



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

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

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 16, 2011** -- The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced Friday a grant program expected to create a ten-fold return on business investment in Alabama. Officials say the State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall.
<http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1278.aspx>
- **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://tags.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.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Program: **Family Violence Prevention Grant Program – Alabama**

Description: The primary objective of the Family Violence Grants is to assist states in their efforts to prevent family violence and provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents; and to carry out coordination, research, training, technical assistance, documentation and evaluation activities.

Website:

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/1796479-Family-Violence-Prevention-Grant-Program-Alabama/>

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

Description: August 16, 2011-The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch three new small business lending programs: a grant program expected to create a tenfold return on business investment in Alabama. Officials say the State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The

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

Website:

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

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

Program:

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:

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

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

Alabama State Council on the Arts

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

Description: The deadline is September 15, 2011. Grants awarded from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for 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**

The deadline is September 1, 2011. 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.

Website:

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

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

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW-Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE):
Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) Formula Grant
Program CFDA Number 84.031P**

Description: Through the Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) Formula Grant Program, the Department makes grant awards to eligible institutions to plan, develop, undertake, and implement programs to enhance their capacity to serve more low- and middle-income Black American students; to expand higher education opportunities for eligible students by encouraging college preparation and student persistence in secondary school and postsecondary education; and to strengthen the financial ability of the institutions to serve the academic needs of these students. The deadline is September 16, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=115133&mode=VIEW>

Program: **84.327 -- Special Education Technology and Media
Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

Description: The purpose is to: (1) Improve results for students with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational media services activities for students with disabilities...

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=115093&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW-FY12 Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants**

Description: This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=116333&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW-National Indian Health Outreach and Education**

Description: Eligible entities must have demonstrated expertise in the representing all Tribal governments and providing a variety of services to Tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, and Federal agencies, and playing a major role in focusing attention on Indian health care needs, resulting in progress for Tribes.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=116053&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW-Economic Research on Incentives for Efficient Use of Preventive Services (R01)**

Description: This FOA solicits R01 applications for economic research on the role of incentive arrangements in promoting efficient use of preventive services and interventions, specifically considering both costs and health outcomes.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-012.html>

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

Program: **NEW- FY 2011 National Dam Safety Program**

Description: The Federal Emergency Management Agency proposes to award fifty-one (51) Grants for an estimated \$7,340,000 with fifty (50) States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for the development and maintenance of their dam safety programs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=116513&mode=VIEW>

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

Description: The AFG application period is now open. 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>

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

Description: **DEADLINE is fast approaching – it is September 1st!** 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.

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW-Energy Innovation Fund - Multifamily Pilot Program**

Description: Program will support innovations in financing and conducting applied research to address primary barriers to the retrofitting of certain multifamily residential properties to be more energy efficient on a cost effective basis.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=116473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Fair Housing Initiative Programs - Private Enforcement Initiative**

Description: This Initiative assists private, tax-exempt fair housing enforcement organizations in the investigation and enforcement of alleged violations of the Fair Housing Act. Eligible applicants are Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (FHOs) or Qualified Fair Housing Organizations (QFHOs) with at least one or two years experience, respectively, in complaint intake, investigation and fair housing testing and (2) Mortgage Rescue Component.

Website:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9KcCTLVPvlq1FZ8xGzcGkkJ0Z9Bzh1yQwhwhDw8Lccgy1n5Dvwwg!2032208804?oppId=108493&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **NOW OPEN - 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.”

The following Webinars have also been archived and are also available for your review over the next several months. (NO registration required)

[Benefit/Cost Analysis Practitioner's Workshop](#)
[How to Compete for TIGER Seminar](#)
["Talking Freight"](#)

- Pre-apps due Oct 3rd
- Final Apps open – Oct 4th
- Final Apps due – Oct. 31st
- 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

Program: **NEW-FY 2011 National Infrastructure Investments**

Description: Under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act TIGER Discretionary Grants, \$526,944,000 is available through September 30, 2013, for the Department to make grants on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Projects eligible for

funding provided under this program include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code, including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments; public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49...

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6v1bTVkFJvndwzMT01lzXJyzCCWR6hw8rX2DLg3XLXDYGrpmxJRC!1014668544?oppId=115933&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Small Loan Advantage and Community Advantage 7(a) Loan Initiatives**

Description: SBA is committed to expanding access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities so that we can help drive economic growth and job creation. SBA and U.S. Department of Commerce studies have shown the importance of lower dollar loans to small business formation and growth in underserved communities. With that in mind, and building on the agency's "Advantage" platform, both Small Loan Advantage and Community Advantage will offer a streamlined application process for SBA 7(a) loans up to \$250,000.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/advantage-loan-initiatives>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

Description: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

Website:

<http://www.wkkf.org/grants/grants-database.aspx?q=&yf=2011&plf=United+States>

Program: **National Alliance for Accessible Golf Offers Funding for Programs for Individuals With Disabilities**

Description: With funding from the United States Golf Association, the National Alliance for Accessible Golf will, for the second year, administer the grant application process for organizations providing golf programs for individuals with disabilities.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=348900032

Program: **Do Something and American Express Offer 9/11 Remembrance Grants for Youth-Led Community Projects**

Description: To commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11th, Do Something and American Express are teaming up to offer grants to young people who wish to take action and start commemorative projects in their own communities

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=349100041

Program: **Sustainable Community Innovation Grants (SCIG) Program**

Description: Any activities that will increase knowledge, build capacity and make connections between farms and rural communities to the benefit of people who live in those communities. This could include, but is not limited to, developing farmers markets, establishing nutrition classes about the benefits of local foods and facilitating local processing of pastured livestock.

Website:

http://www.raonline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=224

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

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. Department of Homeland Security

For Storm Survivors, Permanent Housing Is The Goal

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – For Alabamians affected by the April storms and tornadoes, now is the time to work toward a permanent housing plan. The [Alabama Emergency Management Agency](#) and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) encourage you to consider all options available, including local resources, in making a long-term plan.

Save money. Save receipts. Stay in touch.

“Finding and securing permanent housing can be a daunting task, especially for disaster survivors,” said Jeff Byard, state coordinating officer for AEMA. “It can be tough to know where to begin. Three things survivors can do now to begin the process is to save money, save receipts and stay in touch.” Whether you’re looking for long-term rental housing, rebuilding your home or looking to buy a home, the first thing you should do is begin setting aside as much money as you can. By saving up, you’ll be better prepared to act when you find a housing solution that fits your needs. It’s very important to document your recovery costs, especially if you’ve received grant money from FEMA. Make sure to save receipts from supplies, contractor work and any other disaster-related expenses. This will help state, federal and voluntary agencies provide further assistance. Some survivors may not know where to go for help. You can stay in touch with FEMA by contacting your caseworker or by calling the FEMA helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or TTY **800-462-7585**. Phone lines are available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time. Different situations call for different plans of action.

NEW -Voices for Alabama’s Children

The 2011 National KIDS COUNT Data Book is now available online at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>. See how Alabama compares with other states based on these ten national measurements of child well-being.

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?ind=137>

Data Profile for Alabama, Congressional District 7 (Congressional District)

Website:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/stateprofile.aspx?state=AL&loc=8814>

**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*

Alabama Housing Finance Authority

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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

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

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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
P.O. Box 2603
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
Phone: 256.389.0500
Fax: 256.389.0599
Executive Director: Keith Jones
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission
4200 Highway 69 North
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
Phone: 205.333.2990
Fax: 205.333.2713
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
Phone: 205.251.8139
Fax: 205.328.3304
Executive Director: Charles Ball
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Phone: 256.237.6741
Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
Fax: 334.682.4205
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, Alabama 36302
Phone: 334.794.4093
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation

P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
E-mail: CFOWA@bellsouth.net
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>