summer Jobs+ initiative today. America faces few more urgent challenges than preparing our children to compete in a global economy. By partnering with business leaders and local communities, we are providing our youth with valuable real world experience. In Alabama, the unemployment and poverty rates have both increased dramatically in the wake of the most recent recession. In parts of the 7th Congressional District, unemployment rates are as high as 19 percent. Initiatives such as the one announced today by President Obama is critical for our youth and is essential to lowering the unemployment rate. This initiative will help get Alabama and America back to work.

The decisions our leaders make about education in the coming years could help provide opportunities and shape our future for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress on a comprehensive plan to encourage job creation and strengthen economic development in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation.”

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December 23, 2011

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Statement on Passage of the Bipartisan Payroll Tax Cut Extension**

WASHINGTON, DC –Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement today after the House and Senate passed a two-month extension of the payroll tax cut, unemployment insurance, and the Medicare physician fee fix:

“Today, 160 million Americans will not see their taxes go up, nearly 24,900 Alabamians will not lose unemployment insurance while looking for work, and 48 million seniors will continue to have the medical care that they need. While our work isn’t over, I applaud President Barack Obama and our House and Senate Congressional Leadership for listening to the American people. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass long-term measures that secures the middle class, sustains health care coverage and access for our seniors and promotes economic growth and job creation.”

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December 20, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell in Opposition to House Republicans' Attempt to Delay the Extension of Unemployment Benefits and Payroll Tax Cuts to Americans**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against the House Republican's attempt to delay passage of an extension of unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts:

“Today, I stood up for middle class Americans and voted against the House Republicans' attempt to delay an extension of unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts.

The Senate amended and passed a bi-partisan bill that would have extended the payroll tax cuts for millions of workers and families, protected unemployment benefits for Americans who lost their job due to the economic recession and ensured that our seniors would have access to critical healthcare services. The agreement reflected a compromise that was negotiated in good faith by Senate Democrats and Republicans. It was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate— 89 Senators, including 39 Republicans, voted in favor of it. However, House Republicans refuse to bring this compromise to the floor for a vote.

It is unacceptable that some of my Republican colleagues in the House have once again refused to compromise. Our constituents elected us to make their lives better, not worse. This latest Republican grandstand will cost the American public dearly. As a result, 160 million middle class Americans will see a payroll tax increase, over two million Americans and almost 25,000 Alabamians will begin losing their unemployment benefits and millions of senior citizens on Medicare could find it harder to receive treatment from physicians.

We all understand that extending these benefits is a temporary fix to a long term problem. While I had hoped for a one-year extension agreement, the two-month compromise agreed to by the Senate is better than the alternative—letting millions of Americans suffer economic hardship on January 1, 2012. As members of Congress, it is absurd that we are being deprived of the opportunity to vote for a bill that would add certainty to our economy and extend these essential benefits for millions of Americans.

I am deeply disappointed in Congress's failure to put aside partisan politics. We must not go home until all Americans can celebrate the holidays knowing their benefits are protected.”

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December 16, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell Votes to Fund the Government, Protect Federal Programs and Provide Economic Certainty**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting for H.R. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Consolidated Appropriations Act, which passed the House today by a vote of 296-121:

“Today, I voted in favor of H.R. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Consolidated Appropriations Act which will fund the government through September 2012. While not a perfect bill, this bipartisan measure will ensure that the federal government is funded through the end of the 2012 fiscal year and provide essential services for families, seniors, veterans, small businesses and our communities.

H.R. 2055 funds the government as agreed upon in the previously-passed Budget Control Act. Likewise, this bi-partisan measure does not include many controversial elements that have been a part of previous funding measures.

In these tough economic times, we must all tighten our belts and there must be shared sacrifice from everyone. This bill makes some difficult, but necessary cuts. However, it also increases funding for many programs important to families, students and workers in the 7th Congressional District, including a \$2 billion increase in Pell Grant funding and a \$2.2 billion increase for job training.

It is our responsibility in Congress to keep the Federal Government fully functioning for American families. This bill represents a long-term solution that avoids a government shutdown and allows Congress to focus on job creation and economic development.”

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December 16, 2011

## **Statement From Congresswoman Sewell on the Return of American Troops From Iraq**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell issued the following statement on the return home of nearly all of the American forces in Iraq:

“President Obama kept his promise to end the war in Iraq. After nine years, nearly 40,000 American soldiers will be returning home in time for the holidays. America owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have risked their lives to protect and defend our freedoms.

To the members of our armed forces returning home from Iraq and their families: there is no tribute, no commemoration, no praise that can truly match the magnitude of your service and your sacrifice. You bore the ultimate sacrifice so that we all can live in a free society. You are very much a part of our nation’s fabric— your strength is America’s strength. I salute each one of you for your sacrifices and selfless commitment to serving America.

I know that communities in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and across this nation will welcome our troops home with open arms and a commitment to helping them transition back to civilian life. It is now our responsibility to fight for our troops like they have fought for us. We must make sure they have the care and benefits they have earned.

Well done soldiers! Welcome Home!!”

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

# Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF  
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Dear Friend,

I am honored to represent you in Congress. I am here to help in any way possible. One of my most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with assistance as you work with federal agencies.

Our office can help you break through the bureaucracy if you are having challenges with issues including Social Security, Medicare or veterans' benefits. We can also help you find federal grant opportunities for community projects and identify funding for first responders and other important services that our communities need. Our office in Washington, D.C. offers tours of the Capitol and can help provide gallery passes to see Congress in session. American flags that have been flown above the U.S. Capitol can also be ordered upon request.

We are here to serve you. Please let us be of assistance to you and your family.

Warmly,

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

### Standing Up for Alabama Workers

Creating jobs and rebuilding our economy are Congresswoman Sewell's top priorities. She is committed to expanding workforce development funding and strengthening public-private partnerships to create jobs. Our office is available if you need help with:

- Small Business Assistance
- Federal Grants
- Internal Revenue Service
- Job Training and Unemployment Benefits



### Protecting Our Seniors

Congresswoman Sewell will always fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. She is also working to restore our country's fiscal discipline to ensure that these programs are available for future generations. Please contact us if you need assistance with:

- Social Security Benefits
- Medicare Benefits
- Survivor's Benefits
- Retirement Benefits



### Helping Our Students

A strong education can make all the difference in achieving the American Dream. That is why Congresswoman Sewell is working hard to strengthen and reform early childhood education, improve performance in elementary and secondary education and improve outcomes in higher education. She supports students by assisting with:

- Internships
- Financial Aid
- Military Academy Nominations



Congresswoman Sewell visits with students at Cedar Park Elementary School in Selma.

### Honoring America's Veterans

Congresswoman Sewell is a strong advocate for our veterans and will work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they have earned. She is working hard to help veterans and their families with:

- Benefits Assistance
- Veterans Administration Claims
- Assistance for Returning Service Members
- Disability Compensation
- Pension Assistance



Congresswoman Sewell visits with Alabama veterans.

For more information and to sign up for news, the e-newsletter and our grant guide, please visit [www.sewell.house.gov](http://www.sewell.house.gov)



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**CASEWORK SUCCESS STORY:**

Frederick C. contacted our Tuscaloosa office because he was denied disability benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from his service in the Gulf War. He continued to file claims and appeals without resolution.

Congresswoman Sewell's office worked on his claim, helping Frederick receive a favorable decision for total and permanent disability. We helped him secure a retroactive check for over \$86,000.

Contact us today so we can help you.

## Recent Grant Awards

- **January 4, 2012** – Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$17,727 to the Southwest Alabama Economic Development Association (Marengo County) to construct a 1,110-foot-long walking trail in the Dixons Mills community.
- **January 4, 2012** - Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$100,000 to Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers to construct nine miles of trail at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park.
- **December 30, 2011** - U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$132,592.00 to University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for Minority AIDS Research Initiative CFDA 93.941.
- **December 15, 2011** –Governor announces grant award of \$10,000 for the City of Irondale to the Irondale Police Department for its Violence Against Women Response program. ADECA is administering the grant from funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **December 15, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$500,755.00 to the Jefferson County Commission (Jefferson County, Alabama) for the Ryan White Title III Outpatient EIS Program.
- **December 14, 2011** – International Paper announces \$56,800 in grants to twenty-six (26) Dallas County, Alabama schools and nonprofit organizations.
- **December 2, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$1,581,273.00 to Whatley Health Services for the Health Center Cluster program.
- **November 9, 2011** – USDA Announces Seedco Financial Services, Inc. receives: \$250,000 USDA loan; \$62,500 USDA grant to capitalize a rural microloan revolving fund to make loans to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Limestone, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox counties.

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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

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

**Program:** **NEW - 21st Century Museum Professionals**

**Description:** Museum professionals need high levels of knowledge and expertise as they help create public value for the communities they serve. The purpose of the 21st Century Museum Professionals grants program is to increase the capacity of museums by improving the knowledge and skills of museum professionals in multiple institutions. These grants are intended to reach broad groups of museum professionals throughout a city, county, state, region, or the nation. The deadline is March 15, 2012.

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=1>

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**Program:** **Native American Basic Grants and Basic Grants with Education/Assessment Option**

**Description:** The Native American Library Services Basic Grant is noncompetitive and distributed in equal amounts among eligible applicants. Basic Grants are available to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services. The Education/Assessment Option is supplemental to the Basic Grants. The purpose of the Education/Assessment Option is to provide funding for library staff to attend continuing education courses and

training workshops on- or off-site, for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services, and to hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=136173>

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## **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Program:** **NEW - NEA Our Town Guidelines, FY2012**

**Description:** Art works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are engaging design and leveraging the arts to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and vibrant local economies that capitalize on existing local assets. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=MJ1dTXhFcY8f2JqzRGNz27c2hq714V5lsw2fGGVfklNCKLypyyTS!65310457?oppId=132434&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEA Challenge America Fast-Track, FY2013**

**Description:** The Challenge America Fast-Track category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. The deadline is May 24, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhnj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136713&mode=VIEW>

**Program:** **NEA GAP: Art Works, FY2013**

**Description:** The NEA's guiding principle is embodied in one sentence: "Art works." "Art works" is a noun; the creation of works of art by artists. "Art works" is a verb; art works on and within people to change and inspire them. "Art works" is a statement; arts jobs are real jobs that are part of the real economy. The deadline is March 8, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhnj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136693&mode=VIEW>

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## **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **NEW - Preservation Assistance Grants**

**Description:** Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. The deadline is May 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpCKQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=136473&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **2012 Conservation Innovation Grant Funding Opportunity**

**Description:** The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies, while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement

and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches into NRCS policy, technical manuals, guides, and references, or to the private sector. The deadline is January 31, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhnj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136755&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **Market Development Cooperator Program 2012**

**Description:** ITA requests that eligible organizations submit proposals (applications) for the fiscal year (FY) 2012 competition for MDCP awards. ITA creates economic opportunity for U.S. workers and firms by promoting international trade and investment, strengthening industry competitiveness, and ensuring fair trade. The deadline is February 12, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhnj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136413&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Field Initiated Projects Program (Research) CFDA Number 84.133G-1**

**Description:** The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is 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. The deadline is March 5, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=y9WbPF1Sm2vmd613hdd1T7pQt60jYGcPnKGzJhTNG20Bhpy50Gk1!-102435184?oppId=136813&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **NEW - Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) Transition Grants Second Release**

**Description:** State CHIP programs are required to develop a prospective payment system (PPS) or an alternative payment methodology (APM) agreed to by the FQHCs and RHCs to pay for these services.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QXZ8PTLPnQtw7KgB0wYMMQThrCCk9GXk9bC1QH97GJklgQpvZZjv!-1890905838?oppId=137553&mode=VIEW>

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**U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development**

**Program:** **NEW - Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

**Description:** Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their "Transformation Plan" to redevelop the neighborhood. HUD is focused on directing resources to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-up income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term; 2. People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety employment, mobility, and education and 3. Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-up income neighborhoods with

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

**Website:**

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

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**Program:** **NEW - Housing Counseling Training Program**

**Description:** Funds are available to provide, under cooperative agreements with HUD, training activities designed to improve and standardize the quality of counseling provided by housing counselors employed by “participating agencies.” The deadline is February 7, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpC-KQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137033&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **NEW - BJA FY 12 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

**Description:** BJA is accepting applications for FY 2012 grants to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. The deadline is March 8, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpC-KQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137273&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) National Law Enforcement Survivor Support**

**Description:** The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), PSOB Office, and local, state, tribal, and federal public safety agencies and national organizations to provide Death, Disability, and Education Benefits to those eligible for the program. The deadline is February 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/4909661-Public-Safety-Officers-Benefits-PSOB-National-Law-Enforcement-Survivor-Support/>

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**Program:** **BJA FY 12 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program**

**Description:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program (CBP) supports BJA's Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) by seeking a provider(s) to deliver resources and services to unfunded, eligible JMHCP applicants. The deadline is March 12, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhnj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136417&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **BJA FY 12 Protecting Public Health, Safety and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy: The Intellectual Property Theft Enforcement Program**

**Description:** The Intellectual Property Theft Enforcement Program, administered by BJA, is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address intellectual property criminal enforcement,

including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. The deadline is March 2, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TPqGPGqPd1QJhvj8LvFJ4THXGwGR7mN2s1Nn9R1J1SLrGxwj8ytf!1302121408?oppId=136419&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **Workforce Innovation Fund**

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

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135594&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Program:** **Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Multi-Purpose Pilot Grants**

**Description:** EPA is piloting a new grant program that will provide a single grant to an eligible entity for both assessment and cleanup work at a specific brownfield site. Only applicants who have received an EPA Brownfields grant in 2003 or later are eligible to apply for the Multi-purpose pilot grant. Applicants who received a brownfields grant prior to 2003 are not eligible to apply. The deadline is February 10, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135537&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **NEW - Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Blue Water Project Leadership Grants**

**Description:** Grants range from \$25,000 to \$500,000 and focus on watershed protection and/or access to safe drinking water. Apply by February 3, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=69205.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Disney Friends for Change Grants**

**Description:** Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Apply by February 29, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=87496.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Grant Program and \$1,000 Award**

**Description:** Each year, Bonnie Plants distributes free cabbage plants to 3rd graders across the country to foster an interest in gardening and the environment. As part of the program, Bonnie gives a \$1,000 award to one student in each state. Register your class by February 1, 2012

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=68732.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Planet Connect Wildlife Conservation Grants**

**Description:** Environmental solutions for the future can begin with you! Whether you're in a city, rural area or a suburb, wildlife is all

around you. In many places, that wildlife faces challenges. If you're a high school student with a creative idea for conserving and protecting wildlife, Planet Connect is offering grants of \$1,000 to implement projects and participate in a local internship focused on wildlife conservation or natural resources. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93631.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program**

**Description:** The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support to high school students seeking educational summer experiences they otherwise could not afford. Apply by March 1, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=99687.0.0.37934>

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## Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

### Scholarship Websites:

#### Alabama Scholarships

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

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

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

#### Fast Web

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

#### Merit Aid

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

#### Student Aid Programs

Website: <http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm>

#### Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

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**Alabama Student Assistance Program**

Website: <http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp>

**200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

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

**G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program**

Website: <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

**College Scholarships.org**

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

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**Section V RESOURCES**

**Hands On Birmingham**

Volunteer opportunities are set for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 16, 2012, which is the official federal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader. Volunteers can contact Hands On Birmingham to sign up for projects at:

Website: [www.handsonbirmingham.org/MLK](http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/MLK)

**The King Legacy of Service**

The Corporation for National and Community Service MLK Day Legacy of Service videos feature civil rights luminaries Congressman John Lewis, Ruby Bridges, Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, and former U.S. Senator Harris Wofford remembering Dr. King and his legacy of service. The PSAs remind us of the importance of keeping Dr. King's legacy of service alive and challenge us to make service a part of our everyday lives.

Website: <http://mlkday.gov/>

**Martin Luther King Day of Service – January 16, 2012**

Website: <http://mlkday.gov/>

**MLK - The Spirit of Service – Curriculum for Grades 3-5 – Service**

Website: <http://www.scholastic.com/MLKDay/>

**SBA - Search for Business Loans, Grants and Financing**

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/search-business-loans-grants-and-financing>

## **U.S. Department of Transportation Selects Seedco Financial to Provide Small Business Loans**

**Website:** <http://www.seedcofinancial.org/press-releases/?id=642>

**Police Grants Help 101 --** Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project.

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

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

## **Alabama SAVES Loan Program**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is pleased to offer the state's first and only energy revolving loan program for existing industries. 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. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. 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>

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

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

## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments  
P.O. Box 2603  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662  
Phone: 256.389.0500  
Fax: 256.389.0599  
Executive Director: Keith Jones  
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission  
4200 Highway 69 North  
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990  
Fax: 205.333.2713  
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake  
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
Phone: 205.251.8139  
Fax: 205.328.3304  
Executive Director: Charles Ball  
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 2186  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Phone: 256.237.6741  
Fax: 256.237.6763  
Executive Director: Bill Curtis  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Executive Director: Tyson Howard  
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
107 Broad Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726  
Phone: 334.682.4234  
Fax: 334.682.4205  
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs  
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

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