



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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Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell In Recognition of Black History Month

Feb 1, 2013

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement in recognition of National Black History Month:

“During Black History Month, we celebrate the extraordinary contributions and accomplishments African Americans have made to this nation and the world. As the first African American Congresswoman elected from Alabama, I know I stand on the shoulders of so many freedom fighters who courageously fought, bled and died so Alabama and this nation could uphold its ideals of equality and justice for all.

The theme for National Black History Month this year is 'At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington.' We give special recognition of two monumental landmarks in American history: the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. Both events are significant in our nation’s history because they tested the strength of our democracy. Through the struggle for equality and justice, we learn that the price of freedom is not free. America paid a hefty price for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

This year as we honor Black History Month, let us recommit ourselves to doing our part in making this country great."

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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.

Congresswoman Sewell and Congressman Bachus Introduce H.R. 360 to Bestow the Congressional Gold Medal to Those Who Lost Their Lives in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing

January 23, 2013

Washington, DC — Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) and Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-06) introduced H.R. 360 to request the United States Congress to bestow its highest civilian honor—the Congressional Gold Medal—to Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair who tragically lost their lives during the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963. The purpose of this congressional effort is to recognize during this year of 50th commemoration, the significant role the City of Birmingham played in the Civil Rights Movement which changed this nation and impacted the world.

“I am honored to introduce this legislation with my colleague Congressman Spencer Bachus today. While there are many individuals and events rightfully worthy of recognition for the sacrifices made to the Civil Rights Movement, the selection of those who lost their lives in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was the most symbolic event associated with the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham. The four little girls are emblematic of so many who have lost their lives for the cause of freedom: Medgar Evers, Emmett Till, Jimmie Lee Jackson, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner as well as Virgil Ware and James Johnny Robinson who were killed within hours of the church bombing. Over the course of this year 2013, as we commemorate Birmingham’s role in history, we must make every effort to remember and recognize not just these four little girls but all those who have suffered and sacrificed so that Birmingham, Alabama and this nation could uphold its ideals of equality and justice for all,” said Rep. Sewell.

Congressman Bachus added, “It is important to reflect, especially for each new generation, how an act of evil that killed four innocent young girls at the 16th Street Baptist Church jarred the conscience of the American people and led to permanent change in our society. The presentation of a Congressional Gold Medal would be a fitting commemoration of the significance of their

lives and, from the vantage point we have 50 years later, of the welcome progress on racial equality that has occurred in Birmingham and our nation as a whole. Despite the violence done against them, the belief of the civil rights movement in nonviolent change helped us to avoid the calamities and endless replaying of bitter grievances across generations that has destroyed the fabric of other societies and countries.”

The entire Alabama delegation joined as original cosponsors of H.R. 360 as well as Alabama natives Rep. John Lewis (GA-5) and Sanford Bishop (GA-02).

History of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing

On September 15, 1963, amid high racial tensions, a bomb detonated in the 16th Street Baptist Church as children were entering the basement on their way to worship. Addie Mae Collins, Caroline Robinson, and Cynthia Wesley, who were all 14, and Denise McNair, 11, were killed. The explosion injured 22 people and left heavy damage to the church itself. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. travelled to Birmingham to deliver the eulogy for the children and the bombing, which shocked Americans across the nation, and became a galvanizing force for the passage of historic civil rights legislation including the Voting Rights Act of 1964.

History of the Congressional Gold Medal

The presentation of a Congressional Gold Medal requires the support of a two-thirds majority of the House and Senate and the signature of the President. The requirements for a Congressional Gold Medal are set in statute by the rules of the Financial Services Committee, where Congressman Bachus serves as Chairman Emeritus and Congresswoman Sewell serves as a member, and by the House.

Individuals and groups in civil rights history who have been Congressional Gold Medal recipients include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Dr. Dorothy Height, Rosa Parks, the Little Rock Nine, Jackie Robinson, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the Montford Point Marines.

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Congresswoman Sewell and Mayor Bell hold a Press Conference on the 50th Commemoration of the Role of Birmingham in the Civil Rights Movement

January 22, 2013

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) joined Birmingham Mayor William Bell to hold a press conference on the 50th commemoration of the important role that the city of Birmingham played in the Civil Rights Movement. Congresswoman Sewell announced at the press conference that she and Congressman Spencer Bachus plan to introduce a bill to bestow a Congressional Gold Medal to the four little black girls who were victims of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in 1963.

“I was honored to join Mayor Bell today. We have declared 2013 as the Year of Birmingham to honor the historic events that occurred in our city during 1963. The eyes of the world were focused on Birmingham in 1963 as the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church showed the injustices that sparked the Civil Rights Movement. Out of our painful history came a movement that changed this nation and impacted the world. Today we acknowledge our role in history and the great progress Birmingham has made to become the strong, vibrant and diverse city it is today.

I am delighted to announce that my colleague Congressman Spencer Bachus and I plan to ask the United States Congress to bestow its highest civilian honor—the Congressional Gold Medal—to the four little girls who tragically lost their lives during the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. We believe it is befitting that during the year 2013, that Congress pays tribute to the life and legacy of Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair who paid the ultimate sacrifice for this nation’s quest for freedom and equality for all. I look forward to introducing this bill and working with Congressman Bachus and the entire Alabama delegation to get this important recognition.”

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Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell On the Inauguration of President Barack Obama for His Second Term

January 21, 2013

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement after the swearing in of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, for his second term:

“Today we celebrate the historic inauguration of Barack Obama to the presidency of the United States for his second term. This momentous occasion represents the commitment of all Americans to continue moving our country forward. Though we have made great strides and significant accomplishments over the last four years, we still have work to do. President Obama and his administration have a vision to bring our country back to economic prominence and we must put partisanship aside and collaborate together on long-term solutions for our Nation’s issues.

As we move forward from this day, I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and this administration as we continue to strengthen our economy and create American jobs.

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Recent Grant Awards

- **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.
- **December 27, 2012** -- Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is awarding a grant in the amount of \$81,000 to the Bessemer Fire Department through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The grant will be used for fire fighter education and training.
- **December 26, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is awarding a grant in the amount of 20,752 to the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The grant will be used for fire fighter education and training.
- **December 19, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.95 Million SAFER Grant Awarded to Birmingham Fire and Rescue
- **December 19, 2012** – Whatley Health Services is awarded \$500,000 for the HRSA School Based Health Center Capital Program for Alberta Elementary School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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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

U.S. Department of Education

Program: NEW - Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP): College Savings Account Research Demonstration Project CFDA Number 84.334D

Description: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvIQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217274&mode=VIEW>

Program: NEW - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Office of Special Education Programs: Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals With Disabilities Program: Stepping-Up Technology Implementation CFDA Number 84.327S

Description: Special Education Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvLQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=218254&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Office of Indian Education (OIE): Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies CFDA Number 84.060A**

Description: The Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs) and other eligible entities described in this notice in reforming and improving elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvLQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=218035&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW - AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants**

Description: The intention of this funding opportunity is to establish nurse practitioner and physician assistant HIV/AIDS primary care education programs designed to train nurse practitioners and physician assistants in HIV/AIDS care and treatment.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvLQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217573&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>

Program: **NEW - Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)**

Description: The purpose of the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP) is to help small rural hospitals of 49 beds or less, and do any or all of the following: 1) enable the purchase of equipment and/or training to help hospitals attain value-based purchasing provision in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), 2) aid small rural hospitals in joining or becoming accountable care organizations, or create shared savings programs per the ACA, and 3) enable small rural hospitals to purchase health information technology, equipment and/or training to comply with meaningful use, ICD-10 standards, and payment bundling.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=hSLNQ4fC2Sst1xL18JkMkDtKvmCZpH8qy svD05CJ2hGRL1Kvsbm0!-1413871233?oppId=216273&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Prevention and Health Promotion Interventions to Prevent Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Associated Physical and Psychological Health Problems in U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families (R01)**

Description: The purpose is to accelerate research on health promotion and prevention interventions with foci on reducing the onset and progression of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse (including illicit and prescription drugs) and associated mental and physical health problems and on the promotion of health-enhancing behaviors among active-duty or recently separated (e.g., Iraq and Afghanistan) military troops, Veterans, and their families.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvLQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=218335&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program**

Description: This NOFA comes at a critical time when many Americans are facing the economic challenges associated with loss of employment, reducing debt and reestablishing credit history, the housing challenges associated with natural disasters, the transition from ownership to rental and the need for improved housing conditions.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xSj7RQIXj97fmhvdLy6z7ftFrBp1SQvtSP1J5LF5vXyfWypQhJXn!1423013708?oppId=217413&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program**

Description: SHOP Grant funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xSj7RQIXj97fmhvdLy6z7ftFrBp1SQvtSP1J5LF5vXyfWypQhJXn!1423013708?oppId=217395&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

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=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvIQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 13 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**

Description: The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvIQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217593&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=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvIQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=217694&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - OVW FY 2013 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program**

Description: The goal of the SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within culturally specific populations.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3jPzRJKLMRCHDvIQLPTkLJgf3m1FVQgNZGY71SnLVtDK1g8pn4GL!1848300817?oppId=218355&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide**

Description: This competitive program will award one cooperative agreement of \$350,000 to a nonprofit organization, faith- or community-based organization, or public agency to produce a comprehensive kit that will serve as a resource for the victims' field to support efforts to heighten the public's awareness of crime victim issues during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) in April 2014 and throughout the year.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xSj7RQIXj97fmhvdLy6z7ftFrBp1SQVtSP1J5LF5vXyfWypQhJXn!1423013708?oppId=216814&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 13 Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring and Transitional Services for Successful Reentry Program**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides comprehensive responses to the increasing number of incarcerated adults who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xSj7RQIXj97fmhvdLy6z7ftFrBp1SQVtSP1J5LF5vXyfWypQhJXn!1423013708?oppId=217113&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 13 Smart Policing Initiative**

Description: The Byrne Competitive Program helps local communities improve the functioning and capacity of state and local criminal justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=hSLNQ4fC2Sst1xL18JkMkDtKvmCZpH8qy svD05CJ2hGRL1Kvsbm0!-1413871233?oppId=216253&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=qYy2QvbL811pGGGCyykJdrBMvL8QD492 syzySmjfbTwjzwTVLPT4!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=T2T3QlsHpxZc0L8JSNpQ9tQnJQQQYTrL N10WMCdJ9hJccV1vzzFk!1991528615?oppId=213393&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

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 - 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=RYIJQPU4RAUXLLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=407200008

Program: **NEW - American Association of Community Colleges Announces Grants to Start Plus 50 Encore Completion Programs**

Description: The American Association of Community Colleges's Plus 50 Encore Completion program is designed to help students over the age of 50 earn a certificate or degree in high-demand fields such as health care, education, and social services, enabling them to increase their employment competitiveness while improving their communities.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=RYIJQPU4RAUXLLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=407200009

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

Program: **NEW - AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Connections for Cardiovascular Health Program**

Description: The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for the 2013 Connections for Cardiovascular Health grant program, which supports nonprofit organizations engaged in charitable work at the community level in support of the foundation's mission to improve cardiovascular health in the United States.

Website:

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.

The ideal candidate will be friendly, outgoing, motivated, mature, detail-orientated and possess the ability to multi-task. An interest in pursuing a career in public service or government is ideal. Applicants should have a strong academic background and must have a 3.0 GPA or higher. The position is unpaid but college credit can be granted upon completion.

Selection Process

Congressional Interns are selected based on the following criteria:

- Solid scholastic achievement
- Strong writing skills
- Community service contributions
- Evidence of leadership skills
- Quality of application and, in some instances, interview performance

Application Materials

The completed online application must be submitted by midnight on **February 21, 2013**. The additional required materials must be received by our office by the close of business (5 p.m. EST) on the deadline date. The following items will be requested through the online application:

1. A completed [application](#) form
2. Answer the required short essay(s) given on the application
3. One (1) page resume listing extracurricular activities, honors, employment, community service and special skills
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation must be written by a dean, department chair, academic advisor, or employer. Letters must be on official letterhead, state the recommender's title, and provide contact information. Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the deadline for your application to be considered complete. Please follow the instructions found in the application. Hard copy

letters sent to the organization as well as e-mails sent to the internship e-mail address **will not** be accepted.

5. A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality and professionally dressed photograph

Additional Required Materials

All the above documents should be submitted through the online application. The following document should be mailed to the organization. We must receive this document before the deadline passes:

1. Official sealed transcripts from all institutions attended

Official transcripts should be mailed to the following address:

**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>

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>

Alabama Jump\$tart Coalition

Website:

http://www.alabamaffa.org/Forms_Applications/Resources%20for%20Teaching%20Financial%20Literacy.pdf

Website:

<http://www.jumpstart.org/states-alabama.html>

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/>

ALABAMA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

Alabama Council on Human Relations

Serving: Lee County

319 West Glenn

P.O. Box 409

Auburn, AL 36831-0409

Phone: (334) 821-8336

Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa Community Action Committee

Serving: Coosa, Tallapoosa & Chambers Counties

170 South Broadnax Street

Dadeville, AL 36853

Phone: 256-825-4287

Community Action Agency of South Alabama

Serving: Marengo, Wilcox, Clarke, Monroe, Conecuh, Escambia, & Baldwin Counties

26440 North Pollard Road

Daphne, AL 36526

Phone: 251-626-2646

Community Action Agency of Huntsville/Madison & Limestone Counties

Serving: Huntsville, Limestone Counties

3516 Stringfield Road

P.O. Box 3975
Huntsville, AL 35810
Phone: 256-851-9800

Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama

Serving: Jackson, Marshall, DeKalb, Cherokee, Blount, & St. Clair Counties

1481 McMurdy Avenue South
P.O. Box 1487
Rainsville, AL 35986
Phone: 256-638-4430

Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama

Serving: Lauderdale, Colbert & Franklin Counties

745 Thompson Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-766-4330

Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun & Cleburne Counties

Serving: Calhoun, Talladega, Cleburne, Clay & Randolph Counties

136 North Court Street
P.O. Box 278
Talladega, AL 35161
Phone: 256-362-6611

Community Action of Etowah County

Serving: Etowah County

624 Broad Street
P.O. Box 1888
Gadsden, AL 35902
Phone: 256-546-9271

Community Action Partnership of North Alabama

Serving: Lawrence, Morgan & Cullman Counties (Additional counties served though non CSBG programs)

1909 Central Parkway SW
Decatur, AL 35601
Phone: 256-355-7843

Community Service Program of West Alabama

Serving: Lamar, Fayette, Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Hale, Greene, Sumter & Choctaw Counties

601 Black Bears Way
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205-752-5429

Eleventh Area of Alabama Opportunity Action Committee

Serving: Shelby & Chilton Counties

5 Village Square

P.O. Box 559
Clanton, AL 35405
Phone: 205-755-1204

Elmore-Autauga Community Action Committee
Serving: Perry, Dallas, Autauga & Elmore Counties

P.O. Box 967
Wetumpka, AL 36092
Phone: 334-567-4361

Human Resources Development Corporation
Serving: Barbour, Henry, Houston, Geneva, & Coffee Counties

101 George Wallace Drive
P.O. Box 31-1407
Enterprise, AL 36331
Phone: 334-347-0881

Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity
Serving: Jefferson County

300 Eighth Avenue West
Birmingham, AL 35204
Phone: 205-327-7500

Macon-Russell Community Action Agency
Serving: Macon & Russell Counties

1103 Avant Street Tuskegee, AL 36083
Phone: 334-727-6100

Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee
Serving: Marion & Winston Counties

372 7th Avenue, SW
P.O. Box 1716
Hamilton, AL 35570
Phone: 205-921-4224

Mobile Community Action Agency
Serving: Washington & Mobile Counties

461 Donald Street
Mobile, AL 36617
Phone: 251-457-5700

Montgomery Community Action Agency
Serving: Montgomery County

1066 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-263-3474

Organized Community Action Program

Serving: Lowndes, Butler, Crenshaw, Covington, Pike, Dale, & Bullock Counties

507 North Three Notch Road
P.O. Box 908
Troy, AL 36081
Phone: 334-566-1712

Pickens Community Action & Development Corporation

Serving: Pickens County

71 Lakeside Street
Carrollton, AL 35447
Phone: 205-367-8166

Walker County Community Action Agency

Serving: Walker County

644 19th Street W
Jasper, AL 35501
Phone: 205-221-4010

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission
125 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Phone: 334.262.4300

Fax: 334.262.6976

Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive

Opelika, Alabama 36801

Phone: 334.749.5264

Fax: 334.749.6582

Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette

Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments

P.O. Box C

Decatur, Alabama 35601

Phone: 256.355.4515

Fax: 256.351.1380

Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews

Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments

5075 Research Drive, NW

Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912

Phone: 256.830.0818

Fax: 256.830.0843

Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation

c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President

Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591
Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

Black Belt Community Foundation
609 Lauderdale Street
Selma, AL 36701-4555
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: (251) 867-4881
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO
Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org
For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700

Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org
For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: 256-353-5312
Contact: Arthur W. Orr
Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Contact: Lynne Berry, President
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

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

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

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

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