



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants – the 100th edition!*

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

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

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$3.01 Million SAFER Grant Awarded to the City of Montgomery Fire Department

February 6, 2013

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) announced that the City of Montgomery Fire Department has been awarded a \$3,010,000 grant under the Fiscal Year 2012 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. These awards are administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency along with the U.S. Fire Administration.

"I am pleased that the Montgomery Fire Department will receive \$3,010,000 in funding to retain and hire firefighters. This grant will provide the resources to allow firefighters in the City of Montgomery to continue protecting our communities. I was delighted to send a letter of support to the Fire Administration in support of the Montgomery Fire Department's application and am happy that they will receive this critically important funding," said Rep. Terri Sewell.

The SAFER program is a funding initiative designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards and improve the nation's overall level of preparedness. This program awards grants directly to volunteer, combination and career fire departments to help the departments increase the number of frontline firefighters and to rehire firefighters who were laid-off due to the economy.

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Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to the Postal Service’s Decision to End Saturday Letter Delivery

February 6, 2013

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement in response to the Postal Service’s decision to end the delivery of Saturday letters:

“I am disappointed that the United States Postal Service had to make the decision to stop delivering mail on Saturday beginning in August. While I understand that the USPS was forced to make tough budgetary decisions in order to remain financially solvent, this decision will impact thousands of constituents in my district, including many rural Alabamians and seniors. And as a result of this new mail delivery schedule, numerous postal workers could face potential layoffs. This decision clearly underscores the need for Congress to work together to make strategic decisions and offer comprehensive reforms that ensures the solvency of our federal agencies that provide critical services to Alabamians and all Americans. I look forward to working with my colleagues and this Administration to develop bipartisan solutions that accomplishes those goals.”

According to the United States Postal Service, this change to five-day mail delivery will go into effect in August. The Postal Service will continue to deliver packages on a six-day schedule and post offices will continue to be open on Saturdays.

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Congresswoman Sewell to Attend National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC with Faith-Based Leaders from Alabama's 7th Congressional District

February 6, 2013

WASHINGTON, DC – Tomorrow, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) will attend the 61st National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton Hotel with two faith-based leaders from the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. The Prayer Breakfast, held annually, provides an opportunity for elected officials, business leaders, visiting dignitaries and leaders from all over the world to come together to pray and reflect upon issues facing this nation and the world. President and Mrs. Obama will be in attendance. As is tradition, the President will deliver remarks.

“I am pleased to attend the National Prayer Breakfast with faith-based leaders from my district,” said Rep. Sewell. “Now more than ever, we must come together to craft common-sense solutions to resolve the most critical issues facing our nation. I look forward to joining my colleagues in prayer and reaffirming our commitment to strengthening American families by creating opportunities and providing resources for all to succeed. Together, we can build a brighter future for our communities and move this nation and the world forward.”

Guests accompanying Rep. Sewell to the breakfast will be two pastors from the 7th Congressional District:

- Pastor Edward Nettles, Free Will Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL
- Pastor Thomas Wilder, Bethel Baptist Church of Collegeville, Birmingham, AL

“I am humbled for the opportunity to attend the National Prayer Breakfast, said Pastor Edward Nettles. “It is such an honor to be sharing this time with Congresswoman Sewell and the President of the United States. I want to thank her for giving us this opportunity.” “I very glad to receive the invitation from Congresswoman Sewell to attend National Prayer Breakfast,” said Pastor Thomas Wilder. “I look forward to joining our faith based community as we pray for our nation and our leaders.”

The National Prayer Breakfast is a bi-partisan event held in Washington, DC, on the first Thursday of February each year. The breakfast, held in the Hilton Hotel’s International Ballroom, is attended by some 3,000 guests and international invitees from over 100 countries. It is hosted by members of the United States Congress and is organized on their behalf by The Fellowship Foundation, a Christian organization.

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces “Project R.E.A.D.Y” — Workforce Development Initiative

January 31, 2013

BIRMINGHAM, AL –Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) announced today her office will roll out a workforce development initiative designed to facilitate employment in Alabama's 7th Congressional District by promoting public/private partnerships, job readiness, skills training and career development. The initiative is called “Project R.E.A.D.Y” which stands for Reaching Every one's Ability to Develop Yourself. Project R.E.A.D.Y will consist of a series of workforce training workshops conducted throughout the 7th congressional district by career professionals in partnership with educational institutions and other members of the Congresswoman Sewell's Workforce Advisory Council.

Congresswoman Sewell announced formation of the Workforce Advisory Council (WAC) that will serve as key partners in advising her office on issues affecting workforce development in Alabama's 7th congressional district. The Council will be composed of local employers, state and educational institutions as well as non-profits that focus on career training and development. Commitments to join the Congresswoman's Workforce Advisory Council have already been received by: Lawson State Community College, Jeff State Community College, University of West Alabama, Alabama Career Center, Alabama Power, Hyundai and Mercedes Benz to name a few. The Council will partner in providing the Project READY workshops and assist in developing legislation and local efforts to promote job readiness and training throughout the 7th congressional district.

Congresswoman Sewell stated: “I am so excited about this new workforce initiative Project R.E.A.D.Y. Job creation remains my top priority. I am proud of the efforts my office has taken to address the issue of high unemployment which has been a systematic problem in the 7th Congressional district. We plan to continue to host an annual Job Fair event in the district. The Project READY workshops offer another way we can provide employment resources and opportunities to our constituents. I want to thank our Workforce Advisory Council participants for partnering with us in this significant initiative. I hope my constituents will take full advantage of a Project READY workshop coming soon to a town near them.”

Rick Neal, Senior Vice President of Administration at Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama stated: “We are so pleased Congresswoman Sewell is spearheading this important initiative to build a competitive and able workforce for the 21st century. As a partner with other Alabama businesses and educational entities Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC is committed to aiding Congresswoman Sewell in her efforts to help lead the challenge of preparing Alabama's future workforce.”

The first Project READY workshop is being organized for February at Lawson State Community College. For more information on how to register, visit www.sewell.house.gov or call 205-254-1960.

Recent Grant Awards

- **February 6, 2013** - City of Montgomery Fire Department will receive \$3,010,000 from DHS for the SAFER grant under the Fiscal Year 2012 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. These awards are administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency along with the U.S. Fire Administration.

- **February 4, 2013** – Counties in 7th District awarded grants as part of Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP):
 - Clarke County awarded - \$ 2,966,607.00
 - Choctaw County awarded - \$ 4,330,176.00
 - Dallas County awarded - \$ 2,388,296.00
 - Greene County awarded - \$ 3,604,574.00
 - Jefferson County awarded - \$15,671,048.77
 - Montgomery County awarded - \$ 5,993,154.00
 - Tuscaloosa County awarded - \$26,724,357.60

- **January 21, 2013** – City of Bessemer will receive \$8.2 million from HUD for public housing to repair and renovate 198 low rent public housing units.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- A federal grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. Federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. A federal grant may not be used to acquire property or services for the federal government's direct benefit. The 26 federal agencies offer over 1,000 grant programs annually in various categories.
Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants.jsp>
- 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

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

Description: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=218953&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Preservation and Access Research and Development**

Description: Preservation and Access Research and Development grants support projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to

humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence. The deadline is May 1, 2013.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZI1lhq!-1043239538?oppId=219237&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Awards for Faculty**

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities, who pursue research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZI1lhq!-1043239538?oppId=218793&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - FY14 Farm to School Grant Program**

Description: Program to assist eligible entities through grants and technical assistance in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZI1lhq!-1043239538?oppId=219273&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW - Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nutrition Training Program**

Description: Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) grant funds are awarded to establish and enhance nutrition centers of excellence to improve MCH by promoting the healthy nutrition of the mother, child, and family.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=219416&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Affordable Care Act - Health Center Controlled Networks**

Description: HCCN grants will support the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHRs) and technology-enabled quality-improvement (QI) strategies in health centers.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=219393&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of the Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta) is to fund organizations located in the eight Delta States to address unmet local health care needs and prevalent health disparities in rural Delta communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xSj7RQIXj97fmhvdLy6z7ftFrBp1SQVtSP1J5LF5vXyfWypQhJXn!1423013708?oppId=217073&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - FY2013 THPO Historic Preservation Fund Grants in Aid**

Description: To provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=219094&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY2013 SHPO Historic Preservation Fund Grants in Aid**

Description: Program to provide matching grants to States for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as survey, planning technical assistance, acquisition, development, and certain Federal tax incentives available for historic properties; to provide matching grants to States to expand the National Register of Historic Places.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=219113&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - OVW FY 2013 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program**

Description: This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by encouraging State, local, and Tribal governments and State, local, and Tribal courts to treat sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system

Website:

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<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11hq!-1043239538?oppId=219594&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - OJJDP FY 2013 Family Drug Court Programs**

Description: The Family Drug Courts program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to either implement new drug courts or enhance pre-existing drug courts for individuals with substance abuse disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders, including histories of trauma, who are involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse, neglect, and other parenting issues.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvlQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - OVW FY 2013 Court Training and Improvements Program**

Description: This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by supporting court or court-based initiatives that aim to improve civil and criminal court functions, enhance court infrastructure and improve court responses to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvlQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217694&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)**

Description: Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with

gang and gun violence, and violent offenders. The deadline is March 11, 2013.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=qYy2QvbL811pGGGCyykJdrBMvL8QD492syzySmjfbTwjzwTVLPT4!1702133586?oppId=214413&mode=VIEW>

Program:

BJA FY 13 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Description:

Grants to develop healthy, vibrant communities that are places to provide the opportunities, resources, and an environment that children, youth, and adults need to maximize their life outcomes, including high-quality schools and cradle-to-career educational programs; high-quality and affordable housing; thriving commercial establishments; access to quality health care and health services; art and cultural amenities; parks and other recreational spaces; and the safety to take advantage of these opportunities. The deadline is March 4, 2013.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrLN10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213393&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program:

NEW - National Farmworker Jobs Program Grants

Description:

NFJP provides training, employment services, and related assistance in order to increase economic opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their dependents.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QnKbRJWCVg286LgLjtT8WTC6GQKGr4KHn20LGwR3fS3KrNZ11lhq!-1043239538?oppId=219513&mode=VIEW>

Program: **YouthBuild**

Description: YouthBuild is a workforce and community development program that serves youth ages 16-24. The YouthBuild program uses a dual model combining academic instruction and occupational skills training leading to the completion of a high school diploma or GED. Participants receive an opportunity to gain industry recognized credentials in construction trades while gaining hands on experience in the construction industry. The deadline is March 19, 2013.

Website: Interested applicants can find more information on www.grants.gov.

Section IV PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW – Keep Gym in School**

Description: Now in its fifth year, NFL Network's Keep Gym in School program continues its mission to boost fitness and physical education across the country, as latest studies show youth facing alarming rates of obesity and related diseases.

Website:

<http://www.keepgyminscool.com/grant/>

Program: **NEW - America's Farmers Grow Rural Education**

Description: America's Farmers Grow Rural Education is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to help farmers positively impact their communities and support local school districts.

Website:

<http://www.americasfarmers.com/growruraleducation/rules.aspx>

Program: **NEW – USA Track and Field Foundation**

Description: The USA Track & Field Foundation provides a means to attract and guide funds to new and innovative track and field programs.

Website: <http://www.usatffoundation.org/about/default.aspx>

Program: **NEW - CVS Caremark Community Grants**

Description: The Community Grants Program will focus on inclusive programs and programs for children with disabilities under age 21; academic and enrichment programs at public schools; and programs that provide access to quality health care services and health education for at risk and underserved populations of all ages. **NOTE:** Requests for CVS Caremark Community Grants are accepted beginning on January 1 and ending on October 31.

Website:

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants>

Program: **NEW - The Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

Description: Grant program is designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses. For more information.

Website: www.baseballtomorrowfund.com

Program: **NEW - Home Depot Accepting Applications for Historically Black Colleges and Universities Improvement Grant Program**

Description: Through a two-tier award structure, the Home Depot's Retool Your School Campus Improvement grant program recognizes innovative projects that result in enduring improvements to the campuses and/or facilities of historically black colleges and universities.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=RYIJQPU4RAUXLLAQBQ4CGX D5AAAACI2F?id=407200008

Program: **NEW - Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Announces 2013 Toolbox for Education Grant Program**

Description: Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation has announced the opening of its Spring 2013 Toolbox for Education grant cycle. The program supports projects that encourage parent involvement in local schools and build stronger community spirit. Ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000, Toolbox for Education grants are awarded in support of projects that have a permanent impact on a school community, such as facility enhancement (indoor or outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean-up projects.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=RYIJQPU4RAUXLLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=406800033

Section IV INTERNSHIPS/ SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS/

The Congressional Black Caucus has internship openings for May 26th-July 26th 2013.

Interns will work in a fast-paced Congressional office, gaining valuable experience and knowledge of the United States Congress. Interns will gain practical experience while assisting Congressional staff, and have the opportunity to acquire a working knowledge of the day-to-day operations of the Legislative branch. Responsibilities include answering phones, responding to incoming and outgoing mail, addressing constituent concerns, assisting with press and policy issues, and assisting the Legislative/District office staff. These internships are ideal for anyone with a will to learn and all majors are welcome.

**Congressional Internship Program
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
1720 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036**

The selection is highly competitive. Applications are submitted to CBCF and reviewed by a CBCF selection committee. Finalists are selected and notified by CBCF.

Additional Information For more information, please call (202) 263-2800 or send an e-mail to internships@cbcfinc.org

Home Builders Association of Alabama

The Foundation awards scholarships to deserving men and women who want to pursue careers in the home building industry. College and technical school students, who are enrolled in residential construction-related curricula, may be eligible for Alabama Home Builders Foundation scholarships. For more information or to receive a scholarship application, contact the Home Builders Association of Alabama at 1-800-745-4222, mail your request to P.O. Box 241305, Montgomery, AL 36124, or follow the link at the bottom of this page to download a copy. You can also send a request to info@hbaa.org.

Website: <http://hbaa.org/wp/foundation-2/scholarships>

First Generation College Bound Students Scholarships from AT&T-First generation college-bound students from Birmingham are getting an extra incentive and financial help from a major downtown corporation. AT&T this afternoon, along with Birmingham Mayor William Bell, announced the company's \$50,000 donation to create a new scholarship program awarding 10 students \$5,000 each. The company's initiative is in conjunction with Birmingham's year-long 50th anniversary observation of 1963 civil rights activities. "What better way to mark this important anniversary than giving scholarships to our youth," AT&T President Fred McCallum said in a joint statement with Bell. "That is why we are so proud to sponsor the AT&T 50th anniversary civil rights scholarships for the young people of Birmingham." The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham will manage the selection of scholarship winners. http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2013/02/post_869.html#incart_river_default

Alabama Student Assistance Program

The Alabama Student Assistance Program is a state-supported and federally-funded grant program which is designed to assist financially-needy students. It is the state's only need-based student aid program for Alabama residents attending post-secondary educational institutions in Alabama.

Who may apply?

Undergraduate students who are Alabama residents attending eligible Alabama institutions. Nearly 80 Alabama institutions participate in the program.

How to apply?

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form should be filed early and is available from your high school guidance office or the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend.

For more information, please visit:

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

HBCU Scholarship Directory

Website: <http://hbcuconnect.com/scholarships/>

Scholarship Experts Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

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

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

Section V RESOURCES

Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers

Website:

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers>

Zip Code Locator for Free Tax Preparation

Website:

<http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/jsp/vita.jsp?zip=36701&lat=32.4800392&lng=-87.04243930000001&radius=5>

Financial Literacy

Website:

Alabama Society of CPA's

<http://www.ascpa.org/Content/AboutUs/FinancialLiteracy.aspx>

Guide to Rural Development Funding - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) this month announced the publication of a guide outlining programs the federal government has available to support rural communities as they promote economic development and enhance the quality of life for rural residents.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/new-guide-to-rural-development-funding/>

The Fund Book – These are open grants programs which are of interest to local governments

Website: <http://fundbook.org/>

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
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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
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