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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. As your representative, it is my top priority to provide you with the resources we need to keep our community safe and thriving. I will work diligently to provide you with the most current information about funding opportunities. Grant opportunities are vital to the success of our communities, and this guide will identify federal, corporate, and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This guide will include links to federal agencies and 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. Also, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Stay up to date with the latest information at <http://sewell.house.gov>. Please continue to let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov>. To subscribe to *Guide to Grants*, sign up on our [website](#) or call us at 205.254.1960. Previous editions of the *Guide to Grants* are archived and can be found [here](#).

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Section I: GENERAL 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 2014. 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>
- A grant is a way the government funds your ideas and projects to provide public services and stimulate the economy. Grants support critical recovery initiatives, innovative research, and many other programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).
- A grant is one of many different forms of federal financial assistance. Federal financial assistance is a broad term to refer to the various ways the U.S. government redistributes resources to eligible recipients. On Grants.gov you will find grant and cooperative agreement opportunities from federal agencies that award grants
- 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](http://www.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

Community Grant Resources (Water/Sewer, Community Facilities, Housing, and Business)

Alabama USDA Water and Environmental Programs

Through Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), rural communities obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems. Safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America. Rural Development is a leader in helping rural America improve the quality of life and increase the economic opportunities for rural people.

WEP provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs of rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities. WEP is administered through National Office staff in Washington, DC, and a network of field staff in each State.

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Alabama

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Eligible borrowers include:

- Public bodies
- Community-based non-profit corporations
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Eligible areas:

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest [U.S. Census Data](#) are eligible for this program.

How may funds be used?

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

What kinds of funding are available?

- Low interest direct loans
- Grants
- A combination of the two above, as well as our loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

What are the funding priorities?

- Priority point system based on population, median household income
 - Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less
 - Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

How do we get started?

- Contact your local office to discuss your specific project
- Applications for this program are accepted year round
- Program resources are available online (includes forms needed, guidance, certifications)
- Request a Unique Entity ID number if your organization doesn't already have one. It should not take more than a few business days to get your number.
- Register your organization with the System for Award Management (SAM) if you aren't already registered. The registration is free, but you need to complete several steps.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Alabama

Home Ownership, Rental U Assistance, Home Repair, Home Owner Disability Assistance, Counseling

Small Business Administration Assistance

Assistance for small businesses

Local Assistance - Alabama 211

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[AAHC-FY24](#)

[Museum Grants for African American History and Culture \(2024\)](#)

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

The Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) program is designed to build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums. The AAHC program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Deadline: November 15, 2023

[IGSM-FY24](#)

[Inspire! Grants for Small Museums \(2024\)](#)

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Inspire! has three project categories: • Lifelong Learning • Institutional Capacity • Collections Stewardship and Access For the FY2024 grant cycle, the IMLS invites applications that commemorate America's 250th anniversary as part of the agency's IMLS250: All Stories, All People, All Places initiative. IMLS believes that the semi-quintennial is an opportunity to commemorate all lived experiences through civic engagement, public programs, and collections stewardship in preparation for 2026.

Deadline: November 15, 2023

[LB21-FY24](#)

[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program \(2024\)](#)

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports the training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and information leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals in order to develop a diverse library and archival workforce and meet the information needs of their communities. Applications to IMLS should both advance knowledge and understanding and ensure that the federal investment made generates benefits to society. Specifically, the goals for this program are to generate projects of far-reaching impact that: • Recruit, train, develop, and retain a diverse workforce of library and archives professionals. • Develop faculty, library, and archives leaders by increasing the institutional capacity of libraries, archives, and graduate programs related to library and information science. • Enhance the training and professional development of the library and archival workforce to meet the needs of their communities. Throughout its work, IMLS places importance on diversity, equity, and inclusion. This may be reflected in an IMLS-funded project in a wide range of ways, including efforts to serve individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; individuals with disabilities; individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills; individuals having difficulty using a library or museum; and underserved urban and rural communities, including children from families with incomes below the poverty line.

Deadline: March 20, 2024

National Endowment for the Humanities

[20240111-PG](#)

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

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The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions program. The purpose of this program is to help small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. The program encourages applications from small and mid-sized institutions that have never received an NEH grant.

Deadline: January 10, 2024

National Institutes of Health

[Community-Engaged Health Equity Research in Neuroscience Initiative 93.853](#)

This NOFO solicits applications to establish clinical trial readiness for community-driven research interventions to decrease disparities in neurological disorders in NIH-designated populations that experience health disparities (HDPs). These clinical studies will utilize community-engaged research and collaborative, multidisciplinary teams to identify, develop, and evaluate strategies to improve outcomes related to neurological disorders in HDPs and fill gaps in clinical trial readiness. Expected outcomes include 1) Identifying and understanding drivers of health disparities and barriers for specific neurological disorders within HDP communities, 2) Identifying specific modifiable targets to prevent and/or decrease neurological morbidity/mortality and inequities among HDPs, and 3) Developing future community-driven research interventions to decrease disparities and gaps in neurological health among HDPs. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) intends to enhance the quality and increase the likelihood of success of future clinical trials in neurological health disparities by supporting studies leading to trial readiness.

Deadline: February 2, 2024

National Park Service

[P23AS00501](#)

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund - Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grants](#)

[Department of the Interior](#)

[National Park Service](#)

In 1988, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Preservation grant program was established to document, preserve, and stabilize historic structures on HBCU campuses. The HBCU grant program exists to repair historic structures on campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places either individually or as contributing to a National Register or National Historic Landmark historic district. Projects must meet major program selection criteria and all work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. Projects may also fund survey, nomination, and preservation planning for historic HBCU campuses.

Deadline: January 17, 2024

[P23AS00499](#)

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund- Save America's Treasures Preservation Grants](#)

[Department of the Interior](#)

[National Park Service](#)

Save America's Treasures grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive

process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. The grant program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects. The preservation opportunity can be found under opportunity number P23AS00499. The collections opportunity can be found under opportunity Number P23AS00500. FY2023 Public Law 117-328 provides \$26,500,000 million for the SAT Grant Program.

Deadline: December 19, 2023

[P23AS00500](#)
[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund- Save America's Treasures Collection Grants](#)
[Department of the Interior](#)
[National Park Service](#)

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December 19, 2023

[P23AS00496](#)
[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund- African American Civil Rights - AACRN Preservation](#)
[Department of the Interior](#)
[National Park Service](#)

The National Park Service’s (NPS) African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories of the full history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens from the transatlantic slave trade forward. The NPS 2008 report, Civil Rights in America, A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites, will serve as a guide in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties. African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN) Preservation Grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. FY2023 Public Law 117-328 provides \$24 million for the AACR Grant Program, of that \$5 million is available for these AACRN Preservation Grants.

Deadline: November 15, 2023

National Science Foundation

[24-500](#)
[Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers Resource Center](#)
[National Science Foundation](#)
[National Science Foundation](#)

The Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program is an applied research and development program that seeks to actualize a diverse future STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and ICT (information and communication technologies) workforce that is prepared to meet pressing local, societal, and global challenges. Because STEM and ICT careers increasingly rely on technologies and computing, the ITEST program funds projects that engage youth, from pre-kindergarten through high school, and pre-K-12 educators in equitable, innovative technology learning and education experiences within and across STEM disciplines in formal or informal settings. These projects build youths’ interest and knowledge in STEM careers, and

they prioritize the full inclusion of all groups to include those that have been underrepresented, underserved, or excluded from STEM educational opportunities.

Deadline: January 21, 2024

[America's Seed Fund \(SBIR/STTR\)](#)

Seed capital for early-stage product development – NSF offers funding for early-stage R&D and takes no equity in your company – you retain full control over your team, the direction of your work and your intellectual property. We fund almost all areas of technology. Between fiscal years 2016 and 2020, America's Seed Fund powered by NSF made 2,200+ awards to startups and small businesses. Each year, NSF funds roughly 400 companies across nearly all technology areas and market sectors (with the exception of clinical trials and schedule I controlled substances.)

Deadline: January 9, 2024

[23-610](#)

[National Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Research Institutes](#)

[National Science Foundation](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has advanced tremendously and today promises personalized healthcare; enhanced national security; improved transportation; and more effective education, to name just a few benefits. Increased computing power, the availability of large datasets and streaming data, and algorithmic advances in machine learning (ML) have made it possible for AI research and development to create new sectors of the economy and revitalize industries. Continued advancement, enabled by sustained federal investment and channeled toward issues of national importance, holds the potential for further economic impact and quality-of-life improvements.

Deadline: February 16, 2023

[23-625](#)

[Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity](#)

[National Science Foundation](#)

The purpose of this solicitation is to broaden participation in innovation ecosystems that advance key technologies (e.g., advanced manufacturing, advanced wireless, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum information science, semiconductors, novel materials, and microelectronics) by supporting capacity-building efforts at institutions of higher education (IHEs) interested in growing external partnerships. Creation of this program is motivated by the commitment of the National Science Foundation (NSF), including the newly established NSF Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP), to accelerate scientific and technological innovation nationwide and empower all Americans to participate in the U.S. research and innovation enterprise. Establishing more inclusive innovation ecosystems will require broad networks of partners working together in support of use-inspired research; the translation of such research to practice or commercial application; and the development of a skilled workforce.

Deadline: May 16, 2024

[PD-23-277Y](#)

[Research Infrastructure in the Social and Behavioral Sciences](#)

[National Science Foundation](#)

The Research Infrastructure in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Program (RISBS) supports projects that create computational tools and data to facilitate basic research in the social and behavioral sciences that can lead to improved health, prosperity and security. Projects should be aimed at creating computational tools and data to enable research by social scientists. Examples include, but are not limited to, data collection or assembly efforts that result in new resources for a community of researchers or software platforms that facilitate data collection efforts by others. RISBS does not support research by PIs except in service of creation of the infrastructure. Innovation is especially encouraged.

Deadline: Proposals accepted anytime

U.S. Department of Agriculture

[USDA-FS-2023-IRA-FLS-01](#)

[USDA Forest Service Inflation Reduction Act Forest Landowner Support](#)

[Department of Agriculture](#)

[Forest Service](#)

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is the first in an anticipated series of Landowner Support for Forest Resilience NOFOs. Landowner Support for Forest Resilience is currently funded by four Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provisions (Public Law No: 117-169. Subtitle D, Sec. 23002(a) (1), (2), (3), and (4)), which encompass cost share and payment incentives for forestry practices and support participation of underserved landowners and small-acreage landowners (owning less than 2,500 acres) in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience. Landowner Support for Forest Resilience falls under the USDA Forest Service's existing Landscape Scale Restoration Program, as authorized under Section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a). This program advances the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative. Established by Executive Order 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, the Justice40 Initiative has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments, such as climate, clean energy, and other areas, flow to disadvantaged communities. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) solicits proposals for two IRA provisions: Subtitle D, Sec. 23002 (a)(2) and Subtitle D, Sec. 23002 (a)(3). These provisions provide the USDA Forest Service with funding to:

Support the participation of underserved forest landowners in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience; Support the participation of forest landowners who own less than 2,500 acres of forest land in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience.

Deadline: August 21, 2024

[USDA-FNS-F2S-2024](#)

[FY2024 Farm to School Grants](#)

[Department of Agriculture](#)

[Food and Nutrition Service](#)

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Farm to School Grant awards projects of 24 months in length for funding up to \$500,000. Applicants are required to provide matching support of at least 25 percent of the total project budget in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. The RFA offers three tracks - Implementation, State Agency, and Turnkey - to support a variety of projects and implementation stages. Eligible applicants may include schools and other institutions that operate Child Nutrition Programs, Indian Tribal Organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, nonprofit entities, and State and local agencies.

Deadline: January 12, 2024

[USDA-RD-CFTAT-2023-DISASTER](#)

[Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant - Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2023 Grant Funds](#)

[Department of Agriculture](#)

[Rural Housing Service](#)

The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community

facilities programs. The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs. Grant funds must be used to provide technical assistance to repair essential community facilities damaged by Presidentially declared major disasters in calendar year 2022. Examples of technical assistance may include identifying public and private funding resources, assisting communities in identifying and planning for repairs needed, and preparing applications for financial assistance and;

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must have provided a notice declaring the Major Disaster Declaration and assigned a FEMA disaster recovery (DR) number.

Deadline: November 24, 2023

[TATFY24](#)

[Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program](#)

[Department of Agriculture](#)

[Rural Utilities Service](#)

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal: assist applicants, that have filed a pre-application with RUS, in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Grant funds may not be used to duplicate current services, such as those performed by an association's consultant in developing a project; fund political or lobbying activities; pay for capital assets; purchase real estate or vehicles; improve or renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately owned property; pay the costs for construction, improvement, rehabilitation, modification or operation and maintenance of water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities; and pay costs incurred prior to effective date of grant.

Deadline: January 1, 2024

U.S. Department of Commerce

[EDA-TECHHUBSPHASE2-2023](#)

[FY 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program Phase 2 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

[Department of Commerce](#)

[Economic Development Administration](#)

An eligible consortium must include one or more of each of the following: (i) institutions of higher education, which may include Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions; (ii) State, territorial, local, or Tribal governments or other political subdivisions of a State, or a consortium thereof; (iii) industry groups or firms in relevant technology, innovation or manufacturing sectors; (iv) economic development organizations or similar entities focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, or access to capital; and (v) labor organizations or workforce training organizations. See section A.1.b.iii. for additional requirements related to consortia. See section C.1. of this NOFO for a list of other entities that may also be part of a consortium.

Deadline: February 29, 2024

[2024-NIST-SBIR-01](#)

[Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program Phase I](#)

[Department of Commerce](#)

[National Institute of Standards and Technology](#)

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Phase I is seeking applications from eligible applicants to explore the technical merit or feasibility of an innovative idea or technology with the aim of developing a viable

product or service that will be introduced to the commercial marketplace. The primary employment of the principal investigator must be with the small business at the time of the award and during the conduct of the proposed research. Primary employment means that more than one-half of the principal investigator's time is spent working with the small business. Primary employment with a small business precludes full-time employment with another organization.

Deadline: December 21, 2023

U.S. Department of Education

[Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): Project to Support America's Families and Educators \(Project SAFE\) Grant Program Assistance Listing Number \(ALN\) 84.184N](#)

The Project SAFE grant program is intended to improve students' safety and well-being by providing resources to local educational agencies (LEAs) that adopt and implement strategies to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and that are financially penalized for doing so by their State educational agency (SEA) or other State entity. Purpose of Program: The Project SAFE grant program provides grants to eligible LEAs to improve student safety and well-being by advancing strategies constituent with CDC guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in schools.

Deadline: Rolling

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[HRSA-24-007](#)
[Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#)
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

The purpose the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program ("Network Planning Program") is to plan and develop integrated health care networks that collaborate to address the following legislative aims: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to and improve the quality of basic health care services and health outcomes; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system. This program supports one year of planning and brings together members of the health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past, to establish and/or improve local capacity in order to strengthen rural community health interventions and enhance care coordination. The Network Planning program uses the concept of developing networks as a strategy toward linking rural health care network members together to address local challenges, and help rural stakeholders achieve greater collective capacity to overcome challenges related to limited economies of scale for individual hospitals, clinics, or other key rural health care stakeholders. For more details, see Program Requirements and Expectations.

Deadline: January 25, 2024

[HHS-2024-ACF-OHS-CH-R4-0118](#)
[Head Start/Early Head Start Recipient -- Communities in the state of Alabama](#)
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Administration for Children and Families – OHS](#)

It is important to note that the eligibility requirements are different for Head Start and Early Head Start. More information will be provided in the funding opportunity announcement. ENTITIES APPLYING FOR HEAD START ONLY - OR - BOTH HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START: Eligibility is limited to local public or

private non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations or for-profit organizations that can provide Head Start and/or Early Head Start services to children and families residing in service area identified in the funding opportunity announcement. ENTITIES APPLYING FOR EARLY HEAD START ONLY: Eligibility is limited to public or private non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations or for-profit organizations that can provide Early Head Start services to children and families residing in service area identified in the funding opportunity announcement. Entities operating Head Start programs are eligible to operate Early Head Start programs. Applications from individuals (including sole proprietorships) and foreign entities are not eligible and will be disqualified from the merit review and funding under this funding opportunity. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity. Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization, as set forth at and, subject to the protections and requirements of 45 CFR Part 87 and 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq., ACF will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise.

Deadline: December 14, 2023

[HHS-2024-ACL-NIDILRR-IFDV-0074](#)
[Field Initiated Projects Program \(Development\)](#)
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Administration for Community Living](#)

The purpose of the Field Initiated Projects program is to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies -- to maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family/caregiver support, and economic and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities, especially people with the greatest support needs. In carrying out a development activity under a Field Initiated Projects development grant, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices, systems, methods, measures, techniques, tools, prototypes, processes, or intervention protocols that are beneficial to the target population. Please note that this will be the funding opportunity for Field Initiated Projects development proposals. We will invite Field Initiated Projects research proposals under a separate announcement. NIDILRR plans to make 15 Field Initiated Projects awards. Grants will have a 36-month project period, with three 12-month budget periods. NIDILRR's Field Initiated Projects will include a combination of research applications and development applications, depending on the combined ranking of individual research and development applications by the peer review panel.

Deadline: December 11, 2023

[HHS-2024-ACL-NIDILRR-AREM-0065](#)
[Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training \(ARRT\) Program - Employment](#)
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Administration for Community Living](#)

ARRT projects train rehabilitation researchers, including researchers with disabilities, with particular attention to research areas that support the implementation and objectives of the Rehabilitation Act, and that improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. ARRT projects under this opportunity announcement must provide advanced research training to eligible individuals to enhance their capacity to conduct high-quality multidisciplinary disability and rehabilitation research to improve outcomes for individuals with disabilities in NIDILRR's major domain of employment. NIDILRR plans to make one grant under this announcement. Grants will have a 60-month project period with 5 12-month budget periods.

Deadline: December 4, 2023

[Supporting Vaccine Confidence CFDA 93.344](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) anticipates the availability of funding for projects to increase vaccine confidence among adults and children (parents and guardians) across the United States. Vaccines are among the most effective public health interventions available, behind only access to clean water in terms of reducing the burden of infectious diseases. An essential pillar of success for a national vaccine program is maintaining high rates of immunity in communities. To reach the necessary number of vaccinated individuals within a population for community immunity, a high level of public trust in the immunization systems, i.e., vaccine confidence, is needed. The initiative will look to enhance the work of local communities and their partnerships with immunization “champions” to identify, plan, implement, and evaluate evidence-based practices. Projects will focus on improving confidence in three areas: confidence in the project, in the provider, and in policy. OIDP will lead this initiative in partnership with the Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO), within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH).

Deadline: March 28, 2024

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

[DHS-23-MT-047-00-98](#)

[Fiscal Year 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#)

[Department of Homeland Security](#)

[Department of Homeland Security - FEMA](#)

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized Tribal governments, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The BRIC program’s guiding principles include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

Deadline: February 29, 2024

[DHS-23-MT-029-000-98](#)

[Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Fiscal Year 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)

[Department of Homeland Security](#)

[Department of Homeland Security - FEMA](#)

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, Tribal and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities. It does so with a recognition of the growing flood hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for flood hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. From FY 1996 to FY 2019, FMA obligated over \$1.5 billion in federal cost share mitigating over 8,000 properties insured by the NFIP.

Deadline: February 29, 2024

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

[FR-6700-N-34](#)

[FY 2023 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#)

[Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2. People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community. This NOFO has two deadline dates: one for new Implementation Grants and one for Supplemental Grants. The application due date for an Implementation Grant 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time on December 11, 2023. Any application received after the December 11th deadline that is not applying for the Supplemental Grant funding is automatically ineligible. The pool of eligible applicants for a Supplemental Grant is limited to those previously awarded CN Implementation Grant recipients as stated in the Appendix. The due date for a Supplemental Grant application is 11:59:59 pm Eastern time on March 4, 2024.

Deadline: March 4, 2024

[FR-6700-N-19](#)

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#)

[Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

This SHOP NOFO announces the availability of \$ 12,500,000 in FY2022 SHOP Grant funds to be 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. Applicants must propose to use a significant amount of SHOP Grant funds in at least two states. Individuals are not eligible to apply for SHOP Grant funds. SHOP Grant funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning and administration costs (not to exceed 10 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. The average SHOP Grant expenditure for the combined costs of land acquisition and infrastructure improvements must not exceed \$25,000 per SHOP unit. SHOP units must be decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings that comply with state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. The SHOP units must be sold to homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price. Homebuyers must be low-income and must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity towards the development of the SHOP units. A homebuyer's sweat equity contribution must not be mortgaged or otherwise restricted upon future sale of the SHOP unit. Volunteer labor is also required. SHOP Grantees may award SHOP Grant funds to local non-profit affiliate organizations to carry out the Grantee's SHOP program. These affiliate organizations must be located in the Grantee's service area.

Deadline: December 4, 2023

[FR-6700-N-21-A](#)

[Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Education and Outreach Initiative](#)

[Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

This EOI NOFO makes available approximately \$9,466,347 to develop, implement, carry out, and coordinate education and outreach programs designed to inform members of the public about their rights and obligations under the provisions of the FHA. Under this EOI NOFO, activities are divided into five categories: EOI National – National Media Campaign Component. The national fair housing media campaign will focus on advancing racial equity and access to housing opportunities, especially in underserved communities. The campaign will include addressing barriers that may arise when people exercise their fair housing rights to expand housing choice. The campaign will also focus on educating the public about the forms of inequities based on race and national origin that can occur in real estate related transactions, including in the residential lending and appraisal markets. The

campaign must provide for meaningful language access for persons of Limited English Proficiency and alternative forms of communication for individuals with disabilities. The campaign will provide information on how to file a housing discrimination complaint through HUD.EOI - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Component. This NOFO includes funding for fair housing organizations to create materials and/or update and disseminate existing materials to reflect the clarification that after the U.S. Supreme Court’s Bostock decision (Bostock v. Clayton, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020)), the FHA bars discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. EOI - Advancing Racial [formerly Striving for Housing] Equity Component. This component will fund local and community-based education and outreach projects to promote racial desegregation, equity and justice in housing, and to address barriers that may arise when people protected under the FHA exercise their fair housing rights to expand their housing choice, consistent with the purpose of the FHA. These barriers include but are not limited to opposition to the creation and/or location of affordable housing, neighbor harassment based on race, and obstruction of persons who are seeking to enforce their fair housing rights.

Deadline: November 30, 2023

U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife

[F24AS00062](#)

[National Fish Passage Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency](#)

[Department of the Interior](#)

[Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021, “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” or “BIL”) provided \$200 million for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 to 2026 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) National Fish Passage Program (NFPP). This funding opportunity announcement outlines the deadlines, criteria, and process to select projects for NFPP BIL funding. The Service may choose to combine funding available in FY24 and FY25 for this opportunity. If combined, the total estimated amount available will be up to \$72 million. This decision will be solely at the Service’s discretion but will be based on the timing of the award process and funding needs as expressed through the number of applications received and the amount of funds requested. This funding will be implemented in alignment with the priorities in Executive Order 14052, Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (86 FR 64355).The NFPP is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers, restore aquatic organism passage, and restore climate resilient aquatic connectivity in rivers, floodplains, and coastal habitats for the benefit of Federal trust resources. The program targets aquatic connectivity opportunities that rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery and conservation of the Service’s aquatic trust species, enhance watershed health, promote resilient ecosystems and communities especially in disadvantaged communities, and improve economic vitality, including local employment. NFPP aims to maintain or increase native fish populations to improve ecosystem resiliency and provide quality fishing experiences for the American people. Activities that restore aquatic connectivity and fish passage also support the modernization of the country’s infrastructure such as road culverts, bridges, and water diversions contributing to enhanced community resilience to the impacts from climate change and other public safety hazards. NFPP funds a variety of project types including, but not limited to dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration and reconnection, dike breaches, and reconnection of tidal habitats.

Deadline: December 31, 2024

[F24AS00021](#)

[Partners for Fish and Wildlife FY24](#)

[Department of the Interior](#)

[Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance primarily through cooperative agreements to private landowners to

restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas define where the program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species.

Deadline: September 30, 2024

U.S. Department of Labor

[Announcement of Stand Down Grants Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program CFDA 17.805](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local Stand Down events that assist veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health services. Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, support services, and a relative degree of safety before returning to combat action. A DOL VETS-funded Stand Down event serves a similar purpose; however, it is intended for veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA, DOL, other federal, state, and local government agencies and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas.

State, Territory, and Possession, county, city, local, special district, and Native American tribal governments and agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities, state and local workforce boards, institutions of higher education, public and tribal housing authorities and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Deadline: September 30, 2025

[National Dislocated Worker Grants Program Guidance-\(CFDA 17.277\)](#)

National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under Section 170 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs: Disaster Recovery and Employment Recovery. Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency. Employment Recovery DWGs temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses. Under 20 CFR 687.110(a)(5), the Secretary of Labor may determine other major dislocations eligible for Employment Recovery DWGs.

Deadline: Rolling grant

U.S. Department of Transportation

[693JJ323NF00019](#)

[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 – 2026 Bridge Investment Program, Large Bridge Project Grants
Department of Transportation](#)

[DOT Federal Highway Administration](#)

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Large Bridge Project grants (a project with total eligible costs greater than \$100 million) for awards under the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This notice establishes a “rolling application” process for Large Bridge Project applications by providing the schedule, requirements, and selection process for such projects for the remaining available amounts of BIP funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or BIL) for FY 2023 through FY 2026, which total up to \$9.62 billion (see section B.1 for details for funds available for each fiscal year). The FHWA will solicit applications for the other two BIP project categories in a subsequent NOFO: (1) Planning and (2) Bridge Project (a project with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million).

Deadline: November 27, 2023

[TA-2024-002-TPM-RAIL](#)

[FY 2024 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant Program \(RAIL\)](#)

[Department of Transportation](#)

[DOT/Federal Transit Administration](#)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$197 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Section 5337 State of Good Repair Program funds (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #20.525) authorized for competitively selected rail vehicle replacement projects. As required by Federal public transportation law and subject to appropriations, funds will be awarded competitively to States and local governmental authorities to assist in the funding of capital projects to replace rail rolling stock.

Deadline: December 18, 2023

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[Announcement of Stand Down Grants Veteran Reintegration Grant](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local Stand Down events that assist veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health services. Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, support services, and a relative degree of safety before returning to combat action. A DOL VETS-funded Stand Down event serves a similar purpose; however, it is intended for veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The critical services provided at these events are often the catalyst that enables those individuals to reenter the workforce.

VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA, DOL, other federal, state, and local government agencies and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas.

State, Territory, and Possession, county, city, local, special district, and Native American tribal governments and agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities, state and local workforce boards, institutions of higher education, public and tribal housing authorities and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Deadline: September 30, 2025

[State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program CFDA 64.005](#)

Grants are available to State Governments for construction or renovations of State operated Veterans Extended Care Facilities. The Department of Veterans Affairs participation may not exceed 65% of the total project costs. Review governing regulation before submitting an application (38 CFR Part 59). If the state is submitting a new grant application, it must submit a complete initial application (Section A of the project checklist) on Grants.gov

by April 15th in order to be eligible for listing on the Priority List for the next fiscal year. Once the complete initial application is retrieved from Grants.gov by Program Staff, the grant applicant will receive 1) an automated notification from Grants.gov confirming receipt by the Program and 2) an email from Program Staff indicating the application's FAI number and corresponding project page in MAX.gov for submission of subsequent items. Note that Grants.gov is used only once to submit a new grant application. Applicants must submit complete initial applications on Grants.gov in order to be considered. Please contact Program Staff prior to submission if you need assistance understanding the requirements pertaining to an initial grant application, or if you need general assistance. Renovation or Life Safety initial grant applications require items A.1.-A.7. in Section A of the project checklist. Grant applicants, do not submit items A.8.-A.13 for Renovation of Life Safety grants. New Home Construction or Bed Replacement initial grant applications require all items in Section A (A.1.-A.13) of the project checklist.

Deadline: Rolling

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07](#)

[Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants \(General Competition\)](#)

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) announces the availability of up to \$4.3 billion for the for competitive grants to eligible applicants to implement GHG reduction programs, policies, projects, and measures (collectively referred to as “GHG reduction measures,” or “measures”) identified in a PCAP developed under a CPRG planning grant. Lead organizations for CPRG planning grants must submit their PCAPs to EPA by the deadline of March 1, 2024, in order for lead organizations and other eligible applicants under this announcement to submit grant applications to fund measures contained in those plans. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million under this general competition. Further detail on award tiers can be found in Table 1 of Sec II.B.

Deadline: April 1, 2024

Section III: PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE, & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

[Catalyst Grant Program Request for Proposals and Application Portal](#)

Issues around inequality and the criminal legal system pose fundamental societal questions about bias, fairness, and equity. Racism and racial biases are embedded in the criminal legal system and lead to disproportionate harm to communities of color, particularly the Black community. The Urban Institute and the Microsoft Justice Reform Initiative are collaborating on the Catalyst Grant Program to help nonprofits address these inequities by using data and technology to advance racial equity and reform at the front end of the adult criminal legal system.

We are seeking proposals for local projects that advance the focus areas of the Microsoft Justice Reform Initiative, which include supporting policies, programs, and practices that prevent unnecessary system involvement and decrease racial and ethnic disparities in policing and prosecution. We look forward to hearing from organizations across the United States who want to join the 64 grantees from three previous cohorts as they work to deploy technology and analysis, visualization, and dissemination of data toward better systems and outcomes for all people.

Why Apply?

- **Make a Difference:** Make meaningful progress on racial equity and fairness where you live and work.
- **Financial Support:** Access funds to carry out your project vision in your community.
- **Project Support:** Receive expert assistance from Microsoft and Urban to help your project succeed.
- **Peer Network:** Join a community and share insights with passionate nonprofits working toward the same goals.
- **National Platform:** Amplify your impact as the Catalyst Grant Program shares project stories with a national audience.

A summary of the Program Requirements, Key Dates, and How to Learn More is below.

You can access the full Request for Proposals (RFP) [here](#) and FAQs [here](#) (PDF). The required Budget Spreadsheet is [here](#).

Proposals are due Friday, November 17, 2023.

[Sign up here](#) to get reminders and information to help you with this RFP and updates on opportunities and topics related to the program. You can also register for and view informational webinars: an RFP Overview on Oct. 18 ([view recording](#) and [slides](#)) and technology workshops on Oct. 24th and 26th (recording [here](#) and slides [here](#)).

Alabama State Council for the Arts

Artist Fellowships

The Council awards Fellowships of \$5,000 for individuals working in arts education, crafts, dance, design, media/photography, music, literature, theatre, and visual arts. Technical Assistance - This category provides support on a limited basis to individual artists who wish to develop marketing materials and/or to attend workshops/seminars geared toward resource development or perfecting a technique or style of work. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to seek counsel from a program manager prior to submitting an application. Approval from a program manager must be given before an application can be considered for funding.

Deadline: March 1

WalMart Foundation

Local Community Grants - Each year, our U.S. stores and clubs award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate. They include a variety of organizations, such as animal shelters, elder services and community clean-up projects. To learn more, check out our [Local Community Grants Guidelines](#).

Regions Bank and Regions Foundation

We invest in helping individuals, families and businesses overcome financial challenges. We focus our resources on three strategic priorities:

- Economic and Community Development
- Education and Workforce Readiness
- Financial Wellness

We believe that focusing on priorities that complement our expertise and talent allows us to best serve our communities. By supporting initiatives where we can have meaningful and measurable impact, we're well-positioned to continue doing more today and into the future.

Alabama Farmers Foundation

2023 Farm-City State Video Contest

The Alabama Farm-City Committee is excited once again to offer a Video Contest for high school students in the 9th through 12th grades. The contest is sponsored by Alabama Farmers Cooperative and complements the Farm-City poster and essay contests by providing students another channel to express their creativity.

The 2023 theme for all three contests is:

“Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities.”

Eligibility and Rules

Entry is open to ninth through twelfth graders. A \$300 cash prize will be awarded to the first-place winner at the state level, and his or her school will receive a matching award. The second-place state winner will receive \$200, as will his or her school. The presentation must be created in video form and must relate to theme.

Images, audio, and narration may be included, but all components must be packaged with the video. The

presentation should be 2-3 minutes in length and should not require live narration (by the viewer.)

Each student must complete the information form and submit it with their entry link. The presentations will be judged on the following: content, adherence to theme, accuracy of information, appearance, originality, and production. The presentation must be uploaded to YouTube.com and a link to the video included on the online application form that can be found at www.AlabamaFarmCity.org.

Students are responsible for ensuring their project is copyright compliant and for obtaining any necessary usage or reproduction rights for music, images, videos, or voice content. Photos and videos do not have to be original to the student, but majority of imagery should be reflective of Alabama agriculture. Royalty free images are available on the Alabama Farmers Federation’s Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alabamafarmers/albums> and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/144363278@N06/>

All entries will be judged first at the county level. The first-place winner in each county must be submitted to the Alabama Farm-City Committee by the deadline. One entry per county may be submitted for judging at the state level. Winners will be notified by mail no later than March 8, 2024. Award winners will be announced at the 2024 Farm-City Awards Luncheon and Program. All entries may be used at the discretion of the Alabama Farm-City Committee without further permission or monetary consideration.

Deadline for entry at the state level is February 2, 2024.

Alabama’s Top Giving Foundations

They’re prescreened: they have a staff, issue RFPs, or otherwise indicate interest in receiving grant proposals. Some foundations are omitted, even though they award large grants, because they don’t accept unsolicited grant proposals. We list up to forty foundations for each state.

Foundation Name	Total Annual Giving
The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham	\$18,701,682
Alabama Power Foundation	\$11,548,763
The Harry B. and Jane H. Brock Foundation	\$7,803,685
BBVA Compass Foundation	\$7,107,855
The Daniel Foundation of Alabama	\$6,329,700
Caring Foundation	\$5,141,175
Hugh Kaul Foundation	\$4,924,000
Protective Life Foundation	\$4,698,372
The Community Foundation of South Alabama	\$3,842,112
Central Alabama Community Foundation	\$3,584,273
Vulcan Materials Company Foundation	\$3,350,460
Shelby County Community Health Foundation	\$2,709,798
The J.L. Bedsole Foundation	\$2,676,035
Alpha Foundation, Inc.	\$2,500,000
Hill Crest Foundation	\$2,255,900

Foundation Name	Total Annual Giving
<u>The James I. Harrison Family Foundation</u>	\$2,210,418
<u>Community Foundation of West Alabama</u>	\$2,170,544
<u>McWane Foundation</u>	\$2,064,133
<u>Robert R. Meyer Foundation</u>	\$1,978,333
<u>The Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville</u>	\$1,796,662
<u>Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama</u>	\$1,568,064
<u>Jane K. Lowe Charitable Foundation</u>	\$1,537,651
<u>Walker Area Community Foundation</u>	\$1,410,846
<u>The Thompson Foundation</u>	\$1,197,055
<u>D.W. McMillan Foundation</u>	\$1,181,175
<u>Alfa Foundation</u>	\$1,021,901
<u>Crampton Trust</u>	\$960,846
<u>Alabama Law Foundation, Inc.</u>	\$812,031
<u>Susan Mott Webb Charitable Trust</u>	\$780,000
<u>The Comer Foundation</u>	\$636,621
<u>The A. S. Mitchell Foundation, Inc.</u>	\$630,000
<u>Team Tacala Charities</u>	\$556,823
<u>Alabama Civil Justice Foundation</u>	\$464,324
<u>The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur</u>	\$401,319
<u>The Caddell Foundation</u>	\$356,000
<u>Energen Foundation</u>	\$333,322
<u>The Joseph Bruno Charitable Foundation</u>	\$331,000
<u>Barbara Ingalls Shook Foundation</u>	\$251,500
<u>Sexton Family Charitable Foundation</u>	\$187,050
<u>Caroline Lawson Ivey Memorial Foundation, Inc.</u>	\$172,051

Section VI: RESOURCES

[THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!](#)

[SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN ALABAMA](#) Our office provides help with SBA services including funding programs, counseling, federal contracting certifications, and disaster recovery. We can also connect you to our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that help small businesses succeed. The Alabama District Office services the entire state of Alabama. We have offices in Birmingham and Mobile.

The Alabama Association of Regional Councils

The [Alabama Association of Regional Councils](#) (AARC) is a public non-profit organization that represents the municipalities and counties in the State of Alabama through the membership of the individual Regional Councils. The mission of the AARC is to expand and strengthen the capabilities of the Regional Councils to serve local governments and the citizens of Alabama. Working through the AARC, the Regional Councils form statewide task forces to accomplish missions of statewide importance. AARC's offices are located in Montgomery.

Region 1 (NACOLG): The Northwest Alabama Regional Council of Governments serves five counties in northwest Alabama. These counties are Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties. NACOLG's offices are located in Muscle Shoals. | www.nacolg.com
Director: Keith Jones | Phone number: 256-389-0500

Region 2 (WARC): The West Alabama Regional Commission serves seven counties in west central Alabama. These counties are Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens and Tuscaloosa counties. WARC's offices are located in Northport. | www.warc.info
Director: Dennis Stripling | Phone number: 205-333-2990

Region 3 (RPCGB): The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham serves six counties in central Alabama. These counties are Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties. RPCGB's offices are located in Birmingham. | www.rpcgb.org
Director: Charles Ball | Phone number: 205-251-8139

Region 4 (EARPDC): The East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission serves ten counties in east central Alabama. These counties are Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Etowah, Randolph, Talladega and Tallapoosa counties. EARPDC's offices are located in Anniston. | www.earpdc.org
Director: Lori Corley | Phone number: 205-237-6741

Region 5 (SCADC): The South Central Alabama Development Commission serves six counties in south central and southeast Alabama. These counties are Bullock, Butler, Crenshaw, Lowndes, Macon and Pike counties. SCADC's offices are located in Montgomery. | scadc.net
Director: Tyson Howard | Phone number: 334-244-6903

Region 6 (ATRC): The Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission serves ten counties in west central Alabama. These counties are Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox counties. ATRC's offices are located in Camden. | www.atrcregion6.org
Director: John Clyde Riggs | Phone number: 334-682-4234

Region 7 (SEARPDC): The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission serves seven counties in southeast Alabama. These counties are Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. SEARPDC's offices are located in Dothan. | www.searpdc.org
Director: Scott Farmer | Phone number: 334-794-4093

Region 8 (SARPC): The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission serves three counties in south coastal Alabama. These counties are Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile counties. SARPC's offices are located in Mobile. | www.sarpc.org
Director: John F. (Rickey) Rhodes | Phone number: 251-433-6541

Region 9 (CARPDC): The Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission serves three counties in central Alabama. These counties are Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery counties. CARPDC's offices are located in Montgomery. | www.carpdc.com
Director: Greg Clark | Phone number: 334-262-4300

Region 10 (LRCOG): The Lee-Russell Council of Governments serves two counties in east central Alabama. These counties are Lee and Russell counties. LRCOG's offices are located in Opelika. | www.lrcog.com
Director: Lisa Sandt | Phone number: 334-749-5264

Region 11 (NARCOG): The North-central Alabama Regional Council of Governments serves three counties in north central Alabama. These counties are Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan counties. NARCOG's offices are located in Decatur. | www.narcog.org
Director: Robby Cantrell | Phone number: 256-355-4515

Region 12 (TARCOG): The Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments serves five counties in northeast Alabama. These counties are DeKalb, Jackson, Limestone, Madison and Marshall counties. TARCOG's offices are located in Huntsville. | www.tarcog.us
Director: Michelle G. Jordan | Phone number: 256-830-0818

Community Foundations of Alabama

What Are Community Foundations?

Community foundations have grant monies. These are public endowments that administer a number of endowed funds contributed by a variety of donors primarily for local purposes, to solve community or regional problems, and improve the lives of people in a geographic area. Community foundations total more than 700 across the U.S., serving major cities and counties as well as smaller towns. Some serve a single state or even cross state lines, depending on the geographic area defined by the community.

[Click into this link or the Map below to go to the Community Foundation Website! Click into your County for Up-to-Date Contact Information!](#)

