



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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Recent News

November 16, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Passage of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act

Washington DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) issued the following statement after voting in favor of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act—legislation that will put veterans to work, create jobs for America’s men and women in uniform, and strengthen our nation’s economy:

“Today I voted in favor of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act. Our service men and women put their lives on the line every day to defend our free society. They deserve the opportunity for good jobs and decent wages once returning home. The VOW to Hire Heroes Act will help America in fulfilling its commitment to provide the benefits our men and women in uniform have earned.

We as Americans can now welcome our service men and women back into our communities as workers, small business owners and entrepreneurs. We must serve our service members as well as they have served us.”

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act is part of President Obama’s American Jobs Act. The bill would expand employment opportunities for our veterans by creating Hiring Heroes and Wounded Warriors tax credits to encourage businesses to hire returning service members and those with service-related disabilities. It also incorporates proposals to boost hiring for veterans and provide them with the training they need to find a job in civilian life.

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November 10, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell In Observance of Veterans Day

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement in recognition of Veterans Day. The holiday will be observed on Friday, November 11.

“Today, we honor the commitment, sacrifice and service of our veterans who risked their lives to protect America and the freedoms we cherish. We owe our country’s safety and its liberties to their courage. As we remember our veterans, we also honor the brave men and women who are currently serving in our armed forces. Our thoughts and prayers are with those left behind by our soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by giving their lives in the line of duty.

On this Veterans Day, let us recommit ourselves to honoring the memory and service of America’s veterans. Truly honoring those who've served and are currently serving is about more than just words. It's about how we honor the men and women who gave their lives to defend our freedom and how we treat our service members and veterans every single day of the year. We must make sure that our veterans and our service members have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving them as well as they've served the United States of America.

As many of us spend this Veterans Day weekend with our families and loved ones, let us not forget what this time is truly about, paying special tribute to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve our safety and security. Let us never forget that we have the precious gift of freedom because of the dedication and courage of those who serve and have served.”

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November 9, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on Jefferson County’s Decision to File for Chapter Nine Bankruptcy

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Sewell issued the following statement after the Jefferson County Commission voted to file for Chapter Nine Bankruptcy:

“Today, the Jefferson County Commission voted collectively to come to a resolution so that Jefferson County can move forward from this difficult situation. There are no easy solutions to the dire sewer debt crisis and the Jefferson County Commission was faced with a very tough decision. Like many, I had hoped that this situation would not result in a default. Our concern must be for the effect on the people we represent. I know that the Jefferson County Commission came to the decision they believe is in the best interests of Jefferson County. In these trying economic times, cities and counties in the State of Alabama and across this nation are feeling the economic pain. Many have been forced to rethink and reevaluate their financial priorities and fiscal obligations. I believe that by working together Jefferson County will emerge from this challenge stronger and more economically viable. As a Member of Congress and Representative of the 7th Congressional District which includes Jefferson County, I will continue to work hard every day to strengthen economic development and promote policies that will help local governments, businesses and families succeed.”

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November 4, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Announcement that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Has Awarded \$1 Million to Build an Affordable Housing Development in Selma

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the announcement that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta has awarded a \$1 million grant to an affordable housing development in Selma:

“I applaud the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta for awarding the Woodbine Community Organization \$1 million to develop housing development for low-income seniors in Selma. Having access to affordable housing is important for so many people across the 7th Congressional District. It is critically important that seniors in the Black Belt have access to clean, safe and affordable housing, and this new development will be a vital component of ensuring that,” said Rep. Sewell.

The grant was awarded through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta’s Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The Bank has committed \$4.9 million in low-cost funds to support community economic and affordable housing initiatives in Alabama. The Woodbine Community Organization, a non-profit organization that specializes in housing solutions, financial counseling and community revitalization, will use the funds for the Hallmark Selma project, which will be a 56-unit development targeted to low-income seniors in Selma, AL.

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November 3, 2011

Congresswoman Sewell Signs on to Letter to Secretaries of State on Voting Rights

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) joined her Democratic colleagues in the House of Representatives in signing a letter that will be sent to all Secretaries of State expressing concerns that election legislation and the administration of elections have recently become more subject to partisanship in an effort to gain a political edge. The letter asks the Secretaries of State to put partisan considerations aside and serve as advocates for full voting rights for all.

“The voter ID legislation being passed in Alabama and states across this country discourages and delays full voter participation. Voter ID laws have a disproportionate and unfair impact on low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minority voters, senior citizens, voters with disabilities and others. It is our obligation as legislators to work to ensure that all American citizens are given the opportunity to express their opinions by using the ballot box. The government should be in the business of encouraging not discouraging voters. In protecting my constituents in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, I will continue to work vigilantly to ensure that state voter ID laws truly protect and not suppress our voters,” said Rep. Sewell.

A copy of the letter is below:

Dear Secretary _____

We are writing to you to express our collective concern that the bipartisan consensus and partnership between all levels of government, which for decades has been a central principle of election administration, is deteriorating.

Beginning with the passage of the Voting Rights Act, Congress and election officials across the country have worked on a bipartisan basis to open our democracy to all our citizens. Removing unnecessary barriers to voting was a cause shared across party lines. Sometimes, these efforts were directed at laws and practices that were intentionally created to deny citizens their right to vote. Other times, the laws or practices were relics of a prior era and served no continuing purpose.

As a result of these efforts, the franchise was effectively extended to all our citizens. Age, race, disability, language and military service were no longer impediments to voting. Outdated voting equipment, inaccessible voting sites and living abroad no longer deprived individuals of their right to vote. And these changes were made while putting into place safeguards against fraud.

No progress would have been possible without bipartisan support. There was a shared view that seeking partisan advantage at the expense of fellow citizens' voting rights was fundamentally wrong. It diminished our democracy and undermined its legitimacy.

But a disturbing trend is emerging. Election legislation and administration appear to be increasingly the product of partisan plays. Election officials are seen as partisan combatants, rather than stewards of our democracy. It is critical for our democracy that this does not continue. Voting hours, voting sites, identification requirements, voter registration regulation and access to mail ballots should not be used as weapons to achieve a preferred electoral outcome.

We are asking you, as front line participants in this process, to put partisan considerations aside and serve as advocates for enfranchisement. Critical to your role is the fair presentation and evaluation of the costs and benefits associated with any proposed change in election administration. We ask that you be vigilant in protecting against fraud but equally vigilant in protecting the franchise for all our citizens. History has taught us that our democracy has suffered far more from elected officials who chose to deny some of our citizens the opportunity to vote than from any other cause. There is no greater threat to our democracy than a diminished belief that the rules are fair and fairly administered.

Whether it is an elderly woman unable to locate her birth certificate for purposes of establishing her U.S. citizenship on election day or a college student whose school-issued identification is not among the IDs deemed acceptable for voting or a disabled veteran whose local polling place has not yet been made accessible, public officials on all levels of government should be striving to facilitate their right to vote, not make it more difficult.

We stand willing and ready to work in a bipartisan manner with our Republican counterparts in the U.S. Congress, as well as with state and local officials across the country, to guarantee to every citizen the right to vote and the certainty that every citizen's vote will be counted.

Sincerely,

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October 28, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Court Approval of the Settlement of the Black Farmers Lawsuit

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement about the court approval of the \$1.25 billion settlement of the black farmers case:

“I am delighted to hear of the federal court’s approval of the settlement in the black farmers case. For decades, black farmers were unjustly denied farm loans and subjected to longer waits for loan approval. With this ruling, we move one step closer to closing an unfortunate chapter in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s civil rights history.

This settlement is important to so many farmers in the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, and will provide an infusion of funds into some of the poorest areas of this nation. This process has taken far too long and these farmers deserve justice now. As we move forward with the fair and equitable distribution of this money, it is my hope that the affected farmers and their families will promptly be made whole.”

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October 26, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Announcement that DaVita Dialysis Has Been Approved to Build a New Dialysis Center in Marion

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement in response to the announcement that DaVita Dialysis has been approved by the State of Alabama to open a dialysis center in Marion, Alabama:

“I am delighted to hear that DaVita Dialysis has been approved to build a dialysis center in Marion. The work that DaVita Dialysis does is so important to the lives of so many families in the 7th Congressional District. It is critically important that my constituents in the Black Belt and all across my district have access to dialysis services, and DaVita is a vital component of ensuring that. Their nine centers in my district serve more than 700 people, and enable them to maintain their lives. This new center in Marion will help DaVita reach even more of my constituents who need access to their much needed dialysis services.

Every person in Alabama and America deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare, whether you live in a city or a small town. I am honored to be a part of a partnership that is going to help strengthen access to and delivery of healthcare in the 7th Congressional District.”

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Recent Grant Awards

- **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 the targeted, high-poverty counties of Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Limestone, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox.
- **October 28, 2011** - USDA Announces Economic Development Funding for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund: \$191,504 grant to provide technical assistance, training and other business development services to minority farmers, ranchers, fisherman and rural communities throughout Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to help develop new cooperatives and credit unions.
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$13,785 for Hidden History of the Moundville Plaza, Hale County to the University of Alabama
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,340 for Red Mountain Greenway & Recreational Area Commission for Red Mountain Park Archaeology Program, Jefferson County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,785 for the Fort Tombecbe Archaeological Project, Sumter County to the University of West Alabama
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute for Operations Support, Dallas County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for the Concord Cemetery Association for Concord Cemetery Preservation Project, Hale County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for Liberty Cemetery - April 27 Tornado Recovery, Hale County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for Oak Hill Memorial Association for Oak Hill Cemetery Restoration Project, Jefferson County

- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for Bryce Hospital Cemetery Ground Penetrating Radar, Tuscaloosa County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to Auburn University Foundation for Rural Studio for Chantilly House Restoration, Hale County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$5,170 to Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark for Sloss Boiler Roofs Preservation Project, Jefferson County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to Birmingham Landmarks, Inc. \$15,880 for the roof for the Alabama Theatre, Jefferson County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Vulcan Park Foundation \$15,880 for Vulcan Interior Tower Preservation and Restoration, Jefferson County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Sumter County Historical Society for the Cedarwood Historic Restoration, Sumter County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$11,935 to Dale Lodge #251847 Lodge Restoration, Wilcox County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$9,530 to the University of Alabama for Historic Buildings Survey of Bayview, Jefferson County
- **October 5, 2011** – Clarke County - Coffeeville Utilities Board – USDA loan of \$559,000 and award of \$399,000 for water system improvements
- **October 5, 2011** – Clarke County - City of Thomasville – USDA loan of \$3,500,000 and award of \$1,500,000 for water system improvements
- **October 4, 2011** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$200,000 in Rural Development Funding for Sumter and Greene Counties – USDA award for rural development projects.

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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

Community Development Financial Institutions

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Native American CDFI Assistance Program**

Description: Through the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program, the CDFI Fund provides Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance grants to Native CDFIs; and Technical Assistance grants to entities that will become or will create a Native CDFI. The deadline is January 18, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLByzM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!-1135953825?oppId=130673&mode=VIEW>

Program: **FY 2012 CDFI Program - Financial Assistance & Technical Assistance Awards**

Description: Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides: (i) Financial Assistance (FA) awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG RnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129833&mode=VIEW>

Institute for Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW - Connecting to Collections Statewide Implementation Grants**

Description: The Connecting to Collections Statewide Implementation Grants fund projects that implement the plans or models created through IMLS Connecting to Collections Statewide Planning Grants. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=5>

Program: **Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**

Description: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture are intended to enhance institutional capacity and sustainability through professional training, technical assistance, internships, outside expertise, and other tools. Successful proposals will focus on one or more of the following three goals: (1) developing or strengthening knowledge, skills, and other expertise of current staff at African American museums; (2) attracting and retaining professionals with the skills needed to strengthen African American museums; and (3) attracting new staff to African American museum practice and providing them with the expertise needed to sustain them in the museum field.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG RnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129433&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW - NEA Literature Fellowships: Poetry, FY2013**

Description: The Arts Endowment's support of a project may begin any time between January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014, and extend for up to two years. Grant Program Description: The NEA Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable the recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130713&mode=VIEW>

Program: **National Arts Initiative Invites Letters of Inquiry for Art-Centered Community Development Projects**

Description: Eleven private philanthropies have joined with the National Endowment for the Arts and a number of federal agencies to establish ArtPlace, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization with a new investment model that puts the arts at the center of economic development. Each project supported by ArtPlace was selected for developing a new model of helping communities thrive by strategically integrating artists and arts organizations into key local efforts in transportation, housing, community development, job creation, and other areas.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=357900029

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Summer Seminars and Institutes**

Description: These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3VTqTGTW00GTyF2w2jbStGqn1s36pLs3mf3cqD2TMJpj4ypp5kJv!1890905838?oppId=130496&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Landmarks of American History and Culture**

Description: The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and other related subjects in the humanities. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130495&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Challenge Grants for Two-Year Colleges**

Description: Promotion of the Humanities Challenge Grants for two year colleges and community colleges.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmmfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=129473&mode=VIEW>

National Institute of Corrections

Program: **Production of Five Live Satellite/Internet Broadcasts**

Description: Funds will be made available for the production of a minimum of five live satellite/Internet broadcasts. All of the proposed satellite/Internet programs are three-hour nationwide broadcasts.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWT1QTXfmmfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=130053&mode=VIEW>

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW - NSF Informal Science Education Grants**

Description: "Informal" science education (ISE) experiences are those that occur outside formal school settings. Americans spend more than 80% of lifetime waking hours outside schools, and potentially have access to a vast array of learning resources, experiences and educators. Moreover, mobile media and social networks have increased educational possibilities to create a global learning environment accessible by learners of all ages. The deadline is January 12, 2012.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=97569.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Partnerships for Innovation**

Description: National prosperity today is more dependent on research and technology advances and since the product development cycle in all industrial sectors is more rapid than before, NSF's role of supporting discovery research across all fields of science and engineering is closer and more relevant to economic development at this time than at any time in our past. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130593&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Smart Health and Wellbeing**

Description: Through the Smart Health and Wellbeing (SHB) Program, NSF seeks to address fundamental technical and scientific issues that would support much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on wellbeing rather than disease. The deadline is February 6, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLByzM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!1135953825?oppId=130533&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to compete for financial assistance through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program (OASDFR). This program will assist community-based organizations, higher education institutions and eligible tribal entities in providing outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The overall goal of the OASDFR Program is to assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner in owning and operating farms, ranches and non-industrial forest lands while increasing their participation in agricultural programs provided by USDA. The deadline is December 21, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=J53JTFQV4vr0mmcsPTwnTD1snkwk2j1hYSGSQDJPHcsDhB11JfpV!-1135953825?oppId=131193&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): High School Equivalency Program (HEP) CFDA Number 84.141**

Description: Migrant Education High School Equivalency Program helps migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their immediate family obtain a GED, assists with postsecondary education or training and/or gain employment.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmmfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=130173&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **Support of Advanced Coal Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities**

Description: University coal research to (1) improve our understanding of the chemical and physical processes involved in the conversion and utilization of coal in an environmentally acceptable manner; (2) to maintain and upgrade the coal research capabilities and facilities of U.S. colleges and universities; and (3) to support the education & training of our next generation of scientist and engineers.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmmfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=129974&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Health Care Innovation Challenge**

Description: This initiative will fund applicants who propose compelling new models of service delivery/payment improvements that hold the promise of delivering the three-part aim of better health, better

health care, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees. The deadline is January 27, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLByzM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!-1135953825?oppId=130614&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Area Health Education Centers**

Description: The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs consist of interdisciplinary, community-based, primary care training programs wherein academic and community-based leaders work to improve the distribution, diversity, supply, and quality of health personnel, particularly primary care personnel in the health care services delivery system and more specifically in delivery sites in rural and other underserved areas. The deadline is February 12, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLByzM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!-1135953825?oppId=130613&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research on the implications of exogenous shocks, such as those produced by the recent economic downturn, for health, economic circumstances, and planning throughout the life-cycle.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynOKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmmnfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=130134&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **NEW - Study of the U.S. Institutes for Women Student Leaders on Women's Leadership**

Description: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions from accredited U.S. colleges and universities for the design and implementation of two studies of the United States Institutes for Women Student Leaders on Women's Leadership.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQKGRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmmfQgqWz!-1135953825?oppId=130013&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - Enhance Awareness of Transportation and Transportation Careers**

Description: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests applications for assistance to result in the award of a cooperative agreement with a recipient to inform, through electronic medium, middle school, high school, and community college students and faculties about transportation and transportation careers. The deadline is December 10, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLByzM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!-1135953825?oppId=130474&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Legacy Accepting Applications for Tobacco Control and Prevention Youth Activism Fellowship Program**

Description: Legacy, a national public health organization dedicated to building a world where young people reject tobacco and anyone can quit, is accepting applications for its Youth Activist Fellowship program. The fellowship is an eighteen-month national leadership development program for young adults that combine leadership training, mentorship, technical assistance, and community engagement to advance tobacco control efforts. The deadline is November 30, 2011.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=I5NOUB1IWAKULLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=361300013

Program: **NEW - Gates Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Three New Grand Challenges in Global Health Grants**

Description: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Grand Challenges in Global Health has announced \$35 million in funding available through two new grant programs to expand the pipeline of ideas that can help women and children in the developing world live more prosperous and healthy lives. In addition, Grand Challenges has opened an additional \$9 million grant program to identify biomarkers of gastrointestinal function and health. The deadline is January 11, 2012.

Program: **NEW - Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant**

Description: The National Dairy Council and The National Football League have competitive funding available that provides money to help schools jumpstart and sustain healthy nutrition as well as physical activity improvements. The deadline is December 1, 2011.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/198>

Program: **NEW - Keep Gym in School: Physical Education Program Grant 2012 Grant**

Description: NFL network is looking for those life-changing PE teachers leading the fight against childhood obesity. The deadline is December 31, 2011.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/197>

Program: **NEW - Temper of the Times Foundation Grants**

Description: The Temper of the Times Foundation provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the US. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Applications must be submitted via email by December 15, 2011.

Website:
<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=86541.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant**

Description: This grant will provide 50 youth programs with basic tools and supplies to begin a vegetable garden. Recipients are expected to use the gardens to teach nutrition and respect for diverse cultures. The deadline is January 9, 2012

Website:
<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93224.0.0.37934>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Are you a veteran and do you want to go back to school? — VA pays benefits to eligible Veterans, reservists and active duty service members while they are in an approved education or training program. The new Post 9/11 GI Bill could be for you!

Website: <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

Scholarship Websites:

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>

Alabama Scholarships

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

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

Book Bonanza for the Black Belt

Are you a school librarian in the Black Belt region of Alabama? Do you want to receive over \$1000 worth of FREE new books for your library collection? Participate in the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt program and free books could be filling your shelves very soon!

Apply by December 2nd, 2011 to Dr. Jamie C. Naidoo at jcnaidoo@slis.ua.edu with

the following information:

- Name of School Librarian and Contact Information (including phone number and email)
- Name of School
- School Enrollment
- Grade Levels Served by the School
- Size of Current School Library Collection
- Average Date of Books in the Library's Collection
- Critical Need Book Type: Picture Book, Novel, Informational
- Indicate If the Library Serves Spanish-Speaking Students (include enrollment information)
- Explain Why Your School Library Should Be Chosen

Please be sure to put "Book Bonanza" in the email



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

Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program

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- *Seedco Financial in Alabama Selected as Partner to Provide Short-Term Loans*
- *Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program*
- *Loans Up to \$750,000 to Qualified Small Businesses*

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

National Call Center for Veterans

The VA has founded a National Call Center for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, that provides free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. Call 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838) or Chat Live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Women Veterans

Women are the fastest growing group within the Veteran population? Each VA facility has a Women Veterans Program Manager.

Website: <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/womenvets.asp>

Center for Minority Veterans

The Center is dedicated to ensuring that all veterans are aware of benefits, services, and programs offered by VA.

Website: <http://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

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 Incentives: Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division developed the Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program to increase the availability and use of biodiesel blends in school buses and state fleet vehicles.

Website: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C17/ATF/default.aspx>

Alabama Incentives: Biofuel Production Facility Tax Credit

Companies that invest in the development of a biofuel production facility may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 5% of the capital costs of the project. Companies may claim this credit against the state income tax or the financial institution excise tax liability that the project generates each year for up to 20 years. For the purposes of the credit, biofuel is defined as a motor vehicle fuel that is produced from grain, starch, oilseeds, vegetable, algae, animal, or fish materials including fats, greases and oils, sugarcane, sugar beets, sugar components, tobacco, potatoes, and lignocellulosic or other biomass. To be eligible for the tax credit, the capital costs of the production facility must be at least \$2,000,000 if the facility is not located in a favored geographic area and \$500,000 if the facility is located in a favored geographic area. A favored geographic area is defined as an area or county that is designated as an enterprise zone or that the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations considers to be less developed.

Website: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/laws/laws/AL>

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. 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>

www.alabamasaves.com

Alabama Capital Access Program; Alabama Loan Guarantee Program; and the Alabama Loan Participation Program

The State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall. Alabama officials are expected to use the grant money to help create new private sector jobs and spur additional small-businesses lending in that state. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will manage the grants.

Website:

<http://www.examiner.com/political-buzz-in-birmingham/feds-offer-alabama-help-using-grants>

<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sb-programs/Pages/ssbci.aspx>

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

Alabama homeowners who have been declared eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits may apply. To qualify, applicants must have a total annual household income of less than \$75,740, and the unpaid principal balance on their home's mortgages must be less than \$258,690. Due to the overwhelming response Hardest Hit has received, please allow up to 6 weeks for Processing of your application. Storm victims who have been unable to return to work following the April tornadoes may be eligible for increased assistance of up to 18 consecutive monthly payments, or \$25,000, through Hardest Hit Alabama.

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

<http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/faqsHHA.html>

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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/searpcd/searpcd.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.eccinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: kn Nielsen@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
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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>