



Guide to Grants

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell
Proudly Representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District



Dec 2, 2011

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>.

Upcoming Event

- “Meet & Greet” with Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on December 3rd in Selma starting at 10:30 am at The Coffee Shoppe located at 308 Broad Street in Selma, Alabama

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**You are cordially invited to attend a
“Meet & Greet”
with
Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell**



Saturday, December 3, 2011

***At approximately 10:30 a.m.-Immediately following the
Selma-Dallas County Annual Christmas Parade**

At the

The Coffee Shoppe

308 Broad Street, Selma, AL

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF
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Dear Friend,

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

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

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

Warmly,

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

Standing Up for Alabama Workers

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

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



Protecting Our Seniors

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

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



Helping Our Students

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

- Internships
- Financial Aid
- Military Academy Nominations



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

Honoring America's Veterans

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

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



Congresswoman Sewell visits with Alabama veterans.

For more information and to sign up for news, the e-newsletter and our grant guide, please visit www.sewell.house.gov



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INSIDE

Congresswoman Sewell talks with constituents about available resources after the tornado disaster. From the top: Sewell holds a town hall meeting at the First Union Bank in Birmingham.

Serving Alabama Families

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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.

November 22, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's Failure to Reach an Agreement

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction announced that they have failed to reach a bipartisan agreement:

“I am very disappointed the Deficit Reduction Committee was unable to reach an agreement.

It is disheartening that some of my colleagues are putting politics before our economy and holding the financial stability and fiscal future of this nation hostage. Our constituents sent us here to help solve America's problems not to create more of them. My constituents in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama sent me here to help make their lives better not to create fear and instability.

Despite the failure of the Super Committee, a bipartisan effort is still needed. In order to bring stability and certainty to our economy and avoid catastrophic consequences, we must come together on a long-term agreement so we can reduce our deficit, protect hard-working middle class families, children and seniors and ensure we pay our nation's bills. Time is of the essence, and America deserves much better than this.”

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November 21, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Approval of Alabama’s Redistricting Plan by the U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC— Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement regarding the Department of Justice’s approval of Alabama’s redistricting plan:

“Today, The Department of Justice approved Alabama's congressional redistricting plan. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the newly drawn district. Regardless of how the congressional lines have been drawn, my job will remain the same. I will continue to listen to and be a voice for the people of my district, and promote policies in Washington that encourage job creation, strengthen economic development and protect the interests of my constituents. The families, seniors and children of the 7th Congressional District deserve nothing less. I am honored to represent them in Congress and I look forward to continuing to work hard for them each day.”

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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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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 - Coffeerville 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

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Program: **NEW - Second Chance Act Demonstration Field Experiment: Fostering Desistance through Effective Supervision**

Description: The Second Chance Act (SCA) of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. The Second Chance Act helps to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPpz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=131994&mode=VIEW>

Economic Development Administration

Program: **FY 2012 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs Opportunity**

Description: EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Specifically, under the FFO, EDA will consider construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund

investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131493&mode=VIEW>

Institute for Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW - Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums**

Description: The Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums are a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants program. These small grants encourage libraries, museums, and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPpz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=132233&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - National Leadership Grants**

Description: National Leadership Grants support projects that address challenges faced by the museum, library, and/or archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful proposals will seek innovative responses to the challenge(s) identified in the proposals, and will have national impact.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=14H6TWYfwmQTZf3FSCnyLpKJD0p1hy19ny1Jyyp7Gh04yppYmNGn!65310457?oppId=132254&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Arts

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

Description: The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on September 1, 2012, or any time thereafter. A grant period of up to two years is allowed. Grant Program 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.

Website:

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

Program: **NEA Your Town Program Solicitation, FY2012**

Description: The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to coordinate all Your Town activities nationally. Your Town aims to enhance the quality of life and economic viability of rural areas primarily through workshops where community participants address specific planning and design issues with experts in the planning, design, and related fields.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqSCMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131674&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW -Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities**

Description: These NEH grants support national or regional (multistate) training programs for scholars and advanced graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=14H6TWYfwmQTZf3FSCnyLpKJD0p1hy19ny1Jyyp7Gh04yppYmNGn!65310457?oppId=131573&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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>

National Science Foundation

Program: **Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry**

Description: Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) promotes university-industry partnerships by making project funds or fellowships/traineeships available to support an eclectic mix of industry-university linkages. Proposals are accepted at anytime.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131474&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers Program**

Description: The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) program develops long-term partnerships among industry, academe, and government. The centers are catalyzed by a small investment from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and are primarily supported by industry center members, with NSF taking a supporting role in the development and evolution of the center.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!-64218969?oppId=131673&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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: **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: **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>

President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

Program: **NEW - 2012 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards**

Description: The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the Nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. The deadline is January 30, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/202>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **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 deadline is December 21, 2011.

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology (R03)**

Description: The overarching goal of this FOA is to provide support for pilot projects, testing of new techniques, secondary analyses of existing data, development and validation of measurement methods, linkage of genetic polymorphisms with other variables related to cancer risk, and development of innovative projects for more comprehensive research in cancer etiology and epidemiology.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPpz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=131993&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Limited Competition: Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study (U19)**

Description: This limited competition FOA is to continue the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study (ADCS) as the pre-eminent Alzheimer's disease (AD) clinical trials consortium.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPfz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=131973&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) Core Centers**

Description: The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) invites applications from qualified institutions for support of Environmental Health Sciences Core Centers (EHS CC). The Centers are designed to establish leadership and support for programs of excellence in environmental health sciences by providing scientific guidance, technology, and career development opportunities for promising investigators.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPfz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=131953&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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: **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>

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Housing Counseling Program**

Description: This program supports the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. The primary objectives of the program are to improve financial literacy, expand homeownership opportunities, improve access to affordable housing and preserve homeownership.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=plJWTXhpp3rX9JJGhXhfLxkykHqvC39tQ2G3ZnD5hGZNzV9l3bLs!65310457?oppId=132413&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program**

Description: The overall goal of the Healthy Homes Technical Studies program is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for the evaluation and control of housing related health and safety hazards.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPpz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=132353&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program**

Description: The overarching purpose of the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program and the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program is to assist states, Native American Tribes, cities, counties/parishes, or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPpz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=132134&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **Urban Waters Small Grants**

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for projects that will contribute to improved water quality in urban areas. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131634&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **NEW- Portable Assistance Program**

Description: SBA seeks to make grants under the SBDC Portable Assistance Project to SBDC Lead Centers that provide services and/or develop small business assistance products that are centered on a replicable plan of action to increase small business success and viability in communities suffering economic hardship attributable to the impact of a major disaster in their service area. SBA is particularly interested in collaborative efforts (community, regional, statewide, industry sector, etc.) that may serve as best practices and models of small business assistance in areas suffering from job loss and related economic distress as a result a major disaster. The deadline is December 15, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=14H6TWYfwmQTZf3FSCnyLpKJD0p1hy19ny1Jyyp7Gh04yppYmNGn!65310457?oppId=132153&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Nominations Invited for Tech Awards Honoring Innovations Benefitting Humanity**

Description: An annual program of the Tech Museum of Innovation, the Tech Awards are designed to inspire global engagement in applying technology to humanity's most pressing problems. The awards recognize individuals, organizations, and companies from around the world that are utilizing innovative technology solutions to address urgent issues in the areas of education, equality, environment, health, and economic development. The deadline is April 1, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UHJJNPIYQTKL1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=362200041

Program: **NEW - Food Animal Concerns Trust Launches Grant Program to Help Farmers Improve Conditions for Livestock**

Description: The Food Animal Concerns Trust has announced the launch of the Healthy & Humane Farm Funds Project, a competitive microgrants initiative designed to empower livestock and poultry farmers across the United States to improve the treatment of farm animals. The deadline is April 12, 2011.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UHJJNPIYQTKL1LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=362200040

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Program: **Gates Millennium Undergraduate Scholars Program**

Description: For students entering college for the first time in the fall 2012, the GMS 2012 Scholarship Application online process is now open. GMS will select 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

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

Program: **Microsoft Scholarship Program**

Description: Microsoft is offering four different types of technical scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to current undergraduate students: General Scholarships, Women's Scholarships, Minority Scholarships, and Scholarships for Students with Disabilities. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/internships-scholarships.aspx>

Program: **2012 FFA Scholarships Now Available**

Description: Each year the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. The 2012 Scholarship application is available online from November 15, 2011 to 5:00 p.m. EST February 15, 2012.

Website:

<https://www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

Program: **Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation**

Description: Each year the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation grants scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. Forty (40) awards of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be available in 2012. The \$1,500.00 awards are for one year only. Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2011-2012. Additionally, applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale.

Website:

<http://www.taisf.org/scholar.htm>

Program: **Summer Research Diversity Fellowships in Law and Social Science for Undergraduate Students**

Description: The American Bar Foundation sponsors a program of summer research fellowships to interest undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. The summer program is designed to introduce students to the rewards and demands of a research-oriented career in the field of law and social science. The deadline is February 15, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/SummerResearchDiversityFellowshipsinLawandSocialScience.html>

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

SBA - Search for Business Loans, Grants and Financing

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

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

Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program

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

- *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.

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.hardesthitAlabama.com/>

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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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Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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Fax: 205.328.3304

Executive Director: Charles Ball

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Montgomery, Alabama 36117

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Executive Director: Tyson Howard

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Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
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Executive Director: Russ Wimberly
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

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Montgomery, Alabama 36104
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Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

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Opelika, Alabama 36801
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Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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Fax: 256.830.0843
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Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87

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

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO
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Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
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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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
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Dothan, AL 36302-1422
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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Jasper, AL 35502-0171
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