



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*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <https://sewell.house.gov/subscribe-to-weekly-guide-to-grants> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-to-grants1>.

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Congresswoman Sewell Votes against Republican Attempt to End DACA and a Woefully Underfunded and Inadequate Bill to Address Emergency Border Crisis

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) voted against H.R. 5230, the Republican Appropriations Bill to Address the Southwest Border Crisis and H.R. 5232, which eliminates the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Congresswoman Sewell released the following statement following her vote:

“Tonight, I voted against H.R. 5230 and Republican attempts to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and undermine protections afforded to immigrant children fleeing persecution and violence,” said Rep. Sewell. “These attempts fail to adequately address the emergency border crisis that our nation is facing and undermine protections afforded to immigrant children. Unfortunately, House Republicans have squandered this opportunity and put forth a bill that is woefully underfunded, rolls back critical protections that Congress previously extended and does not provide a real solution to fixing our broken immigration system. The humanitarian crisis at the border underscores the **urgent** need for comprehensive immigration reform.”

“In lieu of compromise legislation, this bill is a piecemeal attempt that does not sensibly and adequately address this crisis. This bill ignores Congress’ intent and subjects these vulnerable children to return to life threatening situations including trafficking, persecution, violence, and abuse. Further, it subjects all children to the dangerous and cursory screenings that currently apply only to unaccompanied children from contiguous countries and denies the fundamental right to a due process hearing. We must prioritize the protection of these children and ensure that our laws are followed by providing each child with a deportation hearing. We have a moral responsibility to protect and treat unaccompanied children with care and compassion as they await due process.” Rep. Sewell concluded, “I renew my call for a comprehensive bipartisan immigration bill that adequately funds and addresses this humanitarian challenge.”

USDA SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS

Washington, DC - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants that will be awarded to organizations to provide critical financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop and strengthen their capacity to carry out housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects.

"Many rural nonprofits often need capital and technical assistance to carry out their missions," Vilsack said. "These grants will provide both of these components through local and regional organizations that are experts at delivering such services."

USDA is making nearly \$6 million available to qualified organizations under the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI).

Recipients must be non-profit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes. Intermediary organizations are required to provide matching funds at least equal to the RCDI grant. The grants do not go directly to business recipients but rather through qualified intermediaries.

The deadline for submitting RCDI applications is November 12, 2014. Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development state office where the applicant's headquarters are located. More information about the program and how to apply is available on page 47427 of the August 13, 2014 Federal Register.

Here is an example of how the RCDI program is helping rural communities. The Western Maine Community Action Program (WMCAP) has received several RCDI grants in recent years to help low-and very-low-income seniors maintain their independence and remain in their homes through the Keeping Seniors Home Program. Started in 2004, this program has served nearly 3,000 low-income senior homeowners in Maine. WMCAP is also working on a regional job creation plan to train energy auditors, private contractors, and other community partners to provide additional support services to Maine's elderly rural citizens.

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

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UWA, BLACK BELT COMMISSION OFFER SECOND ANNUAL HOMEGROWN SMALL
BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Work from Home...Inside or Out!

TUSCALOOSA, AL—The University of West Alabama Small Business Development Center and the Alabama Black Belt Commission will host the second annual Homegrown Small Business Conference on Friday, September 26, 2014.

The conference, to be held at Shelton State Community College, will include two tracks: the first focuses on farming and agribusiness, and the second targets women and youth who want to start businesses in their home. Donald Mills, chairman of the Black Belt Commission’s Small Business Development Committee and director of the University of West Alabama’s Small Business Development Center, said, “This will be a great opportunity for a diverse set of entrepreneurs to come together and get the tools they need to succeed in business.”

Opening the conference will be Charles Spurlin, owner of The Shirt Shop in downtown Tuscaloosa. He will share lessons he has learned as a successful business owner. “We were so pleased that Mr. Spurlin agreed to be our opening speaker,” said Ginger Stewart, project manager for the Small Business Development Committee. “He is an excellent example of how small businesses are the

lifeblood of a community. He's done so much to grow and maintain downtown, and he's extremely adept at marketing and branding.”

For the luncheon keynote address, 11-year-old Moziah Bridges of Memphis will be traveling to Tuscaloosa to inspire the audience. Moziah, CEO of Mo's Bows, has been featured in national media for his successful entrepreneurship. Mo has appeared in magazines including *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *GQ*, *Forbes*, *Vogue*, *Glamour* and *Esquire* and has appeared on the television program *Shark Tank*. “Mo's bow tie business earned over \$30,000 last year,” Stewart said. “He's a real go-getter. Plus, he's adorable! We can't wait for the audience to meet him.”

Breakout sessions will include testimonials from other entrepreneurs, information on resources and loans, and technology. Attendees will also learn how to write a business plan, which Mills said is “the first step to getting any business off the ground.”

The program opens at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m. However, conference organizers encourage interested parties to contact the University of West Alabama Small Business Development Center at (205) 652-3665 to pre-register. More information and online registration are also available at www.westalabamakonferencesandevents.com.

The Alabama Black Belt Commission is Governor Bentley's task force for improving conditions in twelve of the state's most impoverished counties. The Small Business Development Committee assists Black Belt entrepreneurs and business owners in creating and growing their own enterprises.

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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

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program:

NEW-2015 RSVP Competition

Description:

CNCS intends to fund RSVP grants that support volunteers age 55 years and older in activities that serve community needs and respond to the National Performance Measures in the following focus areas: disaster; education; economic opportunity; environment; healthy futures; and veterans and military families. Encouraged for notice of intent to apply is August 8, 2014. Deadline to apply is September 09, 2014.

Website:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2014/2015-rsvp-competition>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW-Air Pollution Monitoring for Communities**
Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research on empowering communities and individuals to take action to avoid air pollution exposure, using low-cost portable air pollution sensors. Specifically of interest is research on using low-cost portable sensors to understand and avoid air pollution exposure, on the ways communities and individuals interact with air pollution sensors and their data, on methods for understanding and managing the quality of data from air pollution sensors, and on how sensors and sensor networks compare to existing state-of-the-art air quality monitoring methods. Deadline is October 7, 2014.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2014/2014-star-air-pollution-monitoring.html>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW-National Leadership Grants Program**
Description: National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Deadline is Preliminary Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on October 13, 2014 Full Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on January 15, 2015 (by invitation only)
Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: **NEW-Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records**
Description: The Literacy and Engagement grant program offers support for projects that will result in archives reaching audiences through digital literacy programs and workshops, new tools and applications, and citizen engagement in archival processes. Deadline is December 14, 2014.
Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/literacy.html>

Program: **NEW-Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions**
Description: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. These editions publish historical records of national significance and may focus on the papers of major figures from American life or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. Closing Date is December 4, 2014
Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/editions.html>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW-NEA Research: Art Works, FY 2015**
Description: “The Arts Endowment’s support of a project may start on May 1, 2015, or any time thereafter.” In September 2012, the NEA's Office of Research & Analysis published its five-year research agenda, supported by a system map and measurement model. Titled How Art Works, the report offers a framework for studying research topics critical to a broader public understanding of the arts' value and/or impact for individuals and communities. Deadline is October 21, 2014.
Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/research-art-works>

National Endowment of the Humanities

Program: **NEW-Enduring Questions**
Description: The NEH Enduring Questions grant program supports faculty members in the preparation of a new course on a fundamental concern of human life as addressed by the humanities. Deadline is September 11, 2014.
Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/enduring-questions>

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW-CISE Research Infrastructure**
Description: The CISE Research Infrastructure (CRI) program drives discovery and learning in the core CISE disciplines of the three participating CISE divisions by supporting the creation and enhancement of world-class research infrastructure that will support focused research agendas in computer and information science and engineering. Deadline is November 6, 2014.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14593

Program: **NEW-Improving Undergraduate STEM Education**
Description: Priorities include educating students to be leaders and innovators in emerging and rapidly changing STEM fields as well as educating a scientifically literate populace. Deadline is October 24, 2014.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14588

Program: **NEW- Advanced Technological Education**
Description: The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and industry to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. Deadline is October 9, 2014.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14577

Program: **NEW- Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers**
Description: The goals of the ADVANCE program are (1) to develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers; (2) to develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity in the STEM academic workforce; and (3) to contribute to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce. Deadline is September 22, 2014.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14573

Program: **NEW-Manufacturing Machines and Equipment**

Description: Key goals of the program are to advance the transition of manufacturing from skill-based to knowledge-based activities, and to advance technologies that will enable the manufacturing sector to reduce its environmental impacts. Deadline is September 15, 2014.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13346

Program: **NEW - Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP)**

Description: Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) is committed to enhancing the quality of undergraduate STEM education and research at HBCUs as a means to broaden participation in the nation's STEM workforce.

Letter of Intent Deadline Date: August 25, 2014

Letters of Intent are due for Research Initiation Awards

Full Proposal Deadline Date: October 27, 2014

Proposals are due for Research Initiation Awards

Letter of Intent Deadline Date: November 24, 2014

Letters of Intent are due for Targeted Infusion Projects, Broadening Participation Research Projects, Achieving Competitive Excellence Implementation Projects and Implementation Projects

Full Proposal Deadline Date: January 26, 2015

Proposals are due for Targeted Infusion Projects, Broadening Participation Research Projects, Achieving Competitive Excellence Implementation Projects and Implementation Projects

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09512/nsf09512.pdf>

Small Business Administration

Program: **NEW-Portable Assistance Program**

Description: The purpose of this Program Announcement is to invite proposals for funding from entities currently funded by SBA as a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Lead Center having experienced a major disaster within their area of service. Deadline is August 28, 2014.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/700/resources/13279>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW-Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program**

Description: The purpose of this competitive undergraduate scholarship grant program is to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all

Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities. The Multicultural Scholars Program is available every year. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/multicultural_scholars.html

Program: **NEW- Rural Community Development Initiative**

Description: Qualified private, nonprofit and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The intermediary will be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDCI grant. Deadline is November 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-13/pdf/2014-19132.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Socially Disadvantaged Policy Research Center**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible institutions to compete for financial assistance in the form of a grant to establish a Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center (The Center) at an 1890 Institution (as defined in 7 U.S.C. § 7601). Deadline is September 11, 2014

Website: <http://www.outreach.usda.gov/grants/index.htm>

Program: **NEW-Gifted Education Program Evaluation**

Description: NIFA requests applications for the Gifted Education Program Evaluation (GEPE) Competitive Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 14 to provide a comprehensive report of findings on the state of gifted education programs in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) areas, districts, and schools that will inform future programming direction to enhance gifted program practices and achievement of program goals. Deadline is August 28, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/gepe.html>

Program: **NEW-Sexual Assault Prevention Research**

Description: NIFA requests applications for the Sexual Assault Prevention Research (SAPR) Competitive Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 14 for the development of an empirically-based intervention designed to reduce revictimization of female and male sexual abuse/assault victims among targeted populations in the United States Air Force. Deadline is August 28, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sapr.html>

Program: **NEW-Department of Defense Child and Youth Development System: Evaluation Planning**

Description: NIFA requests applications for the DoD Child and Youth Development System: Evaluation Planning (CYEP) Competitive Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 14 to assess DoD Child and Youth Development Programs and create evaluation plans for targeted programs. Deadline is August 28, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/cyep.html>

Program: **NEW-School Wellness Policy**

Description: The funds will support public or private, non-governmental research institutions (such as accredited institutions of higher education and/or non-profit organizations) to enter into a cooperative agreement with USDA FNS

for school wellness policy surveillance, research, and reporting that complement other national existing school wellness policy surveillance systems and assist the USDA in fulfilling its Congressional monitoring and surveillance mandate, as delineated in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA). Deadline is October 6, 2014.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SchoolWellness-RFA.pdf>

Program: **NEW-USDA-FNS-WICSPG-FULLMINI-FY2014**

Description: WIC Grants To States (WGS). Deadline is September 15, 2014.

Website: <http://origin.drupal.fns.usda.gov/wic/2014-wic-special-projects-grant-applications>

Program: **NEW-Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program**

Description: Applications may only be submitted by a Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCAs) certified as such by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. In order for an institution to qualify as a NLGCA, it must be a public college or university offering a baccalaureate or higher degree in the study of food and agricultural sciences, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 3103(9). Deadline is September 5, 2014.

Website: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/non_land_grant_capacity.html

Program: **NEW- Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I**

Description: USDA SBIR Program has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas. Deadline is October 2, 2014.

Website: http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sbir_rfa.html

Program: **NEW-Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Loan Guarantees Under Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2014**

Description: Eligible lenders are invited to submit responses for new construction and acquisition with rehabilitation of affordable rural rental housing. Deadline: Eligible responses to this Notice will be accepted until December 31, 2015, 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Selected responses that develop into complete applications and meet all Federal eligibility requirements prior to September 30, 2014 will receive conditional commitments until all FY 2014 funds are expended.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-21/pdf/2014-11733.pdf>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW-Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Technology Commercialization Assistance Program (TCAP)**

Description: NIST invites applications for a program involving technical and business engagement activities directed at small businesses participating in NIST's Small Business Innovation Research Program. Deadline is September 23, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nist.gov/tpo/sbir/upload/tcap-final-2.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Round 1 of Research to Operations Initiative**
Description: The NWS Research to Operations (R2O) Initiative is a NOAA initiative to expand and accelerate critical weather forecasting research to operations to address growing service demands and increase the accuracy of weather forecasts. Deadline is September 30, 2014.
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-NWS-NWSPO-2015-2004117>

Program: **NEW-Community Resilience Center of Excellence Program**
Description: NIST is soliciting applications to establish a Community Resilience Center of Excellence in which NIST researchers collaborate with interdisciplinary researchers from academia and industry on development of tools and standardized methods that will enhance the disaster resilience of communities and their built environment through innovations in measurement science and in new modeling, simulation, data, and informatics tools coupled with field studies of multiple hazard events. Deadline is September 12, 2014.
Website: http://www.nist.gov/coe/resilience/upload/coe_commres_ffo.pdf

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW-Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSER): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Rehabilitation Training: Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center CFDA Number 84.264A**
Description: Purpose is to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance designed to increase the numbers, and improve the skills, of qualified personnel (especially rehabilitation counselors) who are trained to: Provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. Deadline is September 18, 2014.
Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-19/pdf/2014-19587.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Preschool Development Grants: Expansion Grants CFDA Number 84.419B**
Description: Purpose of program is to support State and local efforts to build, develop, and expand High-Quality Preschool Programs so that more children from low- and moderate-income families enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and in life. Deadline is Oct 14, 2014. Applications Available: August 18, 2014. Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: September 11, 2014.
Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-18/pdf/2014-19427.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Office Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSER): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Assistive Technology: Alternative Financing Program CFDA Number 84.224D**
Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) is to support programs that provide for the purchase of AT devices, such as a low-interest loan fund, an interest buy-down program, a revolving loan fund, a loan guarantee, or an insurance program. Deadline is September 15, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-14/pdf/2014-19288.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP): Technical Assistance on State Data Collection: IDEA Data Management Center CFDA Number 84.373M**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Technical Assistance on State Data Collection program is to improve the capacity of States to meet the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) data collection and reporting requirements. Deadline is September 4, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-05/pdf/2014-18476.pdf>

Program: **NEW-OSERS: NIDRR: Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers-- Vocational Rehabilitation Practices for Youth and Young Adults CFDA Number 84.133B-1**

Description: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. Deadline for letter for intent to apply: August 25, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-28/pdf/2014-17720.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Center for the study of Distance Education and Technological Advancements CFDA Number 84.116Q**

Description: Purpose of Program: The objective of this program is to support a Center for the Study of Distance Education and Technological Advancements at an institution of higher education to study and develop best practices in postsecondary education for online education and the use of technology-based teaching and learning tools. Deadline is August 25, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-24/pdf/2014-17442.pdf>

Program: **NEW-OSERS/NIDRR: Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers: Community Living and Participation for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Health Conditions CFDA Number 84.133B-7**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

Deadlines:

Letter of Intent to apply: August 15, 2014

Closing Deadline: August 29, 2014

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-18/pdf/2014-16994.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.250J**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment, including self-employment, telecommuting, or business ownership. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-17/pdf/2014-16830.pdf>

Program: **NEW-OSERS/NIDRR: Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Minority-Serving Institution Field-Initiated Projects Program CFDA Number 84.133G-4 (Research)**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Field-Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-01/pdf/2014-15380.pdf>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW-Recovery Best Practices**

Description: The goal of the process will be to prioritize scientific research needs in the immediate aftermath of a disaster that culminates in a summary report of the strategic science research questions most relevant to promote better response, recovery or enhanced resilience in the affect community. Deadline is **September 15, 2014.**

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=49849>

Program: **NEW-Obesity and Asthma: Awareness and Self- Management (R01)**

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to stimulate research to examine the relationship between asthma, obesity and self-management. Deadline is September 7, 2014.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-316.html>

Program: **NEW-Performance Management System Development and Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting for the Community Services Block Grant Program**

Description: This three-year funding opportunity will support a process to update Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) performance management systems which will be available to states to meet annual State reporting requirements of the CSBG as outlined in Section 687E(a). Deadline is September 8, 2014.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2014-ACF-OCS-ET-0953>

Program: **NEW-Enhancing Public Health Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to enhance the capacity of surveillance programs to implement or enhance a population-based, multiple-source surveillance program for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DDs) that co-occur with ASD (cerebral palsy (CP) and intellectual disability (ID)). Deadline is October 10, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-DD15-1501>

Program: **NEW-Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes (DP3)**

Description: The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). Deadline is March 18, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-14-022.html>

Program: **NEW-State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of SSDI is to develop, enhance and expand State Title V MCH data capacity to allow for informed decision making and resource allocation that supports effective, efficient and quality programming for women, infants, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Contact: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA Grants Application Center, 910 Clopper Road, Suite 155 South, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878

Program: **NEW-NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)**

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Deadline is August 28, 2014.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-14-004.html>

Program: **NEW-Workers Compensation Surveillance**

Description: The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to compile, analyze, and disseminate workers' compensation (WC) data to promote the prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, fatalities, and exposures to hazards within the states and throughout the nation. Deadline is August 29, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253462>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW-Center of Excellence (COE) - Center for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research (CBTIR) Center Lead**

Description: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Office of University Programs (OUP) is requesting applications from U.S. colleges and universities to serve as a lead institution for a Center for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research (CBTIR). OUP is also posting a separate FOA for eligible applicants to submit single project proposals for consideration as a partner to this COE. Deadline is October 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-14-ST-061-COE-002A>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW-Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants**

Description: Through funding of national organizations with expertise in rural housing and community development, the Rural Capacity Building program enhances the capacity and ability of local governments, Indian tribes, housing development organizations, rural CDCs, and CHDOs, to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low- and moderate-income families and persons in rural area. Deadline is September 19, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FR-5800-N-15>

Program: **NEW-Fair Housing Initiative Program - Fair Housing Organization Initiative**

Description: FHIP Funds are used to increase compliance with the Fair Housing Act. This year there are three Initiatives: Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and the Fair Housing Organization Initiatives. HUD will award grants/cooperative agreements under each of these program initiatives. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Websites: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

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Program: **NEW- Fair Housing Initiative Program - Private Enforcement Initiative**

Description: FHIP Funds are used to increase compliance with the Fair Housing Act. This year there are three Initiatives: Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and the Fair Housing Organization Initiatives. HUD will award

grants/cooperative agreements under each of these program initiatives. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program: **NEW-Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies Grant Program Full-Application**

Description: HUD is especially interested in applications which will advance our knowledge on key healthy homes issues, including lead-based paint, by addressing important gaps in the science related to the accurate and efficient identification of hazards and cost effective hazard mitigation. Deadline is August 25, 2014.

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program: **NEW-Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)**

Description: SHOP Grant funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. Deadline is September 2, 2014.

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: **NEW-BLM CA Youth Opportunities on Public Lands**

Description: The goal of this program is to expose youth to the principles of natural resources management in order to instill a strong conservation ethic and to create the next generation of stewards for our public lands. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=L14AS00177>

Program: **NEW-Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 1**

Description: This program provides funding to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territories for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of docking, mooring, and other facilities for transient, recreational boats 26 feet or greater in length. Deadline is September 19, 2014.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=F14AS00240>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW- Development of the Rolling Wheel Deflectometer**

Description: The FHWA seeks to continue development of the Rolling Wheel Deflectometer with Applied Research Associates (ARA) to where it can be used as a viable tool

by Federal, state and local transportation agencies to accurately measure highway structural capacities for the purpose of improving pavement maintenance and increasing transportation safety. Deadline is September 10, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=262889>

Program: **NEW-FY 2015 New Entrant Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability**

Description: The New Entrant grant program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles by reviewing new interstate motor carriers to ensure that they have effective safety management programs. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=49823>

Program: **NEW-Federal Railroad Administration FY14 Grant Application Solicitation**

Description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for eligible intercity passenger rail grade crossing improvement projects, positive train control implementation projects, and Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan projects. Deadline is September 15, 2014.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=49723>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: **NEW-Veterans Cemetery Grants**

Description: Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/>

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Program: **NEW-AAUW Accepting Applications for Community Action Grants**

Description: AAUW is accepting applications for its Community Action Grants Program, an annual program that provides funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs and non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>

Program: **NEW-Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Field Trip Grants Program**

Description: Grants are intended to fund visits to art, science, and cultural museums; community service or civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from school. More than 3,600 grants of up to \$700 will be awarded. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: <https://targetfieldtripgrants.target.com/>

Program: **NEW-YoungArts Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Young Artists Prize**

Description: The National YoungArts Foundation provides emerging artists (age 15-18 or grades 10-12) with opportunities to work with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. Deadline is October 17, 2014.

Website: <http://www.youngarts.org/apply>

Program: **NEW-Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for USArtists International Grants**

Description: Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international festivals and/or for performance engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities abroad. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

Website: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html

Program: **NEW-RedRover Seeks Applications From Emergency Shelter Groups to Help Victims of Domestic Abuse and Their Pets**

Description: RedRover is accepting applications from emergency shelter organizations to help victims of domestic violence and their animal companions stay together during times of crisis. Deadline is October 15, 2014.

Website: <http://www.redrover.org/node/1099>

Program: **NEW- MAP Fund Invites Letters of Inquiry for Performance Work Embodying Spirit of Exploration**

Description: Starting on September 8, Multi-Arts Production Fund (MAP) will begin accepting Letters of Inquiry from artists, ensembles, producers, and arts presenters whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance

embodies this spirit of exploration and inquiry. The fund is particularly interested in work that examines notions of cultural difference or "the other," whether based in class, gender, generation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or another aspect of diversity. Only projects that contain a live performance will be considered. Deadline Dates are:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Online Letter of Inquiry Application Open

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. EDT

Online Letter of Inquiry Application Deadline

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Notification of Invite for Full Proposal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. EDT

Deadline for Full Proposals (by invite)

Website: http://apply.mapfund.org//index_anonymous.php

Program: **NEW- Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation Invites Applications for Anti-Bullying Programs**

Description: The Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation, the charitable foundation of rugby star Ben Cohen, works to raise awareness of the damaging long-term effects of bullying and raise funds to support those doing real-world work to stop it.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects designed to stop bullying, help those hurt by bullying, and/or help increase equality and diversity in sports. Deadline is November 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.standupfoundation.com/grants/requesting-funding/>

Program: **NEW- AG Bell Association Invites Applications for Parent-Infant Financial Aid Program**

Description: The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is accepting applications for its 2014 Parent-Infant Financial Aid Program for families of infants and toddlers diagnosed with a moderately severe to profound hearing loss who are in pursuit of a spoken language outcome for their child. Deadline is October 7, 2014.

Website: <http://listeningandspokenlanguage.org/Document.aspx?id=269>

Program: **NEW-Alabama Power Foundation Accepting Applications for 'Power to Play' Grants**

Description: The Alabama Power Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Birmingham-based energy provider Alabama Power, aims to give high schools across its service area the chance to improve their athletic programs.

To accomplish that goal and increase the number of students participating in high school athletic programs, the foundation will award grants of \$2,500 through its Power to Play program to thirty-six schools across the state. Deadline is September 14, 2014.

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

Program: **NEW-Community Giving Through the BBVA Compass Foundation**

Description: To be considered for grant funding, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Have a nonprofit, tax-exempt classification under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Be located or provide service in BBVA Compass' markets;
- Have broad community support and address specific community needs;
- Demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability; and
- Align with one or more of the Foundation's six focus areas:
 - Community Development (including Financial Literacy)
 - Education
 - Health and Human Services
 - Arts and Culture
 - Environment and Natural Resources
 - Diversity and Inclusion

Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.bbvacompass.com/compass/responsibility/foundations.jsp>

Program: **NEW-Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program**

Description: Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program provides grants for programs in rural communities served by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) members.

Funds may be used for:

- **Business Development:** Technology equipment for agriculture, entrepreneurship and/or job creation programs.
- **Community Development:** Parks and recreation, tourism and the arts.
- **Education:** Education technology (such as computers and smart boards), curriculum development, extracurricular activities, and distance learning programs.
- **Telecommunications:** Broadband adoption projects, technology education, and training.

Deadline is October 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.raconline.org/funding/3227>

Program: **NEW-Economic Development Assistance Programs**

Description: These funds will be provided to rural and urban communities in distressed regions to support the implementation of regional economic development.

Funding is available for:

- **Public Works Projects:**
 - Water and sewer system improvements
 - Industrial parks
 - Shipping and logistics facilities
 - Brownfield development
 - Telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance:**
Awards funding to projects that have specific solutions for regional economic development. Projects must foster collaboration, create jobs, and attract investment.

Deadline is October 17, 2014.

Website: <http://www.raconline.org/funding/2932>

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

Description: The fellowship program is part of a larger effort by the Open Society Foundations' Criminal Justice Fund to reduce the destructive impact of current criminal justice policies on the lives of individuals, families, and communities in

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the U.S. by challenging the overreliance on incarceration and harsh punishment, and by ensuring a fair and equitable system of justice for all. Deadline is October 22, 2014.

Website: <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/soros-justice-fellowships>

Program: **NEW- American Council of Learned Societies Invites Applications for Digital Innovation Fellowships**

Description: With funding from the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the fellowship program supports digitally-based research projects in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences. The aim of the program is to provide scholars with the means to pursue intellectually significant projects that deploy digital technologies intensively and innovatively. Deadline is September 24, 2014.

Website: <http://www.acls.org/programs/digital/>

Program: **NEW-Finish Line Youth Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Athletic Programs and Camps**

Description: Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for community-based athletic programs and to establish camps that teach active-lifestyle and team-building skills. Preference will be given to organizations that provide opportunities for participation for individuals age 18 and under and whose activities provide direct services and produce tangible results.

Grants Application Period	Review Period	Grant Awarded By *
January 1 – March 31	April – May	June 1
April 1 – June 30	July – August	September 1
July 1 – September 30	Oct – Nov	December 1
Oct 1 – December 31	Jan – Feb	March 1

Website: <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/review.jsp>

Program: **NEW- Ben & Jerry's Foundation Seeks Proposals for Social and Environmental Justice Projects**

Description: One-year grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofit grassroots community-organizing groups in the United States working to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just-food systems. Grants can be used to support both program and operational costs.

Summer: Opens Jan. 6 th , 2014 – Deadline Mar. 21st, 2014 at 5pm ET.	Summer: Jun. 16 th , 4pm EST
Winter 2015: Opens Aug. 1 st – Deadline Oct. 15th, 5pm ET If invited, see Full Proposal Deadline in next column.	Winter 2015: on or about Jan. 15 th
Renewals 2015: Opens July 1 st , with ongoing basis through Feb. 2015	Renewals: Based on invitation date.

Website: <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/>

Program: **NEW-Family Caregiver Alliance Accepting Nominations for Innovations in Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards**

Description: The Family Caregiver Alliance is accepting nominations for the Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards, an annual program that recognizes organizations that focus primarily on family/informal caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Deadline is September 5, 2014.

Website: http://www.alzdiscovery.org/assets/content/static/ADDF-ADCS_RFP_FINAL.pdf

Program: **NEW-KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants**

Description: KaBOOM!, a program that provides eligible communities with most of the funds, tools, and resources they need to build a custom-made playground in one day. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant

Program: **NEW-NCTM Accepting Applications for Projects Using Music to Teach Pre-K-2 Mathematics**

Description: The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is accepting applications from teachers of pre-K-2 mathematics for projects that incorporate music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. Deadline is November 7, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1318>

Program: **NEW-Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces 2015 Culture of Health Prize**

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a Call for Applications for its 2015 Culture of Health Prize, an annual program which honors outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. Deadline is September 17, 2014.

Website: [2015 RWJF Culture of Health Prize - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](http://www.rwjf.org/cultureofhealthprize)

Program: **NEW-Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grant**

Description: The mission of the Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. Deadline is September 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.mgaef.org/application.htm>

Program: **NEW-Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists**

Description: Cornell's BirdSleuth K-12 initiative is awarding binoculars to schools where educators have made outstanding efforts to engage their students in citizen science. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.birdsleuth.org/binoculars-for-the-citizen-scientists/>

Program: **NEW-Fuel Up to Play 60 School Wellness Grants**

Description: Fuel Up to Play 60 offers funding to K-12 schools enrolled in its wellness program. Eligible schools may apply for up to \$4,000 to help increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity opportunities for students. Deadline is November 5, 2014.

Website: <http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/introduction.php>

Program: **NEW-Gannett Foundation Community Action Grants**

Description: The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by the Gannett Company. Community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Deadline is August 29, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

Program: **NEW-International Paper Environmental Education Grants**

Description: The International Paper (IP) Foundation supports non-profit organizations in communities where its employees live and work. Environmental education is one of the primary areas the Foundation supports. The Foundation seeks programs that help generations understand a sustainable approach to business that balances environmental, social and economic needs.

Website: <http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/IPGiving/ApplicationGuidelines.html>

Program: **NEW- Ronald McDonald House Charities Seeks Partnerships With Children's Organizations**

Description: Ronald McDonald House Charities aims to improve the health and well-being of children through direct programming and partnerships with other nonprofit organizations around the world that are making an immediate, positive impact on children. RMHC takes a holistic, family-centered approach to bridging access to care and is interested in partnering with organizations that have a similar philosophy. Deadline is August 29, 2014.

Website: <http://www.rmhc.org/grants>

Program: **NEW- P. Buckley Moss Foundation Accepting Applications for Arts-Integrated Education Programs**

Description: The mission of the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education is to promote the integration of the arts into all educational programs, with a special focus on children who learn in different ways. The foundation is accepting grant applications from educators who need financial assistance to maintain or implement an arts education program. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: <http://mossfoundation.org/teacher-art-grants>

Program: **NEW-RedRover Seeks Applications From Emergency Shelter Organizations to Help Victims of Domestic Abuse and Their Pets**

Description: Founded in 1987, the mission of RedRover is to bring animals out of crisis and strengthen the bond between people and animals through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance, and education. In cooperation with Sheltering Animals and Families Together, RedRover is accepting applications from emergency shelter organizations to help victims of domestic violence and their animal companions stay together during times of crisis. Applications for 2014 are due on May 15, 2014 and **October 15, 2014**.

Website: <http://www.redrover.org/node/1099>

Program: **NEW-CATCH Planning and Implementation Grants**

Description: [Community Access to Child Health](#), a program of the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), provides support to pediatricians interested in collaborating within their communities so that all children have access to the health services they need.

To that end, CATCH is accepting applications for two community health grant programs, including the CATCH Planning and Implementation Grants program and CATCH Resident Grants program.

1) Planning and Implementation grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to individual pediatricians and fellowship trainees to plan community-based child health initiatives that ensure all children have medical homes and access to healthcare services not otherwise available in their community. Priority is given to projects that serve communities with the greatest health disparities. Outreach must be to the community at large, not to practice or clinic patients only. All initiatives should incorporate screening for or connecting children to medical homes and available insurance programs. All pediatricians are eligible to apply regardless of employment setting or retirement status.

2) Resident grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for pediatric residents to plan and/or implement community-based child health initiatives. Projects must include planning activities or demonstrate completed planning activities and may include implementation activities. Eligible applicants must have postgraduate status as of **July 31, 2014**.

Program: **NEW-Ashoka's Youth Venture**

Description: Youth Venture inspires and invests in teams of young people to design and launch their own lasting social ventures, enabling them to have a transformative experience of leading positive social change. Venturers start businesses, civil society organizations and informal programs that address all kinds of social issues, including poverty, health, the elderly, the environment, education, diversity issues, and the art.

Website: <https://www.youthventure.org/>

Program: **NEW-Bank of America Charitable Foundation Grants**

Description: The Bank of America (BoA) offers grants that support high-impact initiatives, organizations and the development of visionary leaders. Schools with farm-to-school type programs may be eligible under the funding areas:

- Developing Career Leadership and Skills: Opportunities that increase civic and community engagement, career exploration and youth employment, financial knowledge and life-skill and soft-skill development
- Assisting with Food Access: Food deserts, green/fresh food access, etc.
- Deadline is OPEN

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=104145.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW-Anneberg Foundation Grants**

Description: The Annenberg Foundation exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. As the principal means of achieving its goal, the Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge throughout the U.S. and globally.

The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the following program areas:

- Education and youth development
- Arts, culture, and humanities
- Civic and community
- Animal services and the environment
- Health and human services

Deadline is **OPEN**.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=79814.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW-World We Want Foundation Grants**

Description: The World We Want Foundation promotes and supports youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. The Foundation works with and through the partner organizations and mentors that applicants provide, helps young people design and conduct meaningful social action projects, provides micro-grants to support projects, and more. Project application submittals will reopen in August 2014.

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

Program: **NEW-William H. Johnson Foundation for the Arts Invites Applications From African-American Artists**

Description: The William H. Johnson Foundation for the Arts is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that seeks to encourage African American artists early in their careers by offering financial grants. The Johnson Foundation awards grants to individuals who work in the following media: painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking, installation and/or new genre. Deadline is September 15, 2014.

Website: <http://www.whjohnsongrant.org/whjform/>

Program: **NEW – Pathway to Financial Success**

Description: Program is accepting applications from public high schools in the United States that are planning to implement a financial education program into the curriculum. Grant amounts will be assessed on a program-by-program basis. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org/get-a-grant>

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: **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. Deadline is October 1, 2014.

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

Section IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program: **NEW-Central Alabama Community Foundation Community Trust Grant and Technical Assistance Grants**

Description: CACF will offer **two grant opportunities** to nonprofits providing direct services in Montgomery, Lowndes, or Macon counties. Applications for **Community Trust Grants** and **Technical Assistance Grants** will be available on our website on **July 1st**.

- Organizations may submit *one* **Community Trust Grant** application for up to **\$25,000** (Average award is \$8,000).
- Nonprofits may also apply for *one* **Technical Assistance Grant** of up to \$2,500 for assistance with **Strategic Planning, Organizational/Board Infrastructure, Fund Development, or Marketing/Public Relations**.

Deadline is August 29, 2014.

Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org/cacfgiants.html#CACFGrants>

Program: **NEW-Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation**

Description: Our strategy is also to seek partners both public and private who share common interests for collaborations and positive change. Focus Areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Basic services for at risk families and children, Family literacy and adult education, Community Improvement and Nonprofit Capacity Building, Culture and increasing accessibility to the arts and Philanthropy and Volunteerism. Deadline is September 15 for October Board Meeting.

Website: <http://www.jsbcf.org/funding.asp>

Program: **NEW- ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR MATCHING GRANTS**

Description: The Alabama Tourism Department (ATD) will continue its Matching Grants Program in 2014. The Matching Grants Program provides assistance to nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement 50/50 matching basis. All event specific brochure projects must be for events in 2014. Deadline for August 2014 for November 2014 event. Deadline is September for December 2014. Brochures must be completed by November, 2014, or the grant will be withdrawn at 5:00 PM on December 1, 2014. **This includes receipt of final paperwork by the Alabama Tourism Department. (ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS)**

Website: <http://tourism.alabama.gov/content/uploads/Matching-Grant-Guidelines-Brochure-2014.pdf>

Program: **NEW- Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**
Description: Applicants are encouraged to develop projects for a wide variety of audiences including: library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars, youth, senior citizens, nursing home residents, hospital patients, the economically disadvantaged, the incarcerated, and the hearing and sight impaired.
Application submission deadlines:
Major Grants (\$1,500 and up) – February 15, June 16, September 15
Minor Grants (\$1,500 or less) – February 15, June 16, September 15
Website: <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>

SECTION V FELLOWSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID/ AWARDS

Program: **NEW-Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grant**
Description: Organizations, including schools, non-profits and government agencies, are invited to apply for grants up to \$1,500 to develop or implement environmental curricula that integrate hands-on ecology exercises into the classroom. One-page pre-proposals are due September 14, 2014
Website: <http://www.mgaef.org/application.htm>

Program: **NEW-ClimateChangeLIVE \$1,000 GreenWorks! Grant**
Description: Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, forest improvement project, streamside restoration plan, recycling program, energy conservation project or any other project that could help address climate change? Need funds to implement it? Apply for a \$1000 ClimateChangeLIVE GreenWorks! Grant. Deadline is September 30, 2014.
Website: <http://climatechangelive.org/index.php?pid=177>

Program: **NEW-Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants**
Description: Through its National Giving Program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants of \$250,000 and above to non-profit organizations that operate on a national scope through chapters/affiliates in many states around the country or through programs that operate regionally/locally but seek funding to replicate program activities nationally. Deadline is OPEN.
Areas of focus for the Foundation include:
Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating
Sustainability
Women's Economic Empowerment
Career Opportunity
Website: <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/national-giving>

Program: **NEW- Captain Planet Foundation Grant**
Description: The Captain Planet Foundation provides grants of up to \$2,500 to school and community groups to support hands-on environmental projects. The objective of the Foundation is to encourage innovative programs that empower children

and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Program: **NEW-William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness**

Description: The fund will award grants in support of initiatives that seek to correct circumstances contributing to homelessness, as well as initiatives designed to help eradicate the condition of homelessness in the long term. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

Program: **NEW-Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)**

Description: Each "Individual" or "Organizational" PAESMEM awardee will receive a \$10,000 award and a commemorative Presidential certificate. Awardees are also invited to participate in an award recognition ceremony in Washington, DC which includes meetings with STEM educators, researchers and policy leaders. Up to 16 awards may be made from the nominations received on or before October 3, 2014. Deadline is October 3, 2014.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14567

Program: **NEW-Aspen Institute Invites Applications for William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students**

Description: The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as a PSI intern at the Aspen Institute's Washington, D.C., office. Through the fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. Deadline is July 18, 2014 for Fall 2014 and December 5, 2014 for Spring 2015.

Website: <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/nonprofit-philanthropy/leadership-initiatives/hearst>

Program: **NEW-John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars in the United States and Canada**

Description: The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields -- including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts -- except the performing arts

Website: <http://www.gf.org/applicants/the-united-states-canadian-competition/>

Program **NEW-Nominations Invited for I Love My Librarian Award**

Description: The Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award encourages library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, and college librarians. Nominees must currently be working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or at an accredited K-12 school. Deadline is September 12, 2014.

Website: <http://atyourlibrary.org/ilovemylibrarian>

Program: **NEW-Freedoms Foundation Accepting Nominations for 2015 Leavey Awards**

Description: The foundation is accepting nominations for the 2015 Leavey Awards, an annual program that recognizes educators at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques related to the teaching of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs>

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/>

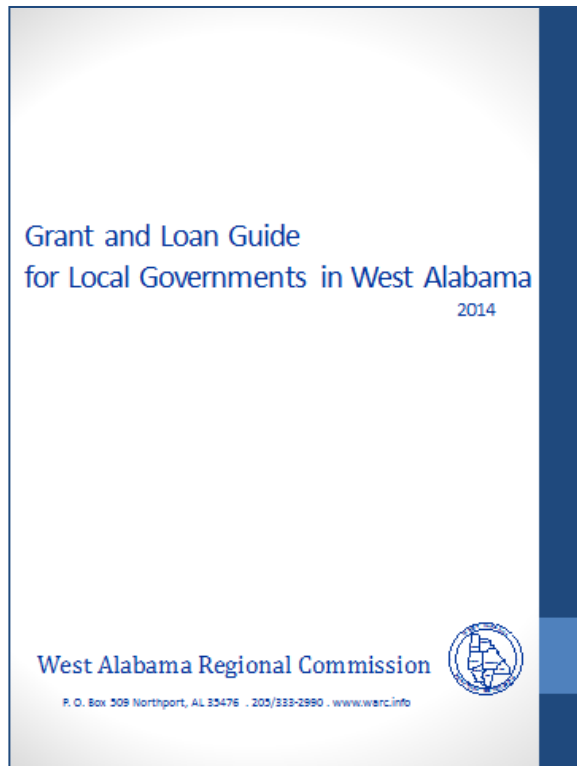
Federal Aid Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/federal-aid/>

FELLOWSHIP SEARCH

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.neh.gov/grants>



Minority Fellowship Program

Website:

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

Section VI RESOURCES

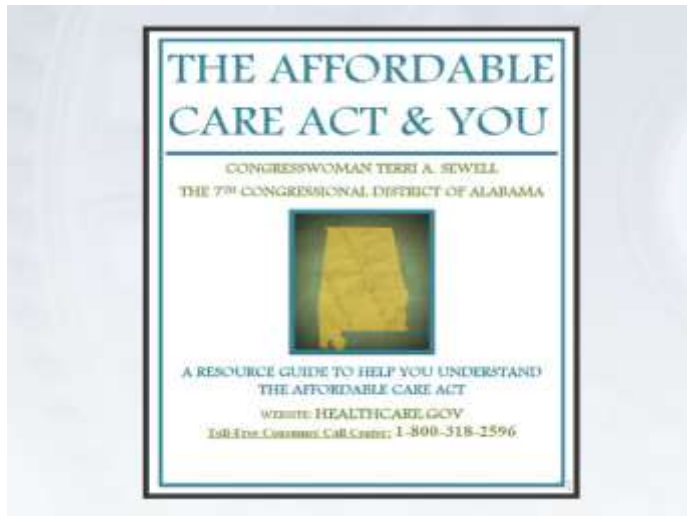
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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.



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>

ATTENTION VETERANS:

FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

The online Veterans Employment Center is the single federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service Members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military and Veteran spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, GI Bill beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. It is the first interagency tool that brings together public and private job opportunities with resume building and other career tools currently offered on a variety of websites together in one place.

Through the online Veterans Employment Center, Veterans, transitioning Service Members and spouses are connected to high quality career choices by matching their identified skills with available public and private job opportunities. The site is built using an open application programming interface (API) to attract private sector innovation.

Veteran Applicant Resources:

- Quick public resume posting with an instant connection to thousands of public and private employers
- Target job search based on specific, high-demand career paths
- Single search for both public and private sector positions
- Military skills translator and resume generator
- Social media integration with popular bookmarking sites for saving job postings

Employer Resources:

- Access targeted feed of qualified resumes from Veteran applicants
- View reverse skills translation (military to civilian skills) for applicants
- Set Veterans hiring goals and track progress
- Connect to resources designed to help recruit and retain talented, Veteran employees

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden’s Joining Forces initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Education, and the Office of Personnel Management to design and develop the site and incorporate features of existing online employment tools at each agency. The result is an upgrade to the existing Veterans Job Bank and an integrated solution connecting Veterans, transitioning Service Members and employers.

Employers, Veterans and transitioning Service Members deserve a single, authoritative source for connecting to each other. Now that the core tools and an integrated search function exist in one single location, each agency is engaged in minimizing duplication and redundancy of current sites and services.

The Veterans Employment Center can be found at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

For a tutorial video on how to use the Veterans Employment Center, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWfhI-eSoWk>

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.sacinfo.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>