



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

September 13, 2011

Dr. George T. French, Jr., President of Miles College, Appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Equality

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Sewell (D-AL) and Miles College announced that Miles College President Dr. George T. French has been appointed to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education on the establishment and enforcement of the standards of academic accreditation and on the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education.

“It is great news that Dr. French has been appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity,” said Rep. Sewell (D-AL). “Dr. French embodies the integrity, knowledge and professionalism needed to successfully advocate for higher education in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and the nation. I am confident he will use his years of experience to advance the NACIQI ‘s mission and will help set strategic priorities for the future of higher education in America.”

“I am pleased to accept this 4-year appointment by Secretary Duncan to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Enhancement,” said Dr. French. “I am grateful to Congresswoman Sewell for recommending me. Our nation recognizes the need for a robust accrediting process of institutions of higher education. Standards set forth by NACIQI for higher education ensure that we as a nation out-educate and out-innovate the rest of the world. I look forward to upholding these values as advocated by Congresswoman Sewell, President Barack Obama and his predecessors for our higher educational systems.”

Dr. French’s tenure will start immediately and last through 2014.

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September 8, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on President Obama's Jobs Agenda

Washington, D.C. –Today, Congresswoman Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement after President Obama presented his jobs plan:

“Tonight, President Obama unveiled his plan to stimulate job growth and put Americans back to work. I was pleased to hear his ideas for stimulating economic growth, job creation and global demand for American goods and services. America’s workers need a comprehensive approach, and I believe the President’s plan will make strategic investments to stimulate job creation and strengthen economic development. It is now up to Congress to act responsibly on behalf of the constituents who sent us here to represent them.

While progress has been made in turning our economy around, much more must be done to help create jobs. I believe the President outlined a bold aggressive plan to promote job growth. I agree that we must create incentives for businesses to hire new employees, and put Americans back to work rebuilding our nation’s roads, bridges and infrastructure for future generations. We must make bold and wise investments in small businesses, infrastructure, education, workforce training and green manufacturing jobs so that we can grow our economy and expand American competitiveness in global markets. I am pleased that the President’s plan focuses on both urban and rural communities. It also focuses on incentives for small businesses, infrastructure projects, tax reforms, and new innovative projects that extend broadband and other technologies to rural communities to foster their economic growth.

I support extending jobless benefits for hardworking Americans who lost their job due to the economic downturn and through no fault of their own so that they can provide for their families. This plan will also help provide training to help put them back to work and create incentives for business to hire again. Reducing the payroll tax will also allow workers to keep more of their hard earned paychecks. When American workers are given the opportunity to share in the prosperity they help create, they rebuild the middle class and our country's economy.

I look forward to immediately working closely with the administration and my colleagues in Congress on this plan so that we can strengthen our economy, create jobs and reduce the deficit. I will continue to fight for hard-working Alabamians and Americans by working to strengthen economic development, create jobs and ensure that America's businesses compete on an equal playing field.”

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September 1, 2011

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$100,000 Grants Awarded to the Jefferson County Regional Commission and the West Alabama Regional Commission for Preparedness, Recovery, Rebuilding and Collaboration Efforts in Response to the April Tornadoes

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that the Jefferson County Regional Commission and the West Alabama Regional Commission were awarded \$100,000 each to develop preparedness disaster recovery plans that will assist in the preparedness, recovery, rebuilding and regional collaboration efforts in response to the April 2011 tornadoes and heavy storms. The grants were awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration and will be implemented in communities throughout Jefferson, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa and other counties in Alabama.

“This funding will help in the recovery and rebuilding efforts in our communities that critically need assistance as a result of the April tornadoes, said Rep. Sewell. This grant will also allow our regional commissions to better prepare our communities for natural disasters. It is critically important that all communities receive the resources and funding they need to recover and rebuild from the devastation that struck the communities across the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama.”

“We appreciate everything that Congresswoman Sewell is doing to assist us in identifying funding sources for communities in need,” said Cory Jackson, Senior Economic Development Planner with the West Alabama Regional Planning Commission. “There are so many things that need attention in response to the tornadoes. We will use this funding to fill the gaps in our communities and within the business sector.

“We are delighted to have the support of Congresswoman Sewell in this endeavor,” said Charles Ball, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB). With the grant awarded by the Economic Development Administration, the RPCGB will work with communities to formulate a Disaster Response and Preparedness Plan that will focus on protecting infrastructure and businesses and enable local governments to provide both proactive and reactive assistance to their citizens.”

According to the project description, the funding will be used to provide planning and technical assistance to impacted communities to promote economic recovery through coordination of resources, prioritization of rebuilding efforts, and regional collaboration. Analysis of the storm events will also help local governments develop a disaster response and preparedness plan to protect citizens, infrastructure, and businesses from future events.

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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August 3, 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

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- **September 1, 2011** - West Alabama Regional Commission is awarded \$100,000 to develop preparedness disaster recovery plans that will assist in the preparedness, recovery, rebuilding and regional collaboration efforts in response to the April 2011 tornadoes and heavy storms. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration and will be implemented in communities throughout Jefferson, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa and other counties in Alabama.
- **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.
- **July, 2011** - 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
- **July, 2011 - 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>
- **July, 2011 - 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: **Alabama Incentives: Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program**

Description: The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division developed the Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program to increase the availability and use of biodiesel blends in school buses and state fleet vehicles. Grants are available for up to \$2,500 of the cost of cleaning existing fuel tanks to store biodiesel blends of 20% (B20) for use in public school, state college and university, and local government fleets.

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

Program: **Alabama Incentives: Biofuel Production Facility Tax Credit**

Description: Companies that invest in the development of a biofuel production facility may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 5% of the capital costs of the project. Companies may claim this credit against the state income tax or the financial institution excise tax liability that the project generates each year for up to 20 years. For the purposes of the credit, biofuel is defined as a motor vehicle fuel that is produced from grain, starch, oilseeds, vegetable, algae, animal, or fish materials including fats, greases and oils, sugarcane, sugar beets, sugar components, tobacco, potatoes, and lignocellulosic or other biomass. To be eligible for the tax credit, the capital costs of the production facility must be at least \$2,000,000 if the facility is

not located in a favored geographic area and \$500,000 if the facility is located in a favored geographic area. A favored geographic area is defined as an area or county that is designated as an enterprise zone or that the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations considers to be less developed.

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

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: **AmeriCorps State and National Planning 2012 Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity**

Description: The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118894&mode=VIEW>

Program: **AmeriCorps State and National Indian Tribes Planning Grant Competitions**

Description: The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118913&mode=VIEW>

Program: **AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competitions**

Description: The purpose of CNCS is to maximize the power of service and volunteering to improve lives in communities across the country.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=119173&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**

Description: Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wgW5TxfCLblvcThy1pLp034Cg1vhRyPM280LcpnBv0X3xFrhVCgh!-1594275180?oppId=120613&mode=VIEW>

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW - Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences**

Description: The research emphasis will be on mathematical, statistical, computational, and algorithmic developments, as well as their applications in advancing modern cyber infrastructure and scientific discovery.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vpSDTxZMsK3f3XJm1yKJQfhzWbgPJFhyJHSB7Z1Jw1kfp42GKchl!-1594275180?oppId=122493&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Supporting Effective Educator Development Grant Program CFDA Number 84.367D**

Description: Improving Teacher Quality State Grants and provides funding to national non-profit organizations to support projects to recruit,

select, and prepare or provide professional enhancement activities for teachers and principals

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=BTHTTxdMLj1bsPbLg1GndrMv5KTJWkF2lZK8XcJ4PS18hPGGfyyQ!-1594275180?oppId=121173&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Race to the Top--Early Learning Grant**

Description: The purpose is to improve the quality of early learning and development and close the achievement gap for children with high needs. The RTT-ELC Grant focuses on improving early learning and development for young children.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/165>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW- Affordable Care Act Capital Development - Building Capacity Grant Program**

Description: This program will award approximately \$600 million, through competitive one-time grants to existing health centers receiving grants under the Health Center Program (section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 USC 254b, as amended).

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yldGTySM7khJyZG48hK2D2PGgS2fnJPlcY6Wfn1jGQdFJl5Kdhlk!-271650999?oppId=121493&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Affordable Care Act Capital Development - Immediate Facility Improvements Program**

Description: This program will award approximately \$100 million through competitive one-time grants to existing health centers receiving grants under the Health Center Program (section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS), 42 U.S.C. 254b, as amended). This announcement details the competitive Affordable Care Act funding opportunity available for existing Health Center Program grantees to address immediate and pressing capital needs within existing section 330-funded health centers.

Website:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=45203862-BFE0-4BD8-AAA9-BDF255BC4365>

Program: **Million Hearts Program**

Description: Million Hearts is a national initiative to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. Heart disease and stroke are two of the leading causes of death in the United States. Million Hearts brings together communities, health systems, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners from across the country to fight heart disease and stroke.

- Learn more about the science of Million Hearts in CDC's [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#)
- Check out Million Hearts in *Circulation*, [\[PDF-286K\]](#) a journal of the American Heart Association
- See the Million Hearts perspective in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#)
- See the Million Hearts press release issued on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 [\[PDF-132K\]](#)
- [The Building Blocks of Million Hearts: An Overview of Public & Private Supports](#)

Website: <http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/>

Program: **NEW - FDA Small Scientific Conference Grant Program (R13)**

Description: The FDA recognizes the value of supporting high quality, small scientific conferences. A small scientific conference is defined as a symposium, seminar, workshop, or any formal meeting, whether

conducted face-to-face or virtually to exchange information and explore a defined subject, issue, or area of concern impacting the public's health within the scope of the FDA's mission.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Gj9WTxgJTbJcMJP64M9QpC1XTsNwNRGTh5wQHLGgPnmfXX93tbTT!-1594275180?oppId=122373&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program:

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Description:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application period will be extended due to ongoing emergency response and recovery operations across the country. The **NEW** deadline for AFG applications is **September 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**

Website:

The AFG website continues to have information and tools available to assist with preparing competitive applications (www.fema.gov/firegrants). Additionally, FEMA's grant guidance document can be accessed at www.fema.gov/firegrants/afgrants/index.shtm.

The AFG Program Help Desk is ready to assist with any questions applicants may have and can be reached by calling 1-866-274-0960 / 1-866-274-0960 or by email at firegrants@dhs.gov.”

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program:

**Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program
FULL 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.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vJ1vTnpTgnw7WgLTWJl4Q6y19ZQLSC1pzSgwc2vJyT4WGkBpJlcB!-1746871694?oppId=120554&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Continuum of Care (CoC)**

Description: The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118353&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **2012 Preservation Technology and Training Grants**

Description: NCPTT seeks innovative projects that advance science and technology for historic preservation. The PTT Grants program funds projects that develop new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118473&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **FY 2011 TIGER Grants**

Description: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Congress dedicated \$1.5 billion for TIGER I and \$600 million for TIGER II to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. TIGER's highly competitive process, galvanized by tremendous applicant interest, allowed DOT to fund 51 innovative capital projects in TIGER I, and an additional 42 capital projects in TIGER II. TIGER II also featured a new Planning Grant category and 33 planning projects were also funded through TIGER II. Each project is multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs.

- 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

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW -Southeastern U.S. Regional Targeted Watersheds Initiative**

Description: Region 4 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) anticipates awarding 3 to 7 cooperative agreement to eligible

entities which serve the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or the Indian Tribes within the Region's boundaries. The Regional Targeted Watersheds Initiative, under the authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 104(b)(3), is designed to award grants to support studies of a series of possible approaches to watershed restoration to determine if those approaches produce short-term measurable environmental results in a watershed, or to support demonstration projects to test new and innovative approaches to water quality.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=mmKRTxjJTZxn2khS9HLpZ8ZJr2j2j0Z21NTshRDlxS9JWytbDss8!-271650999?oppId=121553&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year 2011 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental Education Sub-Grants Program**

Description: This RFP solicits grant proposals to support EPA's mission to promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=cd7yTxbCv4RgwWdQgH2CcsPfgKVGtt8nqkhtj0TQjJjKPxh5QjMS!-1594275180?oppId=121793&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **Applications Invited for Soros Justice Advocacy and Media Fellowships**

Description: An annual program of the Open Society Institute, the Soros Justice Fellowships fund outstanding individuals seeking to implement innovative projects that advance the efforts of the Open Society Foundations to reform the U.S. criminal justice system.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=346400008

Program: **Home Depot Foundation Announces 2011 Community Impact Grants Program**

Description: The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. In light of the current housing market, the foundation's 2011 funding will prioritize projects that help veterans, seniors, and the disabled stay in their homes comfortably, including home repair, modification, and weatherization projects

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335100022

Program: **NEW - Sea Turtle Conservation Fund Invites Pre-Proposals for Spring 2012 Grant Round**

Description: The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the availability of matching grant funding for sea turtle conservation projects in the Western Hemisphere through the Sea Turtle Conservation Fund. Projects of interest will focus on research, assessment, and by catch reduction.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=I3DEENUUIHEVVLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=353600010

Program: **NEW - Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program Invites Entries From Young Volunteers**

Description: The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program annually honors middle and high school students across the U.S. for helping to improve their communities through volunteer activities. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and

to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=353300014

Program: **NEW - Chicken and Egg Pictures Invites Proposals From Women Filmmakers for New Human Rights Film Fund**

Description: A project of Tides, Chicken & Egg Pictures is a hybrid film fund and nonprofit production company dedicated to supporting women filmmakers with financial support, mentorship, and more. The fund seeks to support filmmakers who are as passionate about the craft of storytelling as they are about the social justice, environmental, and human rights issues addressed by their work.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=352400022

Program: **NEW - Siemens Foundation and Discovery Education Launch Fourth Annual Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge for K-12 Students**

Description: The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge invites students in the U.S. to team up with classmates under teacher/mentors to solve environmental problems in their school (grades K-5), community (grades 6-8), and world (grades 9-12).

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=353300013

Program: **The Power - A Bright Future Program Grant**

Description: Clorox Foundation – The Power a Bright Future Contest 3.0 is open only to K-12 public or private schools (each a "School") operating within the fifty (50) United States and the District of

Columbia. The award is \$50,000 for your school. The deadline is 10-17-2011.

Website:

<http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/175>

Program: **SeaWorld and Busch Gardens Conservation Fund Accepting Applications for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Projects Worldwide**

Description: The SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, a nonprofit organization created by Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks, supports wildlife research, habitat protection, animal rescue, and conservation education in the United States and around the world.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=346600002

Program: **Gates Foundation's Access to Learning Award to Recognize Community Information Technology Program**

Description: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's annual Access to Learning Award recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar institutions outside the United States to connect people to information and opportunities through free access to computers and the Internet. The recipient of the award will receive \$1 million

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=346100036

Program: **KaBOOM! and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Invite Grant Applications for Let's Play Playground Construction Grants**

Description: [KaBOOM!](#) and funding partner [Dr. Pepper Snapple Group](#) are offering Let's Play Playground Construction Grants of \$15,000 to

qualifying organizations using the KaBOOM! community-build model

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=351700020

Program: **Target Field Trip Grants**

Description: Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private or charter school in the United States that maintains a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/171>

Program: **Grants Available for Families Struggling with Child Health-Related Costs**

Description: The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. Parents and legal guardians may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 each for child medical services and equipment by completing an online application at the UHCCF Web site.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

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

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\): How to Receive Disaster Assistance?](#)

[Rebuilding Alabama](#) - Resources, Contact Information & Updates for Alabama's families

[Past editions of Congresswoman Sewell's Guide to Grants](#)

Weblink: <http://sewell.house.gov/issue/guide-grants#>

Through its Ready Campaign, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both

Flashlight and extra batteries

First aid kit

Whistle to signal for help

Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

Local maps

Cell phone and chargers

Website: <http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.pdf>

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. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

Website:

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

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

Description: 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>

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>

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.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.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
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251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
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Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
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>