



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 21, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell in Opposition to H.R. 2608, the Continuing Appropriations Act *Bill Would Have Cut Manufacturing Jobs*

Washington, DC— Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement after voting against H.R. 2608, the Continuing Appropriations Act:

“Today, I voted against H.R. 2608, the Continuing Appropriations Act. While the Continuing Resolution includes critical disaster assistance for states and communities hit hard by recent natural disasters, it does so by setting a dangerous precedent, requiring the disaster aid to be offset by cutting funding to job-creating programs. This bill would have cost at least 10,000 hard-working Americans their jobs by cutting funding from the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan program, which is putting Americans to work producing cleaner cars right here in the United States.

As Members of Congress, it is our responsibility to protect the interests of all of our citizens. We should not have to choose between protecting thousands of jobs and ensuring that families have the necessary resources to recover and rebuild when a disaster strikes.

The 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama were hit hard by the severe storms and tornadoes of April 27, 2011. Many communities in the 7th Congressional District were ravaged by this historic outbreak of tornadoes. When disaster strikes, the Federal Government must act. We cannot waste valuable time searching for emergency funding while communities ravaged by disasters suffer. I cannot in good conscience vote for a bill that would jeopardize my constituents’ access to vital assistance in the wake of a disaster.

I look forward to working with the Administration and my colleagues in Congress on a Continuing Resolution that will adequately fund disaster assistance, encourage job creation, reduce the deficit and keep our government running. We should not penalize the victims of natural disasters or cost thousands of Americans their jobs in these difficult economic times.”

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The bill failed in the House 195 – 230

September 12, 2011

**Dr. George T. French, Jr., President of Miles College,
Appointed to the National Advisory Committee on
Institutional Quality and Integrity**

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 agenda:

“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 agenda 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.

Great progress has been made in turning our economy around, but much more must be done to help create jobs. 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. Our focus should be both urban and rural, focusing 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. We should also help provide training to help put them back to work and create incentives for business to hire again. Reducing the Social Security 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 working closely with the administration and my colleagues in Congress on these bold new initiatives so that we can strengthen our economy and create jobs. 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.

Recent Grant Awards

- **September 16, 2011 – HHS /National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDS AND TB Prevention awards AIDS Alabama \$332,733 for Birmingham Many Men, Many Voices Project.** This is a community based HIV project.
- **September 12, 2011 – DOE award to the University of Alabama at Birmingham - \$600,000.** DOE's Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) initiative announced it will award \$6.4 million over the course of five years to support seven Centers of Excellence at American colleges, universities, and university-affiliated research institutions. This project will allow the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Engineering to expand its GATE Center of Excellence in Lightweight Materials and Manufacturing Technologies. The UAB GATE center will be a multi-disciplinary entity representing ten GATE faculty members specializing in Materials, Mechanical, Biomedical and Civil Engineering.
- **September 16, 2011 – USDA award to Kyser Family Farms of Hale County for \$49,600-** Rural Energy for America Program Grant - Rural Development funds will be used to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses in developing renewable energy systems, and in making energy-efficiency improvements to their operations.
- **September 1, 2011 - Jefferson County 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.
- **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://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQjxXV1IqOEwK>

- **July 18, 2011 - Pickens County Education Center Patient Simulation Laboratory** – awarded by Appalachian Regional Commission - \$70,000 to Beville State Community College – State awards \$32,976 for a total of \$102, 976 for nursing simulation lab.
- **July 14, 2011 - HUD, VA to provide permanent housing and support to 150 homeless vets in Alabama** -- HUD will provide \$703,893 to public housing agencies in Alabama to supply permanent housing and case management for 150 homeless veterans in Alabama. They are part of 6,790 homeless veterans in America that will receive housing for public and case management.
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=HUD-VASH2011Chart.pdf>
- **June 29, 2011 - Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport awarded \$ 4,565,580-** to improve two of the airport’s terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- **June 27, 2011 - The Dannon Project - Birmingham, AL – Awarded amount of \$1,400,161** by Department of Labor for the Young Parents Demonstration to provide intensive mentoring services for low-income young parents or expectant parents, ages 16 to 24, in addition to the educational and occupational skills training available through existing workforce development programs.
- **The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)** will receive 25% of Section 324 State Management Costs, **\$1,679,923**. AEMA will apply these funds to salaries, benefits, equipment and training of staff and other management costs in **implementing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**.
- **HUD Awards \$1.9 Billion to Improve, Preserve Nation’s Public Housing Stock**
Alabama Award totals - \$60,538,409
7th District Award totals - \$17,075,398
The funds will allow these public housing agencies to make major large-scale improvements to their public housing units. This annual funding to housing authorities is a down payment toward addressing \$25.6B backlog in large-scale repair, renovation costs.
- **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

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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

Title: **State Energy Program**

Description: The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient lighting improvements in small businesses located in Alabama. Eligible applicants include small businesses in Alabama. The deadline is 9/30/2011 5:00 PM CST

Website: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C9/RFP>
The required attachments can be found on website:
<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C7/FormsPubs>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Scholarly Editions and Translations**

Description: Scholarly Editions and Translations grants support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. These grants support full-time or part-time activities for periods of a minimum of one year up to a maximum of three years.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=122413&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Collaborative Research**

Description: Promotion of the Humanities Research - Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of a minimum of one year up to a maximum of three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=122393&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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 - Cyberlearning: Transforming Education**

Description: Through the Cyberlearning: Transforming Education program, NSF seeks to integrate advances in technology with advances in what is known about how people learn to better understand how people learn with technology and how technology can be used productively to help people learn, through individual use and/or through collaborations mediated by technology; better use technology for collecting, analyzing, sharing, and managing data to shed light on learning, promoting learning, and designing learning environments; and design new technologies for these purposes, and advance understanding of how to use those technologies and integrate them into learning environments so that their potential is fulfilled. The Cyberlearning program will also support small Capacity-Building Projects (CAP) and a Cyberlearning Resource Center (CRC).

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123233&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Discovery Research K-12**

Description: The Discovery Research K-12 program (DRK-12) seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) by preK-12 students, teachers, administrators and parents. All DRK-12 projects should be framed around a research question or hypothesis that addresses an important need or topic in preK-12 STEM education.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123234&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Program: **NEW - Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program**

Description: To support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities; and (3) a project that provides Training and Capacity Building on a nationwide basis to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees and others to effectively operate their food security projects.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123793&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **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 - Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program**

Description: Proposed projects will have an outcomes-oriented approach that will enhance and sustain the delivery of effective health care in rural communities by tracking specific health indicators that will demonstrate the impact of their project at the end of their grant period.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V8bqT7JLLn7BHtB1LGhqvZTtGJc451GL0g3dS2vvZk8SK4fnck1m!-147358973?oppId=124153&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Mechanisms Explaining Differences in Depressive and Anxiety Disorders Across Racial/Ethnic Groups**

Description: Mental Health Research Grants

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123273&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - FY 2011 Homeland Security National Training Grant Program**

Description: State and Local Homeland Security National Training Program

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123053&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

Title: **NEW - National Sleep Apnea and Trucking Conference**

Description: There continues to be a critical need for additional education and research to promote awareness and accurate understanding regarding this important safety issue. The NTSB recommended that FMCSA include disseminating guidance for commercial drivers, employers and physicians regarding the identification and treatment of individuals at high risk of obstructive sleep apnea. The Sleep Apnea and Multi-Modal Transportation Conference 2011 is being organized by the American Sleep Apnea Association (ASAA). Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education eligible to apply for grants up to \$15,000.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!1697423112?oppId=124073&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY 2011 Capital Grants for Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Projects**

Description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for eligible rail line relocation and improvement projects. To assist State and local governments in mitigating the adverse effects created by the presence of rail infrastructure, Congress, in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=124033&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Funding**

Description: CDFA 20.235 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Training Grants. These grant funds are intended for community colleges and truck driver training schools. Because driver behavior was identified as the most prominent cause of truck crashes, these funds will continue to help the Agency achieve its goal of reducing large truck and bus related fatalities by supporting CMV operator training.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9nkT6zGXT2SwyVqRPYNpynW0D22QC0mJnHQ0qmG0vHnmPyKYWQb!-1697423112?oppId=123473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **FY 2011 TIGER Grants**

Description: DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER+ Discretionary Grants pursuant to Div. B of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011). Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as “TIGER Discretionary Grants.”

- 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: **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=mmKRTxjJTZxn2khS9HLpZ8ZJr2j2j0Z2INTshRDlxS9JWytbDss8!-271650999?oppId=121553&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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>

U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA DISASTER LOANS REACH \$100 MILLION IN ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Households and businesses in Alabama have been approved for more than \$100 million in low-interest loans to help with rebuilding after the April storms and

tornadoes. In the nearly five months since the disaster, more than \$78 million has been approved for 1,534 Alabama homeowners and nearly \$21 million has been approved for 159 businesses in the state. Another \$1.1 million in economic injury disaster loans has been approved to help businesses and some private, nonprofit organizations with operating funds. “These loans are a great help in the rebuilding process in Alabama,” said Jeff Byard, state coordinating officer for the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Eligible homeowners were able to obtain loans up to \$200,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration to repair or replace real estate. Homeowners and renters were able to borrow up to \$40,000 for personal property, including automobiles that were damaged in the tornadoes. Eligible businesses could obtain loans up to \$2 million to help with repairs, replacement of property, working capital and economic injury. “FEMA assistance can help in the short term, but SBA loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds,” said Joe M. Girot, federal coordinating officer for FEMA. While recent disasters have caused FEMA to temporarily delay funding for some long-term projects, this does not affect individuals and households who still need FEMA assistance for immediate needs. Federal recovery funds continue flowing to individuals, families and businesses in Alabama.

Disaster loan applicants who have already applied and have questions may email the SBA at DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or call the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing). FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362 –

For more information on Alabama’s disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://www.ema.alabama.gov/>. For the joint Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/AlabamaEMA. To receive Twitter updates: <http://twitter.com/AlabamaEMA> or [www.twitter.com/femaregion4](http://twitter.com/femaregion4).

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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| Program: | Alabama Power Foundation Grant Program (Deadlines in March, June, September, and December) |
| Description: | The Alabama Power Foundation considers requests up to \$50,000 that most closely match its overall mission: to improve the quality of life of Alabamians and to strengthen the communities in which they live. The Foundation grant applications must meet several guidelines including projects that address education, civic and community life, arts and culture, environment, and health services. |

Website:

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

Program: **Mary Byron Project Celebrating Solutions Awards Program to Honor Innovative Domestic Violence Programs**

Description: The Mary Byron Project's Celebrating Solutions Awards program annually honors innovative U.S. programs that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence. The awards are designed to honor programs that can serve as models for the nation, and provide \$10,000 in recognition of these pioneering efforts. These are awards for accomplishments, not grants for future projects. Recipients are not required to render any further services as a condition of receiving a Celebrating Solutions Award.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=352900026

Program: **Youth Garden Grants**

Description: The National Gardening Association (NGA) and The Home Depot provide Youth Garden Grants for schools, youth groups, and community centers throughout the US. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Grantees will receive \$500-1,000 gift cards to The Home Depot and educational materials from NGA.

Website:

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

Program: **North American Association for Environmental Education**

Description: The NAAEE website has a great list of environmental education grants that are available each year

Website: <http://eelink.net/pages/Grants+-+EE+Specific+Resources>

www.alabamawildlife.org

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: **School Grants**

Description: Search for grants in your region of the US

Website: <http://www.k12grants.org/Grants/south.htm>

Program: **Cyber Sierra's Conservation Grants Center**

Description: This website has a list of grants for environmental education grants.

Website: <http://www.conservationgrants.com/education.htm>

Program: **National Gardening Association Themed Grants**

Description: The National Gardening Association (NGA) works with sponsoring companies and organizations to provide in-kind grants to projects that actively engage kids in the garden and improve the quality of life for their communities. Each grant consists of a wide assortment of quality tools, seeds, garden products, and educational materials. There are several different grant opportunities available thru NGA:

- Hooked on Hydroponics Awards
- Healthy Sprouts Awards
- Youth Garden Grants
- Mantis Awards

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

Program: **Alabama Ag in the Classroom**

Description: The Alabama Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation makes grants available for projects that integrate agriculture into curriculum areas during the school year. Alabama public or private schools as well as ACES Agents or Alabama Soil & Water District Coordinators may apply for grants from \$25 to \$500.

Website: <http://www.alabamaaitc.org/grants.html>

Program: **American Honda Foundation Grants**

Description: The American Honda Foundation makes grants available for projects that reflect the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, including imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. The average grant range is \$20,000 to \$60,000.

Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

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: **Building Resilience in Indigenous Communities Initiative Grants**

Description: Honor The Earth, in partnership with the Tides Foundation, awards grants solely to organizations that are led and managed by Native Peoples. Resilience Theory is a discussion about how communities and societies will adapt to climate change.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/182>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / STUDENT AID

Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

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

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/>

GRANT WRITING TIPS: TOP TEN LIST

1. **Know your audience** – Make sure your project's goals match the goals of the grant you are applying for.
2. **Follow the guidelines listed** – Read and reread the guidelines provided, and follow them to the letter.
3. **Proof your application** – Have someone who is not involved in your project review your proposal to make sure that it makes sense and answers the questions appropriately.
4. **Honor deadlines** – Try to get your proposal completed and turned in ahead of the deadline to avoid any last minute complications.

5. **Keep it clear and concise** – Only answer the questions asked, and do not include any additional information or attachments if the grant application does not request it.
6. **Submit your reports** – Be sure to follow the guidelines and submit any and all follow-up reports on time.
7. **Passion must be evident** – If possible, be sure to convey how important your project is to your students, the school, and the community as a whole.
8. **Do not use a shotgun approach** – Stay focused and do not include any other projects in your proposal. Also, be sure to demonstrate how your specific project meets their grant program’s goals.
9. **It all starts with a good idea** – Before applying for grants, put your thoughts and ideas on paper using the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program’s Master Plan worksheet and Individual Project Plan worksheets.
10. **Be correct** – Do the necessary research before filling out any grant applications to ensure that you have a true picture of the scope and details of your project.

Website:

http://www.alabamawildlife.org/uploadedFiles/File/Grant_Opps_for_OC_Schools_%28update_Jan_11%29.pdf

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

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| 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 |

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| 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>

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>

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.hardesthitlabama.com/>

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
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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
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Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
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South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

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

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

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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

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

Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
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Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
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Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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Executive Director: Robert B. Culver
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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
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Elmore County Community Foundation
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P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
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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
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Website: www.sacinfo.org

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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