



Guide to Grants

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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*.

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 24, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell On The State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on President Obama's State of the Union Address:

“Tonight, President Obama presented his vision and plan to grow the American economy. He set forth a four pillar plan for an economy that is “built to last,” based on American manufacturing, American energy, training for American workers and a renewal of American values. I share the President's concern that working families and middle class Americans are being left behind. I believe that government plays an essential role in building a fair society that works for everyone not just the wealthy few.

I know that we in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama cannot afford to wait. Our families, small businesses, seniors and workers deserve a lifeline now. We can all benefit when we invest in working families, everyone pays their fair share and we provide incentives for businesses to hire workers and to make things right here in America.

I applaud President Obama on his commitment to reigniting the American dream and for providing ladders of opportunity for all Americans to succeed. His plan addresses the issues critical to the constituents of my district—overcoming barriers to job creation, ending the housing foreclosure crisis, work force development, tax reform and investing in infrastructure. These are the issues that affect Alabamians and all Americans. Now is the time for Congress to set aside partisan politics and take action. I look forward to working with the President and my colleagues in Congress to implement this strategic plan to restore fairness and promote opportunity for all Americans.”

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January 23, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to January 23 Storms and Tornadoes in Alabama

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement about the tornadoes and heavy storms that devastated the state of Alabama on Monday January 23rd:

“My thoughts and prayers are with the families that lost loved ones today, and with all of the communities that suffered devastation as a result of this morning’s storms and tornadoes. For the third time in nine months, communities in Alabama have suffered damage as a result of tornadoes. Once again, the resolve and will of the people of Alabama is being challenged by a natural disaster. I am confident that the resilient spirit of Alabamians will see us through these difficult times and our communities will rebuild and recover stronger and better than before.

As we assess the magnitude of the damage in the days ahead, my office will continue to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure we are doing all we can to assist the victims as we begin the process of rebuilding.”

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January 20, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$55 Million Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD for the State of Alabama

Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Jefferson County among grant recipients

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the state of Alabama will receive \$55 million in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$16.6 million will be awarded to the City of Tuscaloosa, \$6.4 million to the City of Birmingham, and \$7.8 million to Jefferson County, all of which are located in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. This funding will enable each community to make vital repairs and improvements in infrastructure, housing, economic development projects, and emergency preparedness.

“I am delighted that HUD will provide this vitally important funding to the cities of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Jefferson County to continue to rebuild their communities. These cities are in need of funding for economic development and infrastructure renovation as a result of the April tornadoes. Alabamians are still in desperate need of relief and this funding will assist in their rebuilding and recovery efforts,” said Congresswoman Sewell.

“Last year, I personally saw the extent of the destruction left behind by several of these disasters, the hardship these communities are feeling, and the work that lies ahead,” said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. “These funds, will supplement other forms of disaster assistance to put these states and local areas on the path toward long-term recovery.”

“This funding is needed to aid in the continued rebuilding process for the City of Birmingham. The allocation will go a long way in addressing continued critical needs left in the wake of the April storms,” said Mayor William Bell. “We will not stop our efforts on a local, state and federal level until we are able to rebuild bigger and better than ever.”

“This allocation is a tremendous step in our recovery, as we begin to renew and rebuild the City of Tuscaloosa since the storms of 2011,” said Mayor Walter Maddox. “Throughout this entire process, we have realized the importance of keeping an open dialogue with our entire congressional delegation, and Congresswoman Sewell has been an amazing asset in achieving this victory for our City.”

“Given the tremendous devastation caused by last April's tornadoes, I'm very pleased with the funds that the county will be receiving,” said Jefferson County Commission President David Carrington. “The Commission sincerely appreciates the work of our representatives and senators in Washington in securing this much-needed money.”

January 18, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on H.J.Res 98, Debt Ceiling Resolution of Disapproval

WASHINGTON, DC - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement after voting against H.J.Res 98, Debt Ceiling Resolution of Disapproval:

“Today, I voted against H.J.Res 98, an unnecessary resolution that does nothing to advance the conversation of fiscal discipline, deficit reduction or job creation. Congress and the administration previously agreed on a plan last year to raise our nation’s debt limit in order to pay our bills and protect vital programs such as Medicare and Social Security. This resolution seeks to reverse all of those meaningful gains, and is nothing more than political posturing at a time when America’s middle class families, workers, children and seniors are still recovering from the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

I think we all can agree that we as a nation should take deficit reduction seriously and develop ways to reduce our country’s debt. However, allowing America to default on its obligations is simply not an option.

I am disappointed that some of my colleagues have decided to begin the New Year by playing the same political games with our fragile economy. It is my hope that as we continue into 2012, Congress can put aside partisan politics and work together on a plan that minimizes our debt, balances the federal budget and creates jobs.”

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January 18, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Introduce Director Richard Corday and Participate in Payday Lending Hearing Hosted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

BIRMINGHAM, AL – On Thursday, January 19, 2012, Rep Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) will participate in a payday lending hearing in Birmingham, sponsored by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). At the hearing, she will introduce Director Richard Corday who was recently appointed by President Obama to lead the bureau. The hearing will include testimony from consumer groups, civil rights groups, industry representatives and members of the public.

"Given these challenging economic times, many of my constituents across the 7th Congressional District of Alabama and families across this country rely upon the payday loan industry to satisfy many of their every day needs for short term cash," said Rep. Sewell. "However, there are some bad actors within this industry that operate outside of the law. These actions must quickly be addressed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Ultimately, this industry must do a better job of educating and providing more transparency about the products and services that they offer. It is my hope that the CFPB will create and implement a balanced approach to its regulation of these non bank service providers while punishing the bad actors that only seek to take advantage of our consumers."

This event is open to the public and requires an RSVP. To RSVP, email your full name to cfpb.events@cfpb.gov or call 202-435-7000.

What: CFPB Field Hearing on Payday Lending

When: Thursday, January 19, 2012

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Where: Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex

East Ballroom A

2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North

Birmingham, AL 35203

For More Information Contact: (202) 225-2665

January 18, 2012

Rep. Cassidy Follows Through on Friendly Wager with Rep. Sewell, Congratulates University of Alabama on the Floor of House of Representatives

Washington, DC – Today, as Congress begins a new session, Congressman Bill Cassidy (R-LA) made good on his friendly wager with Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL). Reps. Sewell and Cassidy wagered on the 2011 BCS National Championship football game between Alabama and LSU. Alabama won the game in a decisive 21-0 victory; and in the spirit of true sportsmanship, Rep. Cassidy donned a houndstooth hat, Alabama tie and brought congratulatory remarks which included “Roll Tide” on the Floor of the House of Representatives, as a condition of the bet to pay tribute to the Crimson Tide on their victory.

“It was a hard fought game between the top teams in the nation. I am so proud of my Crimson Tide for securing victory and bringing home the crystal trophy for the second time in three years,” said Congresswoman Sewell. “Congressman Cassidy was a great sport as he brought congratulatory remarks to the team on the House Floor. I look forward to continuing the friendly rivalry between Congressman Cassidy and myself. Roll Tide!!”

“LSU and Alabama both had great seasons. Although, I wish the outcome had been different, I congratulate Alabama on a game well played. This was a tremendous season for both teams and I look forward to a re-match next year,” said Congressman Cassidy.

Links to Floor Remarks

[Rep. Sewell Congratulates the University of Alabama on their BCS National Championship Win](#)
[Rep. Cassidy Congratulates the University of Alabama on their BCS Championship Win](#)

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January 13, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WASHINGTON, DC - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. His birthday is January 15, and the holiday will be observed on Monday, January 16.

“Today we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man who inspired our nation to unite around the common goals of love, dignity, peace and justice. The story of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama cannot be told without remembering the many sacrifices of Dr. King and civil rights leaders such as Alabama’s own, the late Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth. We should carry their lessons of courage, inspiration and fortitude with us. It is important to remember Dr. King’s legacy was not just a part of black history, but integral to the very fabric of American history.

Dr. King challenged us to embrace our shared humanity through public service, civic engagement and volunteerism. As Dr. King once said: ‘Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?’

Let us dedicate this MLK holiday to public service. In difficult times like these, volunteerism and civic engagement connect our communities and reaffirm the strength, humanity and determination of the American people.”

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF
CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL

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



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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 20, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the state of Alabama will receive \$55 million in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$16.6 million will be awarded to the City of Tuscaloosa, \$6.4 million to the City of Birmingham, and \$7.8 million to Jefferson County. This funding will enable each community to make vital repairs and improvements in infrastructure, housing, economic development projects, and emergency preparedness.
- **January 12, 2012** – Economic Development Administration awards \$189,000 to the West Alabama Regional Commission that will establish an economic development planning framework, process and strategy that supports private capital investment and job creation in the region.
- **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 CDFR 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.

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- 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

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program: **NEW – Research Opportunities in Space & Earth Sciences**

Description: This NASA Research Announcement (NRA) solicits proposals for supporting basic and applied research and technology across a broad range of Earth and space science program elements relevant to one or more of the following NASA Research Programs: Earth Science, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, and Astrophysics. The deadline is February 14, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=12hvPh0csy8LL9WXp7qnSlsD1bT6X15WZG2MrTsTSCZwcPjncg23!-2085669396?oppId=140633&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **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>

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>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **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>

National Science Foundation

Program: **NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

Description: This program makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented students demonstrating financial need, enabling them to enter the STEM workforce or STEM graduate school following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics disciplines.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=v2WRPXMGQS2LyqGH2n3RN0M Mz2ZhTzyL2rQkLWcsKzX4Gh44ybNL!-2085669396?oppId=138673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - REAP-Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements**

Description: Rural Development is announcing the acceptance of applications under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Fiscal Year 2012 for financial assistance as follows: grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grants and guaranteed loans for the

development and construction of renewable energy systems and for energy efficiency improvement projects; grants for conducting energy audits; grants for conducting renewable energy development assistance; and grants for conducting renewable energy system feasibility studies. Deadlines: for renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications the deadline is March 30, 2012. For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications the deadline is June 29, 2012; for renewable energy system feasibility study applications March 30, 2012 is the deadline; for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance applications February 21, 2012 is the deadline.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=12hvPh0csy8LL9WXp7qnSlSD1bT6X15WZG2MrTsTSCZwcPjncg23!-2085669396?oppId=140654&mode=VIEW>

Program:

NEW - Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program

Description:

Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support. The deadline is March 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JjckPg4JvC341JMW5QcKbhPNh6vdTQGhP9Tk3HvnhLjJKP2ssj2!-586801207?oppId=140333&mode=VIEW>

Program:

Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative

Description: The OREI seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research and extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. The deadline is March 9, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=v2WRPXMGS2LyqGH2n3RN0M Mz2ZhTzyL2rQkLWcsKzX4Gh44ybNL!-2085669396?oppId=138253&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants**

Description: Funding is available only to communities located in States that, based on NSDUH data from 2008-2009, are in the top quartile (25%) of either Alcohol Use in Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20 or Binge Alcohol Use in Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20. SAMHSA strongly believes that limiting eligibility to communities in these States and encouraging collaboration with the States is the best way to maximize the impact of this program on preventing underage drinking in these communities, and offers an opportunity to affect underage drinking at the State level. The deadline is March 6, 2012.

Program: **NEW - Drug Free Communities Support Program**

Description: The purpose of the DFC Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JjckPg4JvC341JMW5QcKbhPNh6vdTQGhP9Tk3HvnhlLjJKP2ssj2!-586801207?oppId=140473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D Grants for Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY)**

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit applications from organizations throughout the U.S. and its territories to provide family-centered primary medical care to women, infants, children, and youth (WICY) living with HIV/AIDS when payments for such services are unavailable from other sources. Funding is intended to improve access to primary HIV medical care for HIV-infected women, infants, children, and youth through the provision of coordinated, comprehensive, culturally and linguistically competent services. The deadline is March 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=12hvPh0csy8LL9WXp7qnSlsD1bT6X15WZG2MrTsTSCZwcPjncg23!-2085669396?oppId=138833&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Affordable Care Act - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Research Program**

Description: The MIECHV Research Program supports applied research relating to maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting services which show promise of advancing knowledge about the implementation and effectiveness of home visiting programs designed to improve life outcomes among mothers, infants, and young children. The deadline is March 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=v2WRPXMGS2LyqGH2n3RN0M Mz2ZhTzyL2rQkLWcsKzX4Gh44ybNL!-2085669396?oppId=138273&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW -The FY 2011 SAFER Application Period Opens January 30, 2012**

Description: The goal of the SAFER Grants is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, assuring communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

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

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Program: **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=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpCKQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - R6 Firearm and Bow Hunter Safety and Education Program (Section 10 Hunter Education Program) for State Fish & Game Agencies**

Description: This is funding for hunter safety programs and the development or the operation and maintenance of firearm and archery ranges. Congress saw a need for additional funds to support hunter education and shooting range development, if States were to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The deadline is August 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JjckPg4JvC341JMW5QcKbhPNh6vdTQGhP9Tk3HvnhLjJKP2ssj2!-586801207?oppId=139573&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery (CBOB)**

Description: Every day, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers engage in exceptional acts of bravery while in the line of duty. Often, such acts place the officers involved at personal risk of injury or result in their sustaining a physical injury. To honor these acts of bravery, Congress passed the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-298), creating the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery and the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. The act establishes an award to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. The deadline is February 15, 2012.

Website:

<https://badgeofbravery.ncjrs.gov/index.aspx>

Program: **NEW - Curriculum Development: Thinking for a Change 3.1: Training for Facilitators**

Description: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Academy Division is seeking applications for the development of a competency-based, blended modality training curriculum that will provide corrections professionals with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to

facilitate offender groups using the Thinking for a Change(T4C) 3.1 curriculum. The deadline is February 10, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JjckPg4JvC341JMW5QcKbhPNh6vdTQGhP9Tk3HvnhLjJKP2ssj2!-586801207?oppId=139753&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpCKQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137273&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Dogs Against Drugs/ Dogs Against Crime**

Description: DAD/DAC provides grants to officers for purchasing highly-trained special purpose dogs and related training equipment and supplies and to provide training for the officer and/or dog. As part of our program, we also conduct working/training seminars for K-9 officers on numerous topics related to police service dogs. Many police departments also contact us for assistance with information on training, equipment, recent case law and other resources for canine operations.

Website:

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/3164491-Dogs-Against-Drugs-Dogs-Against-Crime/>

Program: **NEW - The Office Depot Foundation**

Description: The Office Depot Foundation awards grants to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families, and to support civic organizations and activities that serve community needs. Grants range from \$50 to \$3,000, though most are in the vicinity of \$1,000 and are supported by in-kind donations when inventory allows. If you are a 501(c) (3) organization, school or library, you may be eligible for a cash donation from the Office Depot Foundation.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93133.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Turfmutt Spruce Up Your School**

Description: This is an opportunity for a \$5,000 grant to help make your school's play area more eco-friendly and green by adding trees, shrubbery and more! Two runners up will receive "Green Packs" – complete with eco-friendly, TurfMutt-branded school supplies for the whole classroom! Enter once a day, every day to increase your chance of winning! Submissions must be made by a teacher of grades K-5. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=99646.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Community Giving Through the BBVA Compass Foundation**

Description: The BBVA Compass Foundation demonstrates our support to the communities where we have a presence. The Foundation provides charitable grants to qualified nonprofit organizations – a long and proud tradition of the many banks that came together to create the company we are today.

Website:

Program: **NEW - Ashoka Changemakers Invites Global Entries for Activating Empathy: Transforming Schools to Teach What Matters**

Description: Ashoka Changemakers has announced the launch of Activating Empathy: Transforming Schools to Teach What Matters, a global competition seeking solutions that help young people learn and practice empathy in school so they are equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=367800002

Program: **\$500 Do Something Seed Grant**

Description: Young people age 25 and under who are working to start a community action project or program are eligible to apply for a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant. One winner is chosen every week. Do Something Seed Grants are targeted toward project ideas and programs that are just getting started. These grants can be used to jump-start a program or to realize ideas for the first time.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93136.0.0.37934>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Program: **NEW - American Legacy Foundation Invites Applications for Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship Program**

Description: The American Legacy Foundation, which works to reduce tobacco use among priority populations in the United States, is accepting applications for the Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications. The foundation prioritizes populations that are disproportionately targeted by the tobacco industry, or that lack the tools and resources to combat smoking in their communities. The deadline is April 30, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=365100018

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama.

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

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>

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>

Section V RESOURCES

Disaster Recovery Assistance - 2-1-1 Connects Alabama

This service provides all people in Alabama with free access to community resources through information and referral (I&R). This access includes personal assistance by telephone and online through a searchable database of services.

Website: <http://www.211connectsalabama.org/>

Resources for Tornado Victims and Ways to Help

Website: <http://bplolinenews.blogspot.com/2012/01/resources-for-tornado-victims-and-ways.html>

Unemployment Assistance Available to Those Who Lost Jobs Due to Severe Weather

Individuals who need to file a claim for unemployment should do so by calling 1-866-234-5382 or by visiting the Department of Industrial Relation's (DIR's) website at www.dir.alabama.gov

Alabama Red Cross Shelters Consolidate

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 25, 2012— The following two American Red Cross shelters remain open for those affected by the tornadoes who need a place to stay:

- First Baptist Church of Center Point - 1945 Center Point Parkway, Center Point, AL
- Clay Community Center – 6415 Clay-Palmerdale Road, Clay, AL

You can help people affected by disasters like tornadoes as well as countless crises at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. Visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

FEMA Assistance

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm>

Hands on Birmingham

Website: http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/HOC_Affiliate_Home_Page

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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

Project Blessings

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

Legal Services Alabama

If you were affected by the 2011 Alabama Tornadoes and need legal help, call Legal Services Alabama at 1-866-456-4995.

Project SHARE

Project SHARE provides emergency assistance to our elderly and disabled neighbors who need help with their energy bills. How does Project SHARE work? Clients in need apply for Project SHARE assistance at the American Red Cross office in their county.

Website:

<https://customerservice.southerncompany.com/ProjectShare/ProjectShare.aspx?mnuOpco=apc&mnuType=res>

Volunteerism in Alabama

Alabamians are generous and caring people who are quick to lend a hand. Volunteering is an opportunity that is available to everyone, regardless of age, economic status, or ability. Volunteers can solve problems, strengthen communities, connect to others and transform lives. Make a difference in your community and become a volunteer. To learn more about volunteering in Alabama please visit www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/AL. For volunteer opportunities now in your community, dial 211.

SBA - Search for Business Loans, Grants and Financing

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

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

Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

Website:

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
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Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
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1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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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
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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

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Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon

Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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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

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

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2207 Gateway Drive

Opelika, Alabama 36801
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Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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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
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For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

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Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Website: www.eccinfo.org

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The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
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Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
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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
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