



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*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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Upcoming Event

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Host Congress in Your Community Event in Bessemer

Aug 4, 2011

BIRMINGHAM, AL – On Monday, August 29, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) will host a “Congress in Your Community” constituent town hall meeting at the Bessemer Public Library to meet with her constituents and provide a Congressional update. Rep. Sewell will take questions and address important issues for the 7th District and the country.

“I look forward to meeting with and listening to the needs of my constituents,” said Rep. Sewell.

Rep. Sewell has pledged to keep in touch with her constituents and to provide regular updates about policies, resources and opportunities for the constituents of the 7th Congressional district.

This event is open to the public and is subject to space limitations.

What: Congress in Your Community— Constituent Town Hall Meeting

When: Monday, August 29, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Bessemer Public Library
400 19th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020

For More Information Contact: (205) 254-1960

Website:

<http://sewell.house.gov/press-release/congresswoman-terri-sewell-host-congress-your-community-event-bessemer>

Upcoming Event

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Host Congress in Your Community Event in Birmingham

Aug 4, 2011

BIRMINGHAM, AL – On Tuesday, August 30, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) will host a “Congress in Your Community” constituent town hall meeting at the Five Points West Library in Birmingham to meet with her constituents and provide a Congressional update. Rep. Sewell will take questions and address important issues for the 7th District and the country.

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What: Congress in Your Community— Constituent Town Hall Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 30, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Five Points West Library
4812 Avenue West
Birmingham, AL 35208

For More Information Contact: (205) 254-1960

Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/press-release/congresswoman-terri-sewell-host-congress-your-community-event-birmingham>

Recent News

August 3, 2011

Congresswoman Sewell Announces that the City of Birmingham Will Receive \$350,000 in Emergency Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the City of Birmingham will receive \$350,000 in emergency community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD generally awards noncompetitive, nonrecurring Disaster Recovery grants by a formula that considers disaster recovery needs unmet by other Federal disaster assistance programs.

The City of Birmingham will be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas. Earlier today, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan called Congresswoman Sewell and shared the news with her.

“I am pleased that HUD will provide this critically important funding to the City of Birmingham to rebuild its communities. As a result of the April tornadoes and heavy storms, communities and homes were destroyed and hundreds of lives were lost in the State of Alabama. The road to recovery will be long, but this desperately needed funding will assist Alabama in its effort to rebuild again,” said Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07).

More details to come soon.

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July 7, 2011

Congresswoman Sewell Announces that the City of Tuscaloosa Will Receive \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the City of Tuscaloosa will receive \$350,000 in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Tuscaloosa be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas. HUD generally awards noncompetitive, nonrecurring Disaster Recovery grants by a formula that considers disaster recovery needs unmet by other Federal disaster assistance programs. Earlier today, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan called Congresswoman Sewell and shared the news with her. “I am pleased that HUD will provide this critically important funding to the City of Tuscaloosa to rebuild its communities. As a result of the April tornadoes and heavy storms, communities and homes were destroyed and hundreds of lives were lost in the State of Alabama. The road to recovery will be long, but this desperately needed funding will assist Alabama in its effort to rebuild again,” said Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07).

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Recent Grant Awards

- **August 5, 2011 – University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa awarded \$218,345 for Nursing Research** for project, Advocates Role in Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions by Rural African Americans.
Website:
https://hhsgrants.econsys.com/apex/f?p=103:210:634442172109534::NO::P210_GRANT_ID:63986
- **August 3, 2011 - City of Birmingham - \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD** The City of Birmingham be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas
- **City of Tuscaloosa - \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD** The City of Tuscaloosa be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas.
- **August 3, 2011 - University of Alabama College of Community Health** awarded \$160,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the **Hale County Health Department Partnership**
- **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>
- **July 18, 2011 - Pickens County Education Center Patient Simulation Laboratory** – awarded by Appalachian Regional Commission - \$70,000 to Beville State Community College – State awards \$32,976 for a total of \$102, 976 for nursing simulation lab.
- **July 14, 2011 - HUD, VA to provide permanent housing and support to 150 homeless vets in Alabama** -- HUD will provide \$703,893 to public housing agencies in Alabama to supply permanent housing and case management for 150 homeless veterans in Alabama. They are part of 6,790 homeless veterans in America that will receive housing for public and case management.
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=HUD-VASH2011Chart.pdf>

- **June 29, 2011 - Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport awarded \$ 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.
- **June 27, 2011 - The Dannon Project - Birmingham, AL – Awarded amount of \$1,400,161** by Department of Labor for the Young Parents Demonstration to provide intensive mentoring services for low-income young parents or expectant parents, ages 16 to 24, in addition to the educational and occupational skills training available through existing workforce development programs.
- **The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)** will receive 25% of Section 324 State Management Costs, **\$1,679,923**. AEMA will apply these funds to salaries, benefits, equipment and training of staff and other management costs in **implementing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**.
- **HUD Awards \$1.9 Billion to Improve, Preserve Nation's Public Housing Stock**
Alabama Award totals - \$60,538,409
7th District Award totals - \$17,075,398
 The funds will allow these public housing agencies to make major large-scale improvements to their public housing units. This annual funding to housing authorities is a down payment toward addressing \$25.6B backlog in large-scale repair, renovation costs.
- 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>
 UA awarded July 5th -- \$ 285,745.00
 Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research Genetic Basis of Genotype-by-Environment Interactions Underlying Physiological
- **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%2FLFJPQlw%2FWFFKOEsK>

- **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
- **Fiscal Year 2011 - University of Alabama** - Tuscaloosa — Grant Awards Totals -- \$4,535,242 to date
- **Aletheia House of Birmingham, Alabama** awarded \$300,000 for the Department of Labor’s Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) Second Year Funding
- **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>
- **Alabama Medicaid Agency** – Fiscal Year 2011- Totals to Date: \$4,150,272,622.00 – Ranks in the Top 50 for Recipients with Health and Human Services (HHS) grants–
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/TopRecipients.cfm?FiscalYear=2011>

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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.
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Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

- Program:** **NEW - FY 2011 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants.**
- Description:** The Recreation and Conservation Unit of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is now accepting pre-applications for FY 2011 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants. Pre-applications will be accepted through Wednesday, August 31, 2011. Completed pre-applications may be hand delivered to ADECA no later than 12:00 noon on August 31 or may be postmarked no later than Tuesday, August 30, 2011.
- Website:** Complete information and pre-application forms are attached and also can be found on the ADECA website at www.adeca.alabama.gov (Office of the Director/Recreation Programs/Land and Water Conservation Fund). Rob Grant Recreation and Conservation Unit Manager rob.grant@adeca.alabama.gov (contact by email preferred)
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- Program:** **ADECA's Alabama SAVES loan program**
- Description:** 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. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs announced a 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: www.alabamasaves.com

Alabama Historical Commission

Program: **Grants and Preservation Funding**
New Historic Preservation Grants Program

Description: The Alabama Historical Commission is accepting applications to support historic preservation programs and projects in FY 2012. Grants will be awarded in five categories: Operations; Work on Historic Buildings; Work on Historic Cemeteries; Archaeology; and Historic Building Survey. The AHC will award grants in amounts not to exceed \$25,000. These grants are made possible by an appropriation from the Alabama Legislature. Deadline September 1, 2011

Website: <http://preserveala.org/grantsprogram.aspx>

Alabama Housing Finance Authority

Program: **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

Description: 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. Program providing \$162 million for the prevention of foreclosure in Alabama to provide assistance targeted at Alabama's unemployed homeowners. Eligible homeowners will receive assistance to pay their current mortgage payment and all other mortgage-related expenses, including payments on any subordinate liens, while unemployed. HHA will provide up to 12 monthly mortgage payments not to exceed \$15,000, per household. 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.

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

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

Alabama Humanities Foundation

Program: **Alabama Humanities Foundation**

Description: As the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, we strive to create and foster opportunities, through grants and AHF-conducted programs, for scholars and the public to interact and explore human values and meanings through the humanities. The AHF offers the people of Alabama opportunities to explore the humanities through funded public programs such as seminars, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, documentary videos, and films.

Website: <http://www.ahf.net/programs/grantsProgram.html>

Alabama State Council on the Arts

Program: **Alabama State Council on the Arts**

Description: Grants awarded to nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following categories: Presenting Grants, Project Assistance, Operating Support, Technical Assistance, Collaborative Ventures, and Program Development.

Website: <http://arts.state.al.us/grants/index-grants.html>

Alabama Tourism Department

Program: **The 2012 Tourism Grants Programs**

These grants are designed to attract out-of-state tourists and generate revenues by promoting attendance at attractions and communitywide special events. Since out-of-state visitors spent more money than local attendees, the highest priorities will be given to attractions and events that bring tourists from other states. Grants will be capped at \$25,000. The deadline for is September 1, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.alabama.travel/tourism-organizations/legislative-grants/>

<http://www.alabama.travel/tourism-organizations/matching-grants/>

Appalachian Regional Commission of West Alabama

Program: **Appalachian Regional Commission 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.

Counties in Appalachia:

Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, De Kalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES Intermediary Relending Program

July 28, 2011

This letter is to make you aware of a low interest green energy/economic development loan program through the Center for Alternative Fuels, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Start-up USDA funds were recently acquired to enable the Center to provide direct funding and/or partner with other lenders to bring to fruition viable projects that meet broad program guidelines. Individual loan use expands beyond just fuel development and contributing to America's energy security to include minority-owned and women-owned businesses in high unemployment/low income areas. The initial \$500,000 offering will enable individual loans in the \$25,000- \$125,000 range via the Center for projects based on need, compliance with program guidelines, evaluation of the project objectives, job creation, collateralization, and loan repayment capacity. Loan terms will likely be limited to a maximum of 5-7 years, depending on project scope. Submitted projects are primarily solicited from counties in Alabama's Black Belt Region*, but other worthy statewide submissions are encouraged and will be awarded on a case by case basis. Typical project emphasis might address such areas as drought abatement, energy costs, food safety, industry growth, stabilization of local economics, and small business expansion. Again, please note that job creation will be a major factor in individual project evaluation.

For more information on the Intermediary Relending Program, please contact us via the following information:

US Mail: Alabama Department of Agriculture Industries
ATTN: Center for Alternative Fuels
1445 Federal Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109-0336
Email: caf@agi.alabama.gov
Facsimile: 334-240-7278
Phone: 1-800-642-7761

Sincerely,
Glen Zorn
Assistant Commissioner & Director, Center for Alternative Fuels

** Counties include: Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Montgomery (not in city limits), Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox*

Program:	Small Business Innovation Research: Biofuels and Biobased Products
Description:	Small business eligible to apply. Its objective is to promote the use of biofuels and non-food bio-based products by developing new or improved technologies that will lead to increased production of industrial products from agricultural materials. This research will lead to new opportunities to diversify agriculture and enhance

agriculture's role as a reliable supplier of raw industrial materials.
The due date is September 1, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/biofuelsandbiobasedproductsbir.cfm>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities (T&M Services) Programs: Postsecondary Education Center for Individuals who are Deaf CFDA Number 84.326D**

Description: The purpose of the TA&D Program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QBtLTCrL3vcXYY5z9bB5z6g0J0ShN7svbq1cb9CLTbtyxY4VqKb!1014668544?oppId=112633&mode=VIEW>

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

Program: **NEW- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

Description: The open application period will run from August 15 – September 9, 2011. FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. If your department or agency has critical needs, AFG can help.

Website: If you have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant opportunity please contact 1-866-274-0960

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QBtLTCrL3vcXYY5z9bB5z6g0J0SchN7svbq1cb9CLTbtyxY4VqKb!1014668544?oppId=112433&mode=VIEW>

Call FEMA to Request New Inspection or Appeal Decision

Release Date: August 1, 2011

Release Number: 1971-147

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – If you think the FEMA inspector did not see all of the damages to your home or property after the Alabama tornadoes, you can ask the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) for another inspection. If you want an inspector to take another look or if you have questions about your FEMA letter, you should call FEMA at **800-621-3362** from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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**. If your FEMA status cannot be cleared up by phone, then a [written appeal](#) should be postmarked to FEMA within 60 days of receiving your determination letter. [Appeal letters](#) should include your FEMA disaster identification registration number (found at the top of your decision letter) and the federal disaster declaration number (for the Alabama tornadoes, it is DR-1971-AL). Date your appeal letter and mail it to the following address:

FEMA - Appeals Officer
National Processing Service Center
P.O. Box 10055
Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055

You can also fax letters to **800-827-8112** with a cover sheet addressed to: Attention – FEMA Appeals Officer.

Disaster Survivors Information

1. Survivors with questions about their FEMA application or with updated contact information, they should call FEMA’s toll-free Helpline at **800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585)**.
2. Insured applicants are encouraged to keep FEMA up-to-date about the status of their insurance settlement. Underinsured survivors may be eligible for additional federal assistance.
3. For survivors not receiving federal assistance but with disaster-related needs an assortment of programs and many community and faith-based volunteers are available through **2-1-1 Connects**

- Alabama** to help storm survivors get back on their feet. Go on-line <http://211connectsalabama.org> or dial **2-1-1** at any time.
- Free help for disaster-related legal problems is available from a team of volunteer lawyers of the Alabama State Bar. Call **800-354-6154** from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information and to download free publications, visit www.vlpbirmingham.org/disaster-legal-information.
 - Crisis counseling is available any time by calling the toll-free Alabama Department of Mental Health crisis counseling hotline at **800-639-REBOUND (7326)**. The department's website www.mh.alabama.gov has free publications to help members of a community cope with stress.

Program:	FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP)
Description:	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.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.The HMGP program is managed by the state once the application is approved. The deadline is September 1, 2011
Website:	http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Pre-Application**

Description: The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program (Program) supports metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental impact. The deadline is August 25, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fVNZTx6d4xb3qh1nvyLny7YQy1DT6JPMRw1pyGPVfkm82BhNSGz7!-1176040633?oppId=109013&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Community Challenge Planning Grant Program**

Description: The Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge Planning Grant Program fosters reform and reduces barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities. Such efforts may include amending or replacing local master plans, zoning codes, and building codes, either on a jurisdiction-wide basis or in a specific neighborhood, district, corridor, or sector to promote mixed-use development, affordable housing, the reuse of older buildings and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with the goal of promoting sustainability at the local or neighborhood level.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fVNZTx6d4xb3qh1nvyLny7YQy1DT6JPMRw1pyGPVfkm82BhNSGz7!-1176040633?oppId=108994&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **FY 2011 TIGER Grants**

Description: DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER+ Discretionary Grants pursuant to Div. B of the Department of

Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011). Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as “TIGER Discretionary Grants.”

- Opens August 22nd
- Pre-apps due Oct 3rd
- Final Apps open – Oct 4th
- Final Apps due – Oct. 31st
- Additional application help July 27th – Talking Freight / August 17th – Benefit Cost Analysis / August 22nd – Project Readiness
- This is for transportation projects involving all forms – rail, water, roads, air, ports, bridges
- Urban projects - \$10 million minimum
- Rural projects - \$1 million minimum

Website:

http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/FY11_TIGER_IntNOFA.pdf

www.dot.gov/tiger

[http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/TIGER_seminar%20\(508\).pdf](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/TIGER_seminar%20(508).pdf)

<http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources.html>

Questions TIGERGrants@dot.gov

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program:

Alabama Power Foundation

Description:

The Alabama Power Foundation allocates funding in four categories: Improving Education, Strengthening Communities, Promoting Arts and Culture, and Restoring and Enhancing the Environment.

Website:

<http://www.alabamapower.com/foundation/grantsandinitiatives.asp>

Program: **NEW - Kids In Need Foundation Offers Teacher Grants for Creative Classroom Projects**

Description: An annual initiative of the [Kids In Need Foundation](#), the Kids In Need Teacher Grants program provides grants to K-12 educators working to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The grants are funded by retail and education credit union sponsors. Teacher grant awards range from \$100 to \$500. Typically, two hundred to three hundred grants are awarded each year.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=348100041

Program: **Daniel Foundation**

Description: The Daniel Foundation offers grants in four program areas: Civic and Community Improvement, Education, Health, and Arts and Culture. Applications are limited to 501 (c) (3) organizations that are located in Alabama.

Website: <http://danielfoundationofalabama.com>

Program: **Gwyn Turner Endowed Fund**

Description: The fund is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Nonprofits and governmental agencies can obtain funding for preservation planning, heritage education, workshops, conferences and special interventions. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and require a 1:1 cash match. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the National Trust Southern Office before submitting an application.

Website: Contact the Southern Office at 843.722.8552, or e-mail so@nthp.org.
www.PreservationNation.org/resources/find-funding

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Program: NEW - Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grant

Description: The Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation invites K-12 teachers to apply for grants up to \$1,500 to develop or implement environmental curricula that integrate hands-on ecology exercises into the classroom. One-page pre-proposals are due September 20, 2011.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/CORE/ITEM/TOPIC.ASPX?S=0.0.115.37934&TID=85010>

Program: NEW - Open Spaces Sacred Places Grant

Description: This new, \$5 million grant program will fund cross-disciplinary teams of designers, research social scientists and community-based organizations to create and study a series of new public green spaces designed to provide spiritual uplift and the opportunity for a deeper human experience through a personal connection to nature. Planning grant applications are due by September 1, 2011.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/CORE/ITEM/TOPIC.ASPX?S=0.0.115.37934&TID=85010>

Program: NEW - Ittleson Foundation Grants

Description: Environmental projects- letters of inquiry are due September 1st

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/CORE/ITEM/TOPIC.ASPX?S=0.0.115.37934&TID=85010>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW - ALFA AG/FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE IS DEC. 1

August 3, 2011 - **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** --- Students planning to pursue agriculture or forestry degrees at Auburn University have until Dec. 1 to apply for scholarships from Alfa and the Alabama Farmers Federation. The scholarships, valued up to \$1,750 per student per year, will be awarded to students who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled in Auburn's College of Agriculture or School of Forestry. Students majoring in agricultural engineering or ag education are also eligible. Ag and forestry scholarships are renewable yearly to students who maintain a 2.5 grade point average and exhibit good moral character and citizenship. Students are urged to apply early for admission, as enrollment at Auburn University is limited. Three letters of reference including an evaluation of your background and character are required in addition to the application. Scholarship applications are available in all county Farmers Federation offices, local Alfa service centers, or by writing to the dean of the College of Agriculture at 107 Comer Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849.

Scholarship Websites:

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

U.S. Small Business Administration

August 3, 2011

Over \$83 Million Disaster Loans Approved in Alabama

ATLANTA – More than \$83 million in U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans have been approved for survivors in Alabama who were affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, high winds and flooding that began on April 15, 2011. “Currently, **1,500** home and business low-interest disaster loans have been approved in the amount of **\$83,292,700** for affected survivors,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. “We are pleased to be able to get these loans approved so residents and businesses in the disaster area can start to rebuild and resume their normal lives,” Skagg added.

SBA provides disaster loans to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes for physical losses. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition. The agency can increase approved loans for protective measures to lessen similar future damages. Additionally, small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations can obtain loans for unmet working capital needs.

For information about the disaster loan program, call the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET or send an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The deadline for physical loan applications *expired* **July 18, 2011**; the deadline for economic injury applications remains **January 30, 2012**.

Corporation for National and Community Service

Senior Corps Week 2011- September 19-23

For more than four decades, Americans age 55 and older have applied the skills and experience they have developed over a lifetime to solve problems and strengthen their communities. The Corporation for National and Community Service is joining with organizations across the country to celebrate the extraordinary impact of national service members age 55 and over through the second annual Senior Corps Week. Senior Corps Week is an initiative to celebrate

the extraordinary impact of Senior Corps members and to recognize and thank the community partners who make Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP possible.

If you have any questions about Senior Corps Week or would like to participate in an event in your state or district, please contact Trent Holbrook at the Corporation for National and Community Service at tholbrook@cns.gov or (202) 606-3234. You can also visit www.seniorcorps.gov to learn more about the Senior Corps program.

Operation Green Plant: Free Seeds!

Vegetable, flower and herb seeds available

Websites: <http://america-the-beautiful.org/> & http://america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/free_seeds_flyer_11.pdf

The Catfish Institute (TCI) is giving away free copies of its cookbook, *Fresh Ideas for U.S. Catfish*

To celebrate the month of August as National Catfish Month and to showcase just how versatile U.S. farm-raised catfish can be. The book contains 28 recipes, from catfish chowder to catfish artichoke dip, giving home cooks the freedom to experiment with virtually any flavor. Alabama has nearly 200 catfish farmers who grow fish in 19,200 acres of water. The state ranks second in the nation in catfish production, and in 2010 produced 137 million pounds of catfish valued at \$106 million. For a free copy of *Fresh Ideas for U.S. Catfish*, visit UScatfish.com during the month of August. Supplies are limited! Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Senior Resource

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. Most grant programs have specific eligibility requirements and are often intended to provide funding for a particular operational area of your department. Careful grant planning and research will ensure that your police department's project meets any program requirements.

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

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell
Guide to Grants

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/searpc/searpc.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
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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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Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
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Dothan, AL 36302-1422
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Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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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>