



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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Congresswoman Sewell Signs Letter to Republican Leadership Urging Hearing and Opportunity to Improve the Voting Rights Amendment Act

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell joined 160 of her House Colleagues in signing a letter to House Republican Leadership and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee asking for a full hearing and opportunity to improve H.R. 3899, the Voting Rights Amendment Act. H.R. 3899 was bi-partisan legislation introduced in the House of Representatives to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in response to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*.

“Today I signed a letter to House Republican Leadership and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee asking for a full hearing and opportunity to improve H.R. 3899, the Voting Rights Amendment Act. While I am encouraged by the bi-partisan effort to find a legislative solution to reinstate the pre-clearance provision of the Voting Rights Act, I am deeply concerned that the State of Alabama is not protected under the bill’s new coverage formula. Federal oversight has proven to be highly effective in giving Alabama voters the security they deserve throughout every stage of the electoral process. Although progress has been made, the need for federal oversight still exists in Alabama. As recent as January 13, 2014, a federal judge in Alabama reinstated federal oversight over the voting practices in the City of Evergreen, Alabama, using Section 3 of the VRA which allows jurisdictions that have intentionally discriminated against minority voters to be “bailed in” to the oversight requirements,” said Rep. Sewell.

“No right is more fundamental to our democracy than the right to vote. We must be vigilant in our efforts to find a legislative solution that will address the Supreme Court ruling in the *Shelby* case,” continued Rep. Sewell. “This bill in its current form falls short in providing adequate protections. It is my hope that we have a hearing on this bill and an opportunity to make changes and strengthen the Voting Rights Amendment Act so that it ensures all vulnerable communities, like those in Alabama, are included under the preclearance provision.”

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Congresswoman Sewell Co-Sponsors Bill to End NSA Bulk Data Collection While Preserving Counterterrorism Capability

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell became an original co-sponsor of the FISA Transparency and Modernization Act of 2014. This bipartisan bill ends bulk collection of telephone, internet and email metadata by the NSA under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and codifies a ban on the bulk collection of sensitive personal records, including firearm sales records, library records, medical records, tax returns, and educational records. Under this bill, the government is required to seek court approval before and after obtaining metadata from communication companies.

Congresswoman Sewell is a member of the House Permanent Committee on Select Intelligence (HPSCI) and joined with Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) as an original co-sponsor of this bipartisan bill.

“Today, I cosponsored a bill that would put an end to the bulk collection of email, telephone, internet and other data by the NSA which is a significant effort toward restoring the confidence of the American people,” said Rep. Sewell. “This bill puts safeguards in place to protect how certain data is obtained by the NSA while continuing to minimize threats to our national security. The bill strikes a balance between protecting the NSA’s ability to collect critical data and increasing the transparency of our intelligence programs. Safeguarding the privacy of all Americans is paramount, as is ensuring that our intelligence community can continue to protect against terrorist threats directed against the American people.”

Today, Congresswoman Sewell joined HPSCI Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Ruppersberger and Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI) for a press conference to announce introduction of the legislation.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance - Guidance and key resources to help eligible constituents find information on federal grants, loans, and nonfinancial assistance for projects, as well as on private funding. Prepared by the Congressional Research Service for Members of Congress, updated May 2012.
Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/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
- [Grants.gov Applicant Training Video](#) - Need a quick lesson on how to Register, Find and Apply? Watch this short video to get tips on registering with Grants.gov; finding grant opportunities; understanding your search results; and, applying for opportunities.
- 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 Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program: **NEW - National Space Grant College And Fellowship Program - Competitive Opportunity For Partnerships with Community Colleges and Technical Schools**

Description: The following are the specific objectives of NASA Space Grant: * Establish and maintain a national network of universities with interests and capabilities in aeronautics, outer space and related fields; * Encourage cooperative programs among universities, aerospace industry, and federal, state and local governments;

Website: <http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/solicitations.do?method=init>

National Endowment of the Humanities

Program: **NEW - Digital Projects for the Public**

Description: The Digital Projects for the Public program supports projects such as websites, mobile applications, games, and virtual environments that significantly contribute to the public engagement with humanities ideas. Projects must be analytical and deeply grounded in humanities scholarship in a discipline such as history, religion, anthropology, jurisprudence, or art history. Deadline is June 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/digital-projects-the-public>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Household Water Well System Grant Program (HWWS)**
Description: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for homeowners to borrow up to \$11,000 to construct or repair household water wells for an existing home. The HWWS Grant Program has been established to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own. Deadline is May 27, 2014.
Contact: RUS, Water Programs Division, STOP 1570, Room 2233-S, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570, Telephone: (202) 720-9589

Program: **NEW - HHFKA Demonstration Projects to End Childhood Hunger FY2015**
Description: Eligibility Competition for the cooperative agreements is open to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories or Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) that administer Federal nutrition assistance programs. Deadline is July 7, 2014
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252785>

Program **NEW - Team Nutrition Training Grant FY2014**
Description: The purpose of this grant is for State agencies to expand and enhance their training programs that incorporate and implement the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA Foods in meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Deadline is May 9, 2014.
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Children, Youth, and Families At Risk (CYFAR) - Sustainable Community Projects**
Description: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA announces the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) funding program to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. The deadline is April 11, 2014.
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative**
Description: The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Deadline is May 8, 2014.
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252594>

Program: **NEW - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Childhood Obesity Prevention**
Description: This Challenge Area Focuses on the societal challenge to end obesity among children, the number one nutrition-related problem in the US. Food is an

integral part of the process that leads to obesity and USDA has a unique responsibility for the food system in the United States.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Specialty Crop Research Initiative**

Description: The purpose of the SCRI program is to address the critical needs of the specialty crop industry by awarding grants to support research and extension that address key challenges of national, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of food and agriculture, including conventional and organic food production systems. Deadline is June 20, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252593>

Program: **NEW - Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program**

Description: The deadline is April 3, 2014. Applications should promote and strengthen agriscience and agribusiness education.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW - National Sea Grant College Program 2014 Special Projects**

Description: The purpose of this notice is to request proposals for special projects associated with the National Sea Grant College Program's (Sea Grant) strategic focus areas, and to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how Sea Grant will select proposals and administer Federal assistance under this announcement. Deadline is June 30, 2015

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252835>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE):: Turnaround School Leaders Program**

Description: The Turnaround School Leaders Program supports projects to develop and implement or enhance and implement a leadership pipeline that selects, prepares, places, supports, and retains school leaders (which may include leadership teams) for School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools (as defined in this notice) and/or SIG-eligible schools (as defined in this notice) in a local educational agency (LEA) or consortium of LEAs. Deadline is May 23, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253108>

Program: **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program CFDA Number 84.330B**

Description: The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who take advanced placement tests and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded. The Deadline is May 8, 2014

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252929>

Program: **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (ESSC) Program CFDA Number 84.215E**

Description: The purpose of the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs (ESSC) is to support efforts by local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish or expand elementary school and secondary school counseling programs. The deadline is April 28, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Service

Program: **NEW- Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants**

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop, and within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Deadline is June 25, 2014.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2014-ACF-ACYF-CS-0800>

Program: **NEW - Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of the RAED Grant Program is to develop community partnerships to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs), provide defibrillator and basic life support training, and place the AEDs in rural communities with local organizations. Deadline is April 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Limited Competition: Continuation of the Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth (TODAY) Study (U01)**

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to continue follow-up of the Treatment Options for Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth (TODAY) cohort through a cooperative agreement. Deadline is June 19, 2014

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252853>

Program: **NEW - Public Access to Defibrillation Demonstration Project**

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to: (1) purchase AEDs that have been approved, or cleared for marketing by the Food and Drug Administration; (2) provide basic life training in automated external defibrillator usage through nationally recognized courses; (3) provide information to community members about the public access defibrillation demonstration project to be funded with the grant; (4) provide information to the local emergency medical services (EMS) system regarding the placement of AEDs in the unique settings; and (5) further develop strategies to improve access to AEDs in public places. Deadline is April 30, 2014

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01)**

Description: The goal of this FOA is to support translational research involving collaborations between academic research centers and community-based organizations with expertise serving or engaging older adults (such as city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, educational institutions, workplaces, Area Agencies on Aging, and organizations funded or assisted by the Corporation for National and Community Service) that will enhance our understanding of practical tools, techniques, programs and policies that communities across the nation can use to more effectively respond to needs of the aging population. Deadline is May 7, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252783>

Program: **NEW - Street Outreach Program**

Description: The purpose of the Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth. Deadline is May 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252438>

Program: **NEW - Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals - States Supplement (Short Title: CABHI-States Supplement)**

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services announces the availability of funds to expand/enhance grant activities funded under the Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States (TI-13-004) grant announcement. Deadline is April 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - Mental Health Transformation Grant Program: Transforming Lives through Supported Employment (Short Title: Supported Employment Program)**

Description: The purpose of this program is to enhance state and community capacity to provide and expand evidence-based supported employment programs (such as the Individual Placement and Support model) to adults with serious mental illnesses including persons with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. The deadline is April 21, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252307>

Program: **NEW - Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program**

Description: The primary goal of the DFC Mentoring program is to assist newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for DFC funding on their own. The deadline is April 23, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252295>

Program: **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative (SPF-PFS)**

Description: This program is designed to address two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20; and 2)

prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. Deadline is May 14, 2014.

Website: <http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-14-004>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program**

Description: This Section 811 PRA Program seeks to identify, stimulate, and support sustaining state approaches that will transform the provision of housing for persons with disabilities while providing access to appropriate supports and services. This NOFA will provide project-based rental assistance funding to housing agencies. Deadline is May 5, 2014

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

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

Description: The purpose of HUD's Housing Counseling Grant Program is to provide funds that shall be used for providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/ literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW – OJJDP FY 2014 National Mentoring Programs**

Description: For purposes of this solicitation, two or more independent organizations that form a collaborative to cover 30 states do not meet the definition of a national organization. Deadline is May 13, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253170>

Program: **NEW - OVC FY 14 Victim Assistance Professional Development Program- Vision 21 Legal Assistance Fellowship**

Description: The Vision 21 Legal Assistance Fellow will work on a range of issues and efforts to build capacity for the provision of free legal assistance to victims of crime, and will support OVC's work to develop evidence-based training, technical assistance, and models for programs and practices that build organizational and service provider capacity in this area. Deadline is May 8, 2014.

Website: http://ojp.gov/ovc/grants/pdf/FY14_Vision21_Fellowship.pdf

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 14 National Training and Technical Assistance: Anti-Human Trafficking Training for Law Enforcement and State Prosecutors Program**

Description: The purpose of this FY 2014 competitive funding announcement is to select a provider to deliver nationwide, anti-human trafficking training and technical

assistance (TTA) services to law enforcement agencies as well as state prosecutors who are increasingly seeing human trafficking cases but are unprepared to work with victims and/or prosecute the crime. Deadline is May 13, 2014.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14HTTTAsol.pdf>

Program: **NEW: FY 2014 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)**

Description: The goal of the NCHIP grant program is to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information and by ensuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems. Deadline is May 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252790>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 14 National Training and Technical Assistance: Smart Prosecution Initiative**

Description: Smart Policing represents a strategic approach that brings more "science" into police operations by leveraging innovative applications of analysis, technology, and evidence-based practices. Deadline is May 8, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252928>

Program: **NEW - OJJDP FY 2014 Multi-State Mentoring Initiative**

Description: Mentoring activities include direct one-on-one, group, or peer mentoring services for at-risk and underserved youth populations. Successful applicants should implement programs that will recognize and address the factors that can lead to or serve as a catalyst for delinquency or other problem behaviors in underserved youth. Application deadline is May 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2014/MultiStateMentoring.pdf>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 14 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program**

Description: Healthy, vibrant communities are places that 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 May 6, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252353>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **NEW- Face Forward 2 - Intermediary and Community Grants**

Description: The Face Forward 2 - Intermediary and Community grants will offer organizations the opportunity to develop programs that address the employment barriers of court involved youth while helping these youth develop the employment skills needed to obtain good jobs. The deadline is May 2, 2014

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252497>

Program: **NEW- Mine Health and Safety Grants**

Description: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) may award grants to States to assist them in developing and enforcing State mining laws and regulations, to improve State workers' compensation and mining occupational disease laws and programs, and to cooperation. The deadline is May 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - H1-B READY TO WORK PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (We, DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$150 million in funds for the H-1B Ready to Work Partnership (Ready to Work) grant program. The deadline is June 19, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Program: **NEW - YouthBuild**

Description: There is still time to apply! This Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) announces the availability of approximately \$73 million in [YouthBuild](#) grant funds to develop programs that will help out-of-school youth complete high school or General Educational Development programs, as well as learn critical occupational skills in construction, health care, information technology, and other in-demand fields. The deadline is April 22, 2014.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

Program: **NEW - Training to Work**

Description: The Department is also announcing the availability of approximately \$30 million through a grant competition that provides the opportunity for organizations to develop and implement career pathway programs for in demand sectors and occupations for men and women who are at least 18 years old and who are enrolled in work release programs. Grants will be awarded to areas with high-poverty and high-crime rates, including promise zones that have a large proportion of returning citizens in these communities and typically experience higher rates of recidivism. The deadline is April 18, 2014.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW – TIGER Discretionary Awards**

Description: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Applications due April 28, 2014.

Website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/03/03/2014-04627/notice-of-funding-availability-for-the-department-of-transportations-national-infrastructure>

Program: **NEW - Safety Center for Excellence: Rural and Surface Transportation DOT Federal Highway Administration — Department of Transportation**

Description: The focus of the Center is rural road safety for State, local and Tribal road owners and their stakeholders. A secondary and much smaller portion of the Center's mission will be to conduct research supporting rural safety and surface transportation safety. Deadline April 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252540>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: **NEW - Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas**

Description: This program furthers the Department's mission by establishing a program to provide grants to eligible VSOs and State Veteran Service Agencies to assist veterans in highly rural areas through innovative transportation services to travel to Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VA Medical Centers), and to otherwise assist in providing transportation services in connection with the provision of VA medical care to these veterans. Deadline is May 27, 2014.

Contact: Darren Wallace, National Coordinator, Highly Rural Transportation Phone (404)828-5380

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW – Blackbelt Community Foundation**

Description: The Black Belt Community Foundation seeks to support organizations engaging the Black Belt citizens in addressing community issues. In this round, grant awards will be available for projects addressing the Arts focusing on: Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Traditional Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts, AND projects focusing on: Community Economic Development, Education, and Health.

Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/2014-grant-application/>

Program: **Harpo Foundation's Emerging Artist Fellowship**

Description: This Fellowship provides an annual opportunity to an emerging visual artist 25 years and older who needs time and space to explore ideas and start new projects

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/emerging-artist-fellowship/>

Program: **National Association of School Nurses: 2014 Research Grant**

Description: The foundation will award grants of up to \$5,000 each in support of research projects that focus on school nurse impact on health disparities, students with chronic health conditions, student safety, innovative models of school nursing practice, cost-benefit analysis of school nursing, or impact of school nurse activities related to social determinants of health on student health and education outcomes.

Website:

<http://www.nasn.org/Home/ArticlesHomePage/tabid/464/ArticleId/656/Apply-for-the-NASN-ANF-Research-Grant>

Program: **NEW- National Science Foundation: Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM**

Description: Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) funds research projects that identify factors that are efficacious in the formation of ethical STEM researchers in all the fields of science and engineering that NSF supports. Deadline is June 17, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252789>

Program: **NEW – National Science Foundation: Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)**

Description: The Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and develop understandings of deeper learning by participants. Proposal Deadline: November 14, 2014.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504793

Program: **NEW - Grant Foundation Launches Initiative on Understanding Inequality**

Description: To that end, the foundation, which seeks to improve the lives of youth between the ages of 5 and 25, has launched a new research initiative to support projects that advance understanding in the area of inequality in youth development.

Website: <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp4530-grant-foundation-launches-initiative-on-understanding-inequality>

Program: **NEW – Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants**

Description: Dollar General's Youth Literacy Grants provide funding up to \$4,000 to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Apply by May 22, 2014.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=96526.0.0.37934>

Program: **National Art Education Foundation: 2014 Art Educator Grants**

Description: The National Art Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Art Education Association, is accepting applications from NAEF members for programs that support classroom-based art education. Grants are made only to NAEA members, including student and retired members, state/province associations, and recognized NAEA affiliates.

Website: <http://www.arteducators.org/grants/national-art-education-foundation>

Program: **Patagonia: Grassroots Environmental Campaigns**

Description: The company's environmental grant program supports grassroots organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded for projects that are action-oriented, build public involvement and support, focus on root causes, and demonstrate a commitment to long-term change

Website: <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>

Program: **NEW – Legacy Grants**

Description: Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. Any non-profit/tax exempt Alabama organization or school planning a community based environmental program is encouraged to apply. Grants are available in any amount up to \$10,000. The deadline for applications for the FY 2015 Competitive Grants is April 25, 2014

Website: <http://legacyenved.org/legacy-grants/>

Section IV FELLOWSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID/ AWARDS

Program: **7th Congressional District Art Competition**

Description: The competition is open to all high school students (grades 9 - 12) in the 7th District. The artwork of the over-all winner of our district competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol along with the artwork from other winners nation-wide. Deadline is April 14, 2014.

Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/art-competition/>

Program: **NEW-Quicken Loans Internships**

Description: Quicken Loans is offering 1,000 student internships this summer for opportunities in Detroit and Cleveland.

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

Program: **PANO: 2014 Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health**

Description: The awards highlight key aspects of public health as a way to stimulate the growth of a rising generation of leaders working together to improve health and health care in the Americas. Each award includes a cash prize or research grant, a certificate of honor, and a symbolic representation of the award. Deadline is May 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.pahef.org/en/news/390-call-for-nominations-2014-awards-for-excellence-in-inter-american-public-health.html>

Program: **NEW - DoD Breast Cancer Era of Hope Scholar Award**

Description: The Era of Hope Scholar Award supports individuals who are early in their careers and have demonstrated significant potential for innovation in breast cancer research. These individuals should be exceptionally talented scientists who have shown that they are the “best and brightest” in their field(s) through extraordinary creativity, vision, and productivity. Deadline is August 15, 2014.

Contact: CDMRP Help Desk Phone: 301-682-5507 Email: help@eBRAP.org

Program: **NEW – Dorothy Stout Professional Development Grant**

Description: Grants of \$750 are awarded to faculty and students at two-year colleges and K-12 teachers to support participation in Earth science classes or workshops, attendance at professional scientific or science education meetings, participation in Earth science field trips, or purchase of Earth science materials for classroom use. Apply by April 15, 2014.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=89578.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - FY 2015 Farm to School Grant Program Funds Available**

Description: The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. Proposals for planning, implementation, and support service grants are due at **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, April 30, 2014.**

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/fy-2015-farm-school-grant-program-funds-available>

Program: **NEW - RWJF Issues Inaugural Call for Applications for Future of Nursing Scholars Program**

Description: The goal of the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)'s Future of Nursing Scholars program is to develop the next generation of Ph.D.-prepared nurse leaders who are committed to long-term careers that advance science and discovery, strengthen nursing education, and bring transformational change to nursing and health care.

Website: <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp4563-rwjf-issues-inaugural-call-for-applications-for-future-of-nursing-scholars-program>

Program: **NEW - NLN Foundation for Nursing Education Accepting Applications for Scholarships**

Description: The mission of the [NLN Foundation for Nursing Education](#) is to raise, steward, and distribute funds that promote excellence in nursing education. Deadline is April 30, 2014.

Website: <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp4565-nln-foundation-for-nursing-education-accepting-applications-for-scholarships>

Program: **NEW- Community Climate Change Fellowship Program**

Description: This pilot initiative sponsored by EECapacity is open to educators who want to address climate change issues in their communities through innovative education and engagement strategies. The eight-month fellowship will promote leadership, networking, and innovation, as well as creative strategies for reaching new and under-represented audiences. Apply by April 18, 2014.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=113799.0.0.37934>

HBCU Scholarship Directory

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Scholarships

Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

Nerd Scholar

Website: <http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/>

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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

Federal Aid Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/federal-aid/>

FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Minority Fellowship Program

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Section V RESOURCES

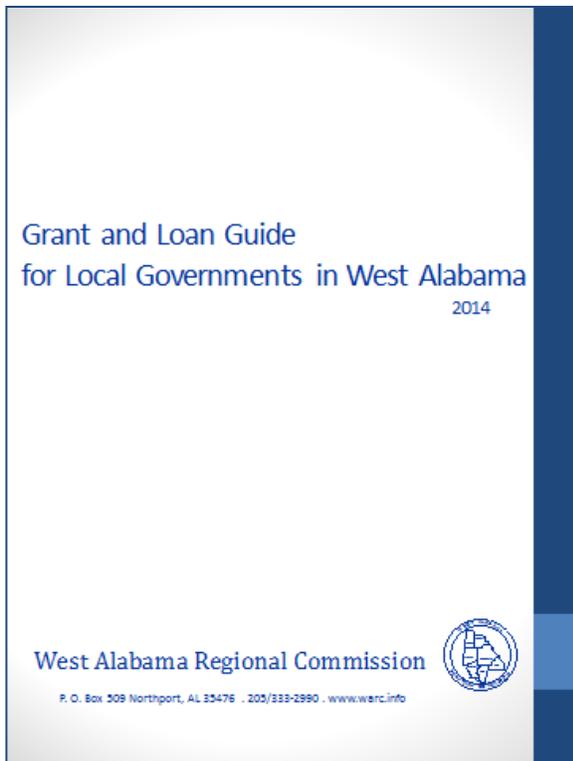
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.

Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents>. Scroll down to REGIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS.

The guide is a free web-based resource designed to provide counties and municipalities in the West Alabama region with information about available grant and loan programs for community and economic development activities.

The guide provides program details on major Federal and State programs including agency contacts; award cycles; grant ceilings; matching requirements; and eligibility factors.

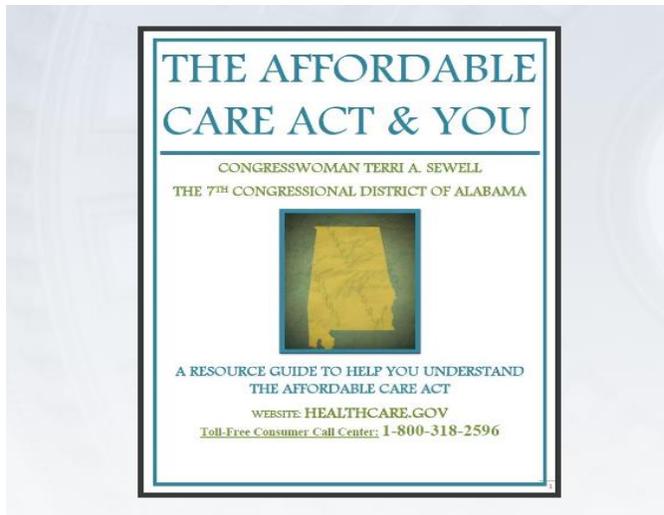


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We have the products you need at freefile.irs.gov/partners. Free File is available January 17 through October 15.



Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/the-aca-you/>

Enroll now in a plan that covers essential benefits, pre-existing conditions, and more. Plus, see if you qualify for lower costs.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

Alabama

Health Insurance Marketplace - HealthCare.Gov is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit HealthCare.Gov to learn more.

Find out where the uninsured live in Alabama: [Enroll America's Outreach Maps](#)

The new Alabama Health Insurance Marketplace is operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Visit marketplace.cms.gov to see how you can partner with HHS to help people enroll in the new coverage options in Alabama.

See more at: <http://www.enrollamerica.org/states/alabama#sthash.uT0mDsbB.dpuf>

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

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5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
Phone: 256.830.0818
Fax: 256.830.0843
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Website: <http://alabamagiving.org/cf-directory/>

Autauga Area Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223
Website: www.aacinfo.org

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

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: (251) 867-4881

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
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
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

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

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

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

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

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Phone: (205)669-3737

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Website: www.sacfinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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