



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

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$ 4,565,580 in Funding for Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$4,565,580 was awarded to the Birmingham Airport Authority to improve two of the airport's terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

“This funding will improve the current facilities and enhance safety at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport,” said Rep. Sewell. “This funding opportunity will create jobs and ensure the safety of passengers. These are the types of funding opportunities that will make our 7th Congressional District stronger.”

"We are grateful to Congresswoman Sewell and our congressional delegation for taking a strong interest in the projects that are being undertaken at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport," said Al Denson, President and CEO, Birmingham Airport Authority. "This grant will enable us to continue Phase 2 of taxiway A rehabilitation and to construct terminal apron pavement for aircraft using future concourses A and B."

According to the project description, the project will improve safety at the airport by constructing terminal apron pavement for aircraft using concourses A and B. Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport is a small-hub primary airport associated with Birmingham, Alabama.

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Sewell Introduces Southeastern Tax Relief Act

Jun 24, 2011

WASHINGTON – Legislation to help promote the recovery of families, businesses, and local governments affected by tornadoes and severe flooding in the Southeast has been introduced in the House by a bipartisan group of 27 members from nine states. The Southeastern Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2011 would provide temporary tax relief to assist rebuilding efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. The bill is modeled on tax relief offered after previous natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and is a companion to legislation introduced by Senator Richard Shelby (AL) in the U.S. Senate.

Lead House Democratic sponsor Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7) said, “In April, tornadoes and heavy storms devastated the State of Alabama. And over the past several months, several states across this nation experienced similar devastation. Many families lost their homes and jobs while communities were devastated and even wiped out. As we continue down the long road to recovery, it is critical that we provide communities with the resources and opportunities they need to repair, rebuild, and move forward. The bipartisan disaster relief legislation that my colleagues and I introduced yesterday will help provide tax incentives for homeowners, businesses and the agriculture industry so that they can rebuild. The bill will aid communities in their effort to rebuild and strengthen infrastructure, and it will spur investment. In conjunction with the federal assistance already provided by FEMA, the Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration, this legislation will help our communities recover and come out stronger than before.”

Lead House Republican sponsor Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) said, “After meeting the emergency needs of our citizens, our next step must be to plan for economic recovery. The targeted tax relief contained in this legislation will help our families, businesses, and communities to help themselves as they rebuild after these devastating storms. We have seen a spirit of resiliency in Alabama and across the Southeast, and this is an additional way to give our citizens confidence about the future.”

The legislation would establish a temporary Southeastern disaster area in the Internal Revenue Code to designate regions affected by the severe weather. Individuals, businesses, and communities in disaster areas would be eligible for tax relief including personal losses to home property, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans, housing of displaced individuals, a low income housing credit, education tax benefits, an employee retention credit, expensing for demolition and cleanup costs, and tax exempt bond financing. The provisions in the legislation would be fully paid for by rescinding federal funds that are either unspent or uncommitted, and would not increase the national debt.

Original cosponsors of the legislation are: Spencer Bachus (AL-6), Jo Bonner (AL-1), Mo Brooks (AL-5), Russ Carnahan (MO-3), William Lacy Clay (MO-1), Tom Cole (OK-4), Rick Crawford (AZ-1), Scott DesJarlais (TN-4), John Duncan (TN-2), Steven Fincher (TN-8), Tim Griffin (AR-2), Brett Guthrie (KY-2), Gregg Harper (MS-3), Vicki Hartzler (MO-4), Walter Jones (NC-3), Billy Long (MO-7), Frank Lucas (OK-3), Alan Nunnelee (MS-1), Steven Palazzo (MS-4), Martha Roby (AL-2), Phil Roe (TN-1), Mike Rogers (AL-3), Mike Ross (AR-4), Austin Scott (GA-8), Terri Sewell (AL-7), Lynn Westmoreland (GA-4), Steve Womack (AR-3).

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FEMA Extends Disaster Assistance Registration Deadline to July 18th

People in the 43 Alabama counties designated for individual assistance after the recent storms and tornadoes have 21 more days to apply for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The new deadline to apply for help is Monday, July 18. Anyone who needs to register can call FEMA’s toll-free helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585** directly; if you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call **800-621-3362**. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and multilingual assistance is available. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through a smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=56164>

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS CLOSED ON JULY 4

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—All Alabama Disaster Recovery Centers will be closed Monday, July 4, in honor of the Fourth of July holiday. Centers will reopen Tuesday, July 5, at 7:30 a.m.

The following are the nine centers in Alabama:

Cullman County

Cullman Civic Center

510 5th St. Southwest

Cullman, Ala. 35055

Madison County

Monrovia Church of Christ

595 Nance Road

Madison, Ala. 35757

DeKalb County

Tom Bevill Center

115 Main St. West

Rainsville, Ala. 35986

Marion County

Old Indies House Plant

8741 State Highway 172

Hackleburg, Ala. 35564

Jefferson County

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
306 Avenue U, Pratt City
Birmingham, Ala. 35214

First Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove
724 4th St.
Pleasant Grove, Ala. 35127

Jefferson County Satellite Courthouse
1485 Forestdale Road
Birmingham, Ala. 35214

The centers are open 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

U.S. Small Business Administration recovery specialists at the centers can assist survivors with filling out their low-interest disaster loan applications and answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program.

Federal Emergency Management Agency recovery specialists at the centers can answer questions about FEMA housing assistance and the status of a FEMA application.

Survivors should register with FEMA before visiting a center. They may do so by calling **800-621-FEMA**. If they have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585** directly; if they use 711 or Video Relay Service, call **800-621-3362**. Online registration is available at **www.DisasterAssistance.gov** or **m.fema.gov** on a smartphone or tablet.

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Tuscaloosa County

American Legion Post
3120 University Blvd. East
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35404

McDonald Hughes Center
3101 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401

Recent Grant Awards

- **Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport - \$ 4,565,580-** to improve two of the airport's terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- **Whatley Health Services** – Tuscaloosa – to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA awards total - \$ 7,320,539
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJOQlxHVINaOEsK>
- **Rural Health Medical Program** – Selma, Alabama –to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA award total - \$1,828,380
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJQPQlw%2FWFFKOEsk>
- **University of Alabama** - Tuscaloosa – To date for Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3,488, 683.00. Grants are awarded from the Administration of Children & Families; CDC, HRSA, NIH, & SAMHSA – For a complete listing of award projects go to weblink:
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQzxfXVFKOEsk>
- **University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies** - Tuscaloosa, AL Award Amount: \$24,007; Matching Amount: \$21,200
Grant Category: Planning - Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program -The University of Alabama School of Library & Information Studies, unique among library schools in offering a self-contained book arts program, will join with the Alabama Center for the Book and academic experts in a one-year planning process to explore a dual master's degree in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) and Book Arts (MFA). <http://imls.gov/news/2011/062111a.shtm>
- **University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa** - Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship- DHHS/ HRSA award - \$38,028.00
- **Aletheia House of Birmingham, Alabama** awarded \$300,000 for the Department of Labor's Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) Second Year Funding
- **University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB)** awarded \$4,523,521 to date for Fiscal Year 2011 by the Department of Health and Human Services
Website:
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQjxXV1IqOEwK>
- **Jefferson County Child Development Council, Inc** awarded \$1,462,668.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Commission** awarded \$1,001,509 for Fiscal Year 2011 for Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS PROGRAM – HIV/AIDS

- **Sumter County Opportunity, Inc.** awarded \$1,784,939.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity** awarded \$5,505,850.00 for Head Start Projects
- **Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.** awarded \$2,536,867.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **HUD announces over \$49 million for community development and affordable HOUSING IN ALABAMA FOR REMAINDER OF FY2011**
Auburn, Decatur, Florence, Mobile, Mobile County, and **Tuscaloosa** will receive more than \$49 million to support community development and produce more affordable housing in Alabama. HUD's annual funding will also help find homes for individuals and families living on the streets and provide permanent housing for individuals living HIV/AIDS.
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/news/HUDNo.2011-06-13>

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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 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

Appalachian Regional Commission of West Alabama

Program: **NEW - ARC FY 2012**

Description: The deadline for pre-applications for FY 2012 ARC projects is August 31, 2011. An applicant for ARC funds can be a local government, an educational institution, a hospital, or a 501C3 non-profit organization. The maximum grant from ARC is generally limited to \$200,000. The maximum federal funds from all sources in a project cannot exceed 80 percent of project costs.

Website: http://www.arc.gov/appalachian_region/Alabama.asp
If you have questions about a project's eligibility or anything else about the program, call 205/333-2990 ext. 215 or email jean.rosene@adss.alabama.gov

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW- National Robotics Initiative**

Description: The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside, or cooperatively with, people. Innovative robotics research and applications emphasizing the realization of such co-robots acting in direct support of and in a symbiotic relationship with human partners is supported by multiple agencies of the federal

government including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SHjJTMXGD11zFBP4TfKCKMb9sL94MXpbqhYynr2SjygvhjsGGFyG!-1346687983?oppId=102453&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - NRCS Receives Disaster Recovery Funds to Assist Producers**

Description: The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has made available \$3.8 million in financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist producers recovering from the tornadoes that ravaged Alabama during April and May of this year. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking of eligible applications. The first submission date will be July 8, 2011. Interested landowners can contact their local NRCS office listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture or online at [USDA](#). General program information is available on the Alabama NRCS website at [NRCS](#)

Website:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=AL&stateName=Alabama&stateCode=01>

Program: **NEW - Value-Added Producer Grant Program**

Description: Deputy Agriculture Secretary Kathleen Merrigan today announced that applications are being accepted for grants to provide economic assistance to independent producers, farmer and rancher

cooperatives and agricultural producer groups through the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Deadline is August 29th.

Websites:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2011/06/0281.xml&contentidonly=true>

<http://mobile.americanagriculturist.com/main.aspx?ascxid=cmsNewsStory&rmid=0&rascxid=&args=&rargs=9&dt=634450265330993854&cmsSid=50759&cmsScid=9>

Program: **NEW - Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Support for Small, Socially Disadvantaged Agricultural Producers and Cooperatives to Create Jobs by Becoming More Profitable and Efficient**

Description: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack yesterday (June 29th) announced that USDA is accepting grant applications to assist small, socially disadvantaged agricultural producers and cooperatives in rural areas to spur job creation. Almost \$3.5 million in grants are available through USDA Rural Development's Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program (SSDPG). Funding is available to cooperatives or associations of cooperatives where at least 75 percent of the governing board or membership are small, socially disadvantaged producers. Grants can be used for product improvements, business plan development or economic development activities. The maximum grant award per applicant is \$200,000.

Website:

http://www.raconline.org/news/news_details.php?news_id=16154

Program: Rural Cooperative Development Grant program

Description: USDA Offers Job Creation Grants - Initiative focuses on cooperative development centers under the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program, colleges, universities and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of as much as \$225,000 to create and operate centers that establish or expand rural businesses, with an emphasis on cooperatives. “Cooperative development centers are business and job incubators,” Vilsack said. “They support President Obama’s goal to bring increased economic opportunities to rural communities by assisting new businesses as they create sustainable jobs.”

More Info: <http://www.ect.coop/newsmakers/co-op-news-newsmakers/usda-offers-job-creation-grants/30423>

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-07/pdf/2011-13927.pdf>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE): Literacy Information and Communication System Regional Professional Development Centers Program.**

Description: Grants will enhance the quality of adult education and literacy nationwide by disseminating information to each eligible agency responsible for administering or supervising policy for adult education and literacy programs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=OzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzxh0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=102553&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs Grant**

Description: The GEAR UP program provides financial support for academic and related support services that eligible low-income students,

need to enable them to obtain a secondary school diploma and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/122>

Program: **NEW - Investing in Innovation Fund Grant**

Description: Assist educational leaders in expanding the implementation, investment & innovative practices towards assisting students be more successful.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/111>

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **Research and Demonstration of Innovative Drinking Water Treatment Technologies in Small Systems**

Description: EPA seeking applications proposing to conduct research necessary to identify, develop and demonstrate novel and innovative treatment technologies and approaches for small public drinking water systems.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllC_LJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlxcV1NBxv9!301391617?oppId=101273&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Grants**

Description: Designed to develop a broad approach to overall case management and support services. Additionally, projects should be designed to

help fathers build mutually supportive and long-lasting relationships with their children, the mothers of their children, and help fathers overcome barriers to economic self-sufficiency.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzxh0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=102175&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Community-Centered Responsible Fatherhood Ex-Prisoner Reentry Pilot Project**

Description: Cooperative Agreements awarded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement will support reentry programs that provide innovative community-centered, pre- and post-release Responsible Fatherhood and supportive services to formerly incarcerated fathers.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzxh0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=102178&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Affordable Care ACT Tribal Personal Responsibility Program for Teen Pregnancy Prevention**

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funding in the form of discretionary, competitive grants to Tribes and Tribal Organizations to support the development of comprehensive, teen pregnancy prevention programs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzxh0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=101433&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Hospital Collaboratives to Improve Maternity Care Practices Related to Breastfeeding in the U.S.**

Description: The purpose of the program Hospital Collaboratives to Improve Maternity Care Practices Related to Breastfeeding in the U.S. is to improve the quality of maternity care practices and policies related to breastfeeding and to address geographic and race/ethnic disparities in breastfeeding rates by providing opportunities to ensure equitable access to maternity care that optimally supports mothers to be able to breastfeed.

Website:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=102473>

Program: **NEW - \$10 Million in Affordable Care Act funds to help create workplace health programs - Comprehensive Health Programs to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco Use in the Workplace**

Description: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced today June 23rd the availability of \$10 million to establish and evaluate comprehensive workplace health promotion programs across the nation to improve the health of American workers and their families. The initiative, with funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, is aimed at improving workplace environments so that they support healthy lifestyles and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes.

Website: Organizations interested in submitting proposals for the can find more information at www.fbo.gov. The application deadline is August 8, 2011. A separate funding opportunity is available for a national evaluation of the initiative and can also be found at www.fbo.gov Weblink: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/06/20110623a.html>

Program: **NEW- Innovative Social Media Strategies to Reach Open to Smoking Youth**

Description: The purpose of this initiative is to identify and counter pro-tobacco messages and related online youth influences by creating and implementing innovative social media strategies to target and influence open-to-smoking youth ages 12-17

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllCLJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlXpcVINBxv9!301391617?oppId=101353&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Development and Implementation of Programs to Enhance Epilepsy Public Awareness, Knowledge and Partnership**

Description: The purpose of the program is to conduct national activities that enhance the health and quality of life of people with epilepsy through health promotion, infrastructure enhancement support, enhancement of communication channels

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SHjJTMXGD11zFBP4TfKCKMb9sL94MXpbqhYvnr2SjvgvhjsGGFvG!-1346687983?oppId=102613&mode=VIEW>

Program: **HHS Announces Health Care Law Grants for Chronic Disease Prevention**

Description: HHS announced Tuesday the availability of about \$40 million in first-year grants under a three-year program to prevent heart disease, cancer, stroke, arthritis and diabetes, among other conditions.

Website: The application deadline is July 22. Congress made the money available under the health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)). More information can be found at www.grants.gov

U.S Department of Homeland Security- Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)

DEADLINE to Register is July 18th

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR ALABAMIANS TOPS \$100 MILLION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — More than \$100 million in federal disaster assistance has been approved for survivors of the spring storms and tornadoes. This amount includes funds from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency** and the **U.S. Small Business Administration** to assist survivors who had storm-related losses between April 15 and May 31. There is still time for survivors to register for possible federal disaster assistance. The deadline to register is **JULY 18, 2011**. People can register by calling **800-621-FEMA** (3362), TTY 800-462-7585, or by visiting **DisasterAssistance.gov**. “The funding that FEMA has approved so far is an incredible asset to assist survivors in our state,” said **Alabama Emergency Management Agency** Director Art Faulkner. “I strongly encourage all Alabamians who had storm damages to register with FEMA and return their SBA applications before next Monday’s deadline so we can be better assured of a full recovery.”

Program:

NEW - 2011 AFG GET READY GUIDE IS COMING SOON

The 2011 AFG Get Ready Guide is your resource for successfully submitting a grant application. Once available, it may be downloaded at: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>

NEW - 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshops Now Underway

Description:

Prepare now to apply for FY 2011 AFG funding! Important changes have been made to the AFG Program, and you need to know about them before starting your application/ attend a grant workshop in your area today! Important changes have been made to the 2011 AFG Program, make sure you’re prepared to submit a good application for grant funding this year.

More Information:

If you have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant opportunity please contact 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov and see schedule for workshops at: www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/workshop_schedule.shtm

Program: **FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP)**

Description: Provides grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribal governments to retrofit public or private structures and facilities to minimize damages from high winds, earthquake, flood, wildfire, or other natural hazards. Funding for safe rooms is initiated through local officials, such as emergency manager, mayor or building code/enforcement office. Local officials send requests for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program through the state.

1. FEMA reimburses up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of each approved project. The state or local match does not have to be cash; in-kind services or materials may be used. Approximately \$33 million has been allocated so far.
2. Federal funding under the HMGP is based on 15 percent of the federal funds spent on the Public and Individual Assistance programs (minus administrative expenses) for each disaster.
3. The HMGP program is managed by the state once the application is approved.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **CDBG Community Enhancement Fund Grant**

Description: ADECA administers the CDBG programs for HUD. Deadline is August 1 - It's a maximum of \$250,000 with a 10% match which can be in kind services. This fund is available to all eligible communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues.

Typical activities:

Fire protection
Senior citizens centers
Community centers
Boys & girls clubs
Recreational facilities, etc

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

Program: **Notice of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Competition**

Description: To provide CoC applicants with an outline of the functions and requirements of the annual registration in e-snaps; to provide CoC applicants and project applicants with the major changes that HUD will make under the CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllCLJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlxpcV1NBxv9!301391617?oppId=101213&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)**

Description: BEDI funds are used to enhance the security of a loan guaranteed by HUD under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same brownfields economic development project, or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive economic use.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zv72N6bGIC5RdFBq12ZfbhLTkphMJx4r6rFvqnG6GpVqYnxpwHf6!2057934305?oppId=99195&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities**

Description: Grants for organizations that can provide capacity building support for communities engaged in planning efforts that support community involvement and integrate housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, economic and workforce

development, transportation, and infrastructure investments.
Deadline is July 8th!

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9QnyNn4NsdhSLQ7LXQTMWsC7v0074YBJ86SbhMQ6c111yTL1hkG6!1762745116?oppId=98173&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - Volunteer Trails Project**

Description: Cooperatively develop and promote trail-related training opportunities and resources with the Partner through appropriate outreach vehicles.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzXH0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=102353&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Paths to Peace: War of 1812 Arts Legacy Project.**

Description: Art train will carry out an international youth art history and education project from 2011-2015 as part of the commemorative activities for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie. Paths to Peace: War of 1812 Arts Legacy Project will interpret the War of 1812 and the long lasting peace between nations that were once at war.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzXH0C14VLN!1211605884?oppId=102094&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Youth Environmental Outdoor Education and Camps**

Description: To increase opportunities to expose youth in the local area to natural resources while at the same time supporting community organizations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLpJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=99913&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: Susan Harwood Training Grant Program FY 2011

Description: Training and educational programs

Website:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=99553>

Program: Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Description: To provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless Veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless Veterans.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=S6QKNw4b7QbCV1JzGpZ8VR2GJ6CjKJ8CZQrvwFxSy9QQ2c5J82yQ!756542808?oppId=98673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **NEW - SBA Patriot Express Loans Top \$633 Million**

Description: In just four years the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Pilot Loan Guarantee Initiative has provided more than \$633 million in SBA-guaranteed loans to 7,650 veterans to start or expand their small businesses. The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas.

Website: Details on the initiative can be found at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress. To learn more about additional opportunities for veterans available through the SBA, please visit the website at www.sba.gov/vets or <http://www.sba.gov/content/sba-patriot-express-loans-top-633-million>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Do Something Invites Young People to Apply for Summer Jobless Grants Program**

Description: In response to this summer's high teen unemployment rate, Do Something, a national nonprofit organization that helps young people create and participate in community service projects, is offering a grant program to help young people get involved in or create their own local projects to provide youth with volunteer opportunities in place of jobs. Summer Jobless Grants can be used to help cover the costs of implementing a youth volunteer project, including food, materials and supplies, event space, and transportation, and include more teens in community action projects.

Website: Applications are due by July 10, 2011
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=342900032

Program: **NEW - Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Grants Grant**

Description: Develop or expand projects designed to support literacy skills; approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. Deadline is September 9th -

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/120>

Program: **NEW - The Fender Music Foundation Grants**

Description: The intent of the program must be music instruction, not music appreciation or entertainment, and the participants/students cannot be professional or career musicians. Participants cannot be denied participation based on their musical abilities.

Website:

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

Program: **NEW - Patagonia Offers Funding for Grassroots Environmental Campaigns**

Description: Outdoor clothing and gear company Patagonia provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations. The company's environmental grant program supports small, grassroots activist organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment - Deadline is August 31st -

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=343100015

Program: **NEW - Enterprise Green Communities Offers Charente and Sustainability Grants for Green Affordable Housing Projects**

Description: An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, Enterprise Green Communities provides funds and expertise to enable affordable housing developers to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=342900033

Program: **NEW - North Face Launches Explore Fund Grant Program to Help Connect Young People to the Outdoors**

Description: Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to organizations that help children connect to nature, increase access to both front and backcountry recreation, and provide education for both personal and environmental health. The proposed program or project should focus on a specific community or place of interest.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=342900035

Program: **NEW - Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children**

Description: Continues grant initiatives –application deadline August 15, 2011- Children in low-income families tend to have higher rates of tooth decay and have greater difficulty accessing ongoing basic dental care

Website:

<http://www.aapd.org/foundation/grants.asp>

Program: **NEW - Fund for Wild Nature Accepting Applications for North American Conservation Campaigns**

Description: Working to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=343100014

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Program: **Best Buy Children's Foundation Community Grants**

Description: The Best Buy Children's Foundation's goal is to provide positive experiences that will help youth excel in school, engage in their communities and develop leadership skills. Schools are not eligible to apply. Apply by August 1, 2011.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.37934&tid=85010>

Program: **Herb Garden Grants**

Description: The Herb Society of America is accepting applications for its Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. Public and private school teachers of grades 3-6 with a minimum class size of 15 are eligible to apply. Apply by September 1, 2011

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org>

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.37934&tid=85010>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

Program:	Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Description:	The Alabama Student Assistance Program is a need-based assistance program open to undergraduate students. To be eligible, you must be an Alabama resident. The award also requires that you attend a participating in-state institution.
Deadline:	Varies
Amount:	\$2500
Website:	http://www.ache.alabama.gov/StudentAsst/Programs.htm

Program:	Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Description:	The Alabama Student Grant Program is open to undergraduate students who are attending both half time and full time. To be considered for the award, you must be an Alabama resident attending Birmingham-Southern College, Concordia College, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, Judson College, Miles College, Spring Hill College, Oakwood College, Samford University, Southeastern Bible College, Southern Vocational College, Selma University, Stillman College or the University of Mobile. This award is grant assistance and is not based on need.
Deadline:	Varies
Amount:	\$1200
Website:	http://www.ache.alabama.gov/StudentAsst/Programs.htm

Program:	Net Literacy Alliance
Description:	The "Financial Connects" Financial Literacy Scholarship Award is available to students in grades six through 12 and college undergraduate and graduate students. To be considered, you must create an original two to three minute financial literacy video or interactive game that promotes financial literacy and correlates

with the Department of Education s financial literacy standards. A one paragraph proposal is required with your submission. You may participate individually or as a team associated with a nonprofit or school.

Deadline: December 31, 2011
Amount: \$1000
Awards Available: 100
Website: <http://www.netliteracy.org/financial-connects/financial-connects-contest/>

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>

MeritAid.com

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

Student Aid Programs

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Fast Web

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

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>

Section V RESOURCES

Safe Link Wireless is a program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers

Website: https://www.safelinkwireless.com/Safelink/program_info/how_to_qlfy

Assurance Wireless is a program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

Website: <http://assurancewireless.com/Public/Welcome.aspx>

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
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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
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: 251.433.6541
Fax: 251.433.6009
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission
125 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Phone: 334.262.4300
Fax: 334.262.6976
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Phone: 334.749.5264
Fax: 334.749.6582
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
P.O. Box C
Decatur, Alabama 35601
Phone: 256.355.4515
Fax: 256.351.1380
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
Phone: 256.830.0818
Fax: 256.830.0843
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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.cacfinfo.org>

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

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

For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: 256-353-5312
Contact: Arthur W. Orr
Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Contact: Lynne Berry, President
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

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P.O. Box 990
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Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation

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Dothan, AL 36302-1422
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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/>

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Jasper, AL 35502-0171
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Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
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