



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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**CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL VOTES TO FUND THE
GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE ECONOMIC CERTAINTY
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL7) voted in favor of H.R. 83, the FY2015 Funding Bill and issued the following statement:

“After much consideration, I voted in favor of the 2015 funding bill notwithstanding my serious objections to several provisions in the bill. Ultimately, my vote for this bill was a vote to keep the federal government operating. While flawed, this bipartisan bill avoids another government shutdown at the hands of political brinkmanship and reflects a compromise between Democrats and Republicans. The bill provides increased funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, support for needed infrastructure projects, expands funding for childcare and special education grants, and ensures emergency funding to combat Ebola. Alabamians deserve the certainty that comes with federal funding of the programs and services they depend upon.”

STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement following President Obama's address to the nation where he outlined the Immigration Accountability Executive Actions he will be taking, within his executive authority, to improve our nation's broken immigration system.

“Tonight, President Barack Obama laid out the actions his administration will take to fix our nation's deeply broken immigration system while urging Congress to do its job by acting through legislation. The President's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will secure our borders, prioritize deporting felons not families and require certain undocumented immigrants to pass criminal background check and pay taxes.

For the past half century, every President—Democratic or Republican—has used his legal authority to act on immigration. President Obama is now taking an important commonsense step forward to fix our broken immigration system. These executive actions ensure accountability and that everyone plays by the same rules. While legislative action is always preferable, House Republicans have ignored this dire problem for too long while our families, communities, and local and national economies have paid a steep price for this reckless inaction.

While the nation waits for Republicans to pass comprehensive immigration reform, President Obama is doing the right thing by acting within the constitutional confines of his authority to make practical steps to prioritize enforcement and provide a way forward for hard-working immigrant families.

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 COMMUNITY CONNECT PROGRAM GRANTS

The Community Connect program serves rural communities where broadband service is least likely to be available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens. The projects funded by these grants will help rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the Internet.

Eligibility

The following entities are eligible for funding:

- Incorporated Organizations;
- Indian Tribes or Tribal Organizations, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(e);
- State or local units of government; or
- Cooperatives, private corporations or limited liability companies organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Applications

The application window for Fiscal Year 2015 is now open. Applications must be submitted no later than February 17, 2015 to be considered for an award. Please review the application guide and other information under '[Resources](#)' below for detailed information on how to apply.

Fund Uses

Grant funds may be used to finance the following:

- The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, including spectrum, land or buildings, used to deploy service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all residential and business customers located within the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) and all participating Critical Community Facilities, including funding for up to 10 Computer Access Points to be used in the Community Center. Buildings constructed with grant funds must reside on property owned by the awardee. Leasing costs will only be covered through the advance of funds period included in the award documents;
- The improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a Community Center and provision of Computer Access Points. Grant funds for the Community Center will be limited to 10% of the requested grant amount or \$150,000. If a community center is constructed with grant funds, the center must reside on property owned by the awardee; and
- The cost of providing the necessary bandwidth for service free of charge to the Critical Community Facilities for 2 years.

For questions about the Community Connect Grant Program, please email community.connect@wdc.usda.gov or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division, Telecommunications Program at (202) 720-0800.

2015 CBCF Scholarships

Please see the attached link and PDF for the scholarship programs we are offering this year. Once again, CBCF will work in collaboration with District Agents regarding the CBCF General Mills Health Scholarship and CBC Spouses Education Scholarship for the review and selection process. However, we do encourage you to also inform your constituents of our other scholarship programs.

- APPLICATION OPEN: The CBCF General Mills Health Scholarship application is now open.** The deadline is February 28, 2015. More information is in the attached document.
 - All other applications will open around mid-January 2015
 - An updated 2015 toolkit will be sent to everyone in January. Only a few minor changes have been made in comparison to the 2014 toolkit, so please continue to reference the 2014 toolkit for the review and selection processes until an updated document has been provided.
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- [CBCF Scholarships - Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.](#)

FY 2014 SAFER Application Assistance Tools

Full Funding Opportunity Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Program Overview

The SAFER Grant Program provides funding directly to fire departments and national, state, local, or tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters to assist them in increasing the number of firefighters to help fire departments meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

The SAFER Grant Program is comprised of two categories:

- Hiring of Firefighters
 - o Including subcategories for rehiring, retention, attrition, and new hires
 - o Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments are eligible to apply
- Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters
 - o Combination fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and national, state, local, or tribal organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters are eligible to apply

The content of this FOA reflects DHS's implementation of Section 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended by Section 565 of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014 (Pub. L. No. 113-76). Under this authority, the Secretary of Homeland Security has granted waivers for the following requirements for the FY 2014 SAFER Grant Program:

- Cost Share: SAFER Grantees are not required to contribute a cost share towards the cost of hiring firefighters under this program.
- Salary limits per firefighter: SAFER Grant funds may be used to fund the full cost of hiring a firefighter under this program.
- Maintenance of Effort: Applicants are not required to demonstrate that their annual budget for fire-related programs and emergency response has not been reduced below 80% of the average funding level in the three years prior to November 24, 2003.
- Supplanting requirement: Grants may be used for the purpose of retaining firefighters currently employed who are facing imminent layoffs or for the rehiring of laid off firefighters.
- Period of performance: For Hiring of Firefighters category grants, the period of performance has been reduced to two years.

B. Program Priorities

Hiring of Firefighters Category

- First priority: Rehiring laid off firefighters
- Second priority: Retention of firefighters who face imminent layoff or filling positions vacated through attrition but not filled due to economic circumstances

FY 2014 Fire Prevention and Safety Application Assistance Tools

Full Funding Opportunity Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Program Overview and Priorities

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The Grant Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program as part of the AFG Program.

FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities:

- **Fire Prevention and Safety Activity:** FP&S Activities are designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards.

Accordingly, the four categories eligible for funding under this activity include the following:

- o General Education/Awareness
- o Code Enforcement/Awareness
- o Fire & Arson Investigation
- o National/State/Regional Programs and Studies

Each category within this activity has specific priorities. For additional details, please see Appendix A., Section II. Eligible Activities and Categories.

- **Research and Development Activity:** R&D Projects are aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity").

Accordingly, the five categories eligible for funding under this activity include the following:

- o Clinical Studies
- o Technology and Product Development
- o Database System Development
- o Dissemination and Implementation Research
- o Preliminary Studies

This FOA provides potential applicants with application requirements and details for processing and evaluating applications for financial assistance for both of these activity areas.

[FY 2014 Fire Prevention and Safety Application Assistance Tools | FEMA.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

FY15 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Guidelines

OVERVIEW

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING (EWDJT) GRANTS

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP NO: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-01

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO.: 66.815

DATES: Proposals are due by February 3, 2015. Proposals must be submitted through www.grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on February 3, 2015. Please refer to Section IV.B., *Due Date and Submission Instructions*, for further instructions.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. In Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15), EPA anticipates providing some funding preference to applicants who choose to deliver other types of environmental training, beyond brownfields hazardous waste, as referenced in Section I.B and as referenced in Section V.C.

While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants require that Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training be provided to all individuals being trained, as outlined in Section III.C., *Threshold Eligibility Criteria*, applicants may design their own curricula and choose what types of supplemental environmental training they want to deliver as referenced in Section I.C., *Additional Eligible Uses of Grant Funds*. Additionally, under this competition, applicants also may choose to deliver training in various other environmental media as referenced in Section I.B. EPA encourages applicants to develop their curricula based on local labor market assessments and employers hiring needs, while also delivering comprehensive training that results in graduates securing multiple certifications.

For the purposes of these guidelines, the term “grant” refers to the cooperative agreement that EPA will award to a successful applicant. Please refer to Section II.C. for a description of EPA’s anticipated substantial involvement in the financial assistance agreements awarded under these guidelines.

FUNDING/AWARDS: The total funding available under this competitive opportunity is approximately \$3,400,000, subject to availability of funds, quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations for FY 2015. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 17 environmental workforce development and job training cooperative agreements at amounts up to \$200,000 each.

LINK: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-15-01.pdf>

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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: [Operation AmeriCorps](#)

Description: For the first time, applicants may request AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC resources in a single application to use national service as the transformative catalyst to address a community's most pressing local problem. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/fy-15-operation-ameri-corps-competition>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: [Environmental Education Local Grants Program -- Solicitation Notice for 2014](#)

Description: The purpose of the Environmental Education Local Grants Program is to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Deadline is March 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Program: [Environmental Education Model Grants Program -- Solicitation Notice for 2014](#)

Description: The purpose of the Environmental Education Model Grant Program is to support model, replicable projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Program: **Water Quality Benefits**

Description: Seeking applications proposing research to advance knowledge of how changes in water quality, including incremental or step improvements, can be valued at appropriate spatial scales using advanced non-use valuation methods for the Nation's inland fresh water small streams, lakes and rivers, estuaries, coastal waters, and the Great Lakes. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: <http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2015/2015-star-water-quality.html>

Program: **Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant**

Description: The objective of the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant is to accelerate and expand the strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

Website: http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/upload/hw_consortium_grant_rfp.pdf

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program**

Description: Enhancement Grant projects may enhance existing library services or implement new library services, particularly as they relate to the following goals in the updated Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. §9141) Deadline is March 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=16>

Program: **Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries**

Description: These small grants encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. You may propose activities or approaches that involve risk, as long as the risk is balanced by significant potential for improvement in the ways libraries and museums serve their communities. Successful proposals will address problems, challenges, or needs of broad relevance to libraries and/or archives. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=19>

Program: **National Leadership Grants for Libraries**

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. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>

Program: **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: **Access to Historical Records**

Description: The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities:• Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. Deadline is June 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/access.html>

Program: **Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions**

Description: The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. Deadline is October 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/editions.html>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEA Challenge America, FY2016**

Description: The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america>

Program: **NEA Performing Arts Discovery Program Solicitation, FY 2015**

Description: To our knowledge, there has never been a U.S. government program that serves the performing arts fields by encouraging presenters based outside of the U.S. to see work from geographically diverse areas of the United States. The NEA proposes to address this gap with Performing Arts Discovery, a pilot program to help U.S. Regional Arts Organizations (RAOs) showcase regional performing arts groups, create an organized tour of performances, or present a combination of the two, in their respective regions. Deadline is January 27, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/performing-arts-discovery>

Program: **NEA Art Works, FY 2016**

Description: An organization may submit only one application through one of the following FY 2016 categories: Art Works or Challenge America. The Arts Endowment's

support of a project may start on or after January 1, 2016. Generally, a period of performance of up to two years is allowed. Grant Program Description The guiding principle of "Art Works" is at the center of everything we do at the NEA. Deadline is February 15, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works>

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

Description: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. Deadline is May 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions>

Program: **Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future.

Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

Deadline is June 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-historically-black-colleges-and-universities>

Program: **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. This question-driven course would encourage undergraduates and teachers to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential ideas, works, and thinkers over the centuries. Deadline is September 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/enduring-questions>

Program: **Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants**

Description: The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program awards relatively small grants to support the planning stages of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities.

Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve

- research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities;
- planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets;
- scholarship that focuses on the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture and its impact on society;
- scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines;
- innovative uses of technology for public programming and education incorporating both traditional and new media; and
- new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Deadline is September 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-start-grants>

Program: **Challenge Grants**

Description: NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Deadline is May 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/challenge/challenge-grants>

Program: **Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions**

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Hispanic-Serving Institutions pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects. Deadline is April 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions>

Program: **Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects. Deadline is April 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-historically-black-colleges-and-universities>

Program: **Public Scholar Program**

Description: The Public Scholar program aims to encourage scholarship that will be of broad interest and have lasting impact. Such scholarship might present a narrative history, tell the stories of important individuals, analyze significant texts, provide a synthesis of ideas, revive interest in a neglected subject, or examine the latest thinking on a topic. Deadline is March 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/public-scholar-program>

Program: **Summer Seminars and Institutes**

Description: These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as two weeks or as long as five weeks. An NEH Summer Seminar or Institute may be hosted by a college, university, learned society, center for advanced study, library or other repository, cultural or professional organization, or school or school system. Deadline is February 24, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/summer-seminars-and-institutes>

Program: **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations**

Description: We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mlco>

Program: **Media Projects**

Description: Projects must be analytical and deeply grounded in humanities scholarship in a discipline such as history, religion, anthropology, jurisprudence, or art history. NEH is a national funding agency, so the projects we support must demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general audience. We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Deadline is January 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mp>

National Science Foundation

Program: **Science of Learning: Collaborative Networks**
Description: The goals of the SL Program are to: advance fundamental knowledge about learning through integrated research; connect the research to specific scientific, technological, educational, and workforce challenges; and enable research communities to capitalize on new opportunities and discoveries. **Letter of Intent Due Date: February 06, 2015** and **Full Proposal Deadline: March 18, 2015.**
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15532

Program: **Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM**
Description: Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) funds research projects that identify factors that are efficacious in the formation of ethical STEM researchers in all the fields of science and engineering that NSF supports. Deadline is March 12, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15528

Program: **Law & Social Sciences**
Description: The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The Program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Deadline is February 4, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15514

Program: **US Ignite**
Description: US Ignite aims to break this deadlock by providing incentives for imagining, prototyping, and developing public sector gigabit applications, and by leveraging and extending this network testbed across US college/university campuses and cities. This solicitation builds on the experience gained from initial US Ignite activities to further engage the US academic research and non-profit communities along with local cities, municipalities, and regions in exploring the challenges of developing and applying next-generation networking to problems of significant public interest and benefit. Deadline is January 21, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15508

Program: **National Robotics Initiative**
Description: The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside or cooperatively with people. Deadline is January 14, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15505

Program: **Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research- Research Alliance**
Description: The NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) is an umbrella for two complementary subprograms, Accelerating Innovation Research (AIR) and Building Innovation Capacity (BIC).
Deadline:
Feb 18, 2015 Letter of Intent Due Date(s): January 12, 2015 Full Proposal Deadline(s): February 18, 2015
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14612

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Community Connect Broadband Program**
Description: The Community Connect program serves rural communities where broadband service is least likely to be available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens. The projects funded by these grants will help rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the Internet. Deadline is February 17, 2015.
Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html

Program: **AFRI Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative**
Description: The AFRI Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative (AFRI ELI) focuses on developing the following:

- opportunities for undergraduate students at colleges and universities, including those from underrepresented ethnicities and economically disadvantaged groups at minority-serving institutions, community colleges, and other universities to obtain hands-on experience at land-grant and non-land-grant universities and USDA laboratories and obtain training to join the agricultural workforce or pursue graduate studies in food, agriculture, natural resources and the human sciences.
- technical and functional competence for pre-doctoral students; and the research independence and teaching credentials of postdoctoral students.

Applications for programs within the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program: Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 11, 2015 (for the Pre-doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships Program).

Deadline is May 6, 2015 (for the Undergraduate Research and Extension Experiential Learning Fellowships Program). Applicants are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to Submit an Application for the Undergraduate Research and Extension Experiential Learning Fellowships by the Letter of Intent due date specified in the RFA.

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

Program: **Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program**
Description: This program was designed to assist 1994 Land-Grant Institutions (Tribal Colleges) in building institutional research capacity through applied projects that address student educational needs and solve community, reservation or regional problems. Awards are to be made on the basis of a competitive review process. Collaboration with 1862 or 1890 Land Grant Institutions is a requirement. Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline of the food and agricultural sciences. Deadline is February 20, 2015.

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

Program: **Wood Innovations**
Description: This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands.
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

Funding will be awarded in two separate grant categories: GRANT CATEGORY 1: EXPANSION OF

WOOD ENERGY MARKETS and GRANT CATEGORY 2: EXPANSION OF WOOD PRODUCTS MARKETS. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.na.fed.us/werc/>

Program: **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: **NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers (NIST Summer Institute) Program**

Description: NIST is soliciting applications from eligible public school districts and accredited private educational institutions in the U.S. and its territories nominating middle school science teachers to participate in the NIST Summer Institute Program. The NIST Summer Institute Program will provide selected teachers hands-on activities, lectures, tours, and visits with NIST scientists and engineers at the NIST Campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The NIST Summer Institute Program will be held on July 6-17, 2015. Deadline is March 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nist.gov/iaao/teachlearn/upload/FY15-Summer-Institute-FFO.pdf>

Program: **Accelerating Industry-Led Regional Partnerships for Talent Development**

Description: EDA seeks a non-profit “national partner” that will work with a Federal team led by the Department of Commerce, to launch a learning exchange to identify, promote, and expand upon successful best practices for industry-driven regional partnerships for talent development. The learning exchange is a mechanism to identify, understand, and elevate best practices, facilitate peer learning and deepen knowledge, spark replication and advancement across regions, and inform the long-term public investment in talent development. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): High School Equivalency Program (HEP) CFDA Number 84.141A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of HEP are to help migrant and seasonal farm workers and members of their immediate family: (1) Obtain a general education diploma that meets the guidelines for high school equivalency (HSE) established by the State in which the HEP project is conducted; and (2) gain employment or

be placed in an institution of higher education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training. Deadline is February 12, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30380.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) CFDA Number 84.149A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of CAMP is to provide academic and financial support to help migrant and seasonal farm workers and members of their immediate family complete their first year of college and continue in postsecondary education. Deadline is February 12, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30210.pdf>

Program: **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Student Support Services Program CFDA Number 84.042A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the SSS Program is to increase the number of disadvantaged, low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities in the United States who successfully complete a program of study at the postsecondary level. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-18/pdf/2014-29769.pdf>

Program: **OSERS: OSEP: Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities: Parent Training and Information Centers CFDA Number 84.328M**

Description: The purpose of this program is to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children. Deadline is February 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-11/pdf/2014-29133.pdf>

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP): State Personnel Development Grants (SPDG) Program CFDA Number 84.323A**

Description: The purpose of this program, authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is to assist State educational agencies (SEAs) in reforming and improving their systems for personnel preparation and professional development in early intervention, educational, and transition services in order to improve results for children with disabilities. Deadline is January 29, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-15/pdf/2014-29358.pdf>

Program: **Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): Performance Partnership Pilots CFDA Number 84.420A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) program, authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, Division H, Section 526 (the Act), will enable up to ten pilot sites to test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes \1\ for disconnected youth \2\ using new flexibility to blend \3\ existing Federal funds and to seek waivers \4\ of associated program requirements. Deadline is March 4, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-24/pdf/2014-27775.pdf>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001167 Buildings University Innovators and Leaders Development (BUILD) - 2015**

Description: The BUILD FOA will have the following objectives: (i) Improving the competitiveness of American universities to conduct building energy-efficiency R&D (ii) Enabling American universities to develop stronger partnerships with industry (iii) Improving manufacturing education in American universities EERE envisions awarding multiple competitive financial assistance awards in the form of cooperative agreements with an estimated period of performance of approximately 2 years to USA-based university teams to research and develop innovative building energy efficiency technologies. Deadline not required.

Website: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING (EWDJT) GRANTS**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. Deadline is February 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-15-01.pdf>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)**

Description: The purpose of this program is to build national capacity for preventing suicide by providing technical assistance, training, and resources to assist states, tribes, organizations, SAMHSA Garrett Lee Smith and other SAMHSA grantees, and individuals to develop suicide prevention strategies (including programs, interventions, and policies) that advance the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP), with the overall goal of reducing suicides and suicidal behaviors in the nation. Deadline is March 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-003>

Program: **Enhancing HIV Prevention Communication and Mobilization Efforts through Strategic Partnerships**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is (1) to support the dissemination of Act Against AIDS (AAA) campaign materials, messaging and other CDC resources that support HIV prevention and (2) to implement national engagement efforts focusing on HIV prevention and awareness. Deadline is March 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270913>

Program: **Effectiveness of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs Designed Specifically for Young Males**

Description: The purpose of this research opportunity is to rigorously evaluate innovative interventions designed for young men aged 15-24 years old to reduce their risk of fathering a teen pregnancy that can be feasibly implemented in target settings (e.g., clinics, schools, community settings, youth-serving organizations, correctional settings). Deadline is March 3, 2015. Letter of intent is due February 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270804>

Program: **Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)**

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty. Deadline is February 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270806>

Program: **Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01)**

Description: The purposes of the NCIPC extramural violence prevention research program are to: Build the scientific base for the prevention of violence by helping to expand and advance our understanding of the primary prevention of interpersonal and self-directed violence. Encourage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines of epidemiology, behavioral and social sciences, medicine, biostatistics, public health, health economics, law, and criminal justice to perform research in order to prevent violence more effectively. Deadline is March 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270748>

Program: **Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program**

Description: The purpose of this cooperative agreement program is to establish and operate geriatric education centers that will implement the GWEP project to develop a health care workforce that maximizes patient and family engagement and improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating geriatrics with primary care. Deadline is March 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270450>

Program: **Evaluating Structural, Economic, Environmental, or Policy Primary Prevention Strategies for Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence**

Description: The purpose of this announcement is to support research to rigorously evaluate structural, economic, environmental, or policy strategies for the primary prevention of intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence (IPV and/or SV). The proposed research will add to the limited knowledge base on effective strategies for IPV and/or SV prevention by evaluating the use of community-level approaches that change one or more of the social, economic, behavioral, or environmental characteristics of a community in order to prevent and reduce rates of IPV and/or SV perpetration, victimization or both perpetration and victimization. Deadline is March 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270468>

Program: **Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Expansion Grant Program**

Description: The goal of this grant program, as with this multi-phase initiative, is to reduce the prevalence of oral disease in both pregnant women and infants through improved access to quality oral health care. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270148>

Program: **High Priority Immunology Grants (R01)**

Description: The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to augment the maintenance and growth of the NIAID portfolio of investigator-initiated R01 grants in fundamental immunology. It seeks to address a decline in NIAID immunology R01 applications and awards that has occurred in the past several fiscal years. Deadline is January 7, 2018

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-15-055.html>

Program: **Rural Assistance Center for ORHP Cooperative Agreement**

Description: Through daily interactions and responding to inquiries and concerns, the RAC will be able to ensure that ORHP and the Department of Health and Human Services are informed of developing and ongoing grass-roots issues in the rural U.S. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269574>

Program: **Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement**

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement program. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support urban MCH leaders as they work to improve public health programs and the delivery of MCH services, and to assure optimal alignment with the transformed Title V MCH Services Block Grant program. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269421>

Program: **Rural Health Network Development Planning Program**

Description: The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated healthcare network, if the network participants do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-036>

Program: **Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research (P50)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications to support Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research to stimulate basic and applied research on environmental health disparities. The proposed research is expected to develop innovative approaches to understand environmentally-driven health disparities and improve access to healthy environments for vulnerable populations and communities. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-010.html>

Program: **National Cancer Institute Program Project Applications (P01)**

Description: With this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications for investigator-initiated program project (P01) grants. Proposed program projects may address any of the broad areas of cancer research, including (but not limited to) cancer biology, cancer prevention, cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, and cancer control. Deadline is January 7, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-R-15-023.html>

Program: **NIMHD Academic Research Enhancement Award: Enhancing Health Disparities Research at Undergraduate Institutions (R15)**

Description: The NIMHD encourages institutions that are eligible to apply for support through the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) program to submit applications for innovative research projects focused on minority health and health disparities. Deadline is January 12, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-002.html>

Program: **Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 27, 2014.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-004.html>

Program: **Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-003.html>

Program: **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>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **FY 2014 Fire Prevention and Safety Application Assistance Tools**

Description: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The Grant Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program as part of the AFG Program. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/101167>

Program: **FY 2014 SAFER Application Assistance Tools**

Description: The SAFER Grant Program provides funding directly to fire departments and national, state, local, or tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters to assist them in increasing the number of firefighters to help fire departments meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. Deadline is March 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/101125>

Program: **DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH**

Description: The BioWatch Program is a cornerstone of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) comprehensive strategy for countering biological terrorism. The BioWatch Program is an early warning system that is designed to detect the intentional release of select aerosolized biological agents. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program**

Description: 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 educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; 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. Deadline is February 9, 2015.

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

Program: **National Disaster Resilience Competition**

Description: The goal of the competition is to make Community Development Block Grant; Resilient Disaster Recovery (CDBG-RDR) funds available for compelling resilient recovery projects. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: **FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-State Historic Preservation Offices**

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

National Register of Historic Places, (the Nation's listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture at the National, State and local levels) to assist Federal, State, and Local Government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities. Deadline is August 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/shpo/grants.html>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NIJ FY15 Research on the Efficacy of Different Contraband Interdiction Modalities Used in Correctional Facilities**

Description: The purpose of the NIJ Research, Evaluation, and Development Project Grants program is to encourage and support research, development, and evaluation to improve criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Deadline is March 2, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001138.pdf>

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Youth Violence Prevention Coordinated Technical Assistance Program**

Description: OJJDP invites proposals to broker, coordinate, and provide relevant TTA to the 39 jurisdictions that OJJDP is funding through its three signature youth violence prevention initiatives—the Defending Childhood, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and Community-Based Violence Prevention initiatives. OJJDP invites organizations that preferably represent a partnership or consortium of entities as described in the Eligibility section on the title page to submit applications. Deadline is March 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/YVPTTA.pdf>

Program: **OVW FY 2015 Justice for Families Program**

Description: Discretionary funding to support families affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as they navigate the justice system. Deadline is February 11, 2015.

Website: <http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2014/12/31/fy-2015-justice-for-families-solicitation.pdf>

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project**

Description: A Reentry Mentoring Project helps ensure that the transition young fathers make from secure confinement facilities and out-of-home placement back to their families and their communities is successful and promotes public safety. Deadline is March 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/FatherhoodMentoring.pdf>

Program: **BJA FY 15 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)**

Description: Therefore, grant awards for FY 2015 will be made through a competitive process to encourage and focus funding on high-performing and evidence-based programs where the need is greatest and where the most violent neighborhoods, within districts, are being addressed. Deadline is February 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.bja.gov/Funding/15PSNsol.pdf>

Program: **U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

Description: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues and to apply for funding. Deadline is February 24, 2015.

Website: <http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **National Guard Youth ChalleNGe and Job ChalleNGe Program Grants**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department, or we), announces the availability of approximately \$12,000,000.00 in grant funds authorized by Section 171, Pilot and Demonstration Projects, of the Workforce Investment Act, to: 1) test the effectiveness of expanding the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program for youth who have come in contact with the juvenile justice system for committing a status offense or a delinquent act (court-involved youth), and, 2) add and test an additional job training component (DOL Job ChalleNGe) to the program for court-involved youth and youth that have had no contact with the juvenile justice system (non-court-involved youth). Deadline is January 27, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FOA-ETA-15-01>

Program: **American Apprenticeship Initiative**

Description: This initiative is intended to provide a catalyst in supporting a uniquely American Apprenticeship system that meets our country's particular economic, industry and workforce needs. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FOA-ETA-15-02>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **FY 2015 Performance and Registration Information Systems Management Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability**

Description: The Performance Information Systems Management (PRISM) grant program is a cooperative Federal-State safety program developed to reduce commercial vehicle accidents. The PRISM program encompasses two major processes Registration and Enforcement, which are integrated to identify motor carriers and hold them responsible for the safety of their operations. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50557>

Program: **FY15 Rail Safety IDEA Co-operative Research Program**

Description: Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis (IDEA) programs explore promising but unproven concepts with the potential to advance specific surface transportation systems. The Safety IDEA program investigates innovative

concepts and methods to improve safety and performance of railroads, intercity buses and trucks. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50552>

Program: Value pricing pilot program

Description: This notice announces the availability of funding for the Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). In addition this notice identifies selection criteria, application requirements, and assistance during the solicitation period for the VPPP. Deadline is January 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269393>

Program: FY 2015 Commercial Drivers License Program Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Availability

Description: Additionally, the CDLPI grant program provides financial assistance for other entities capable of executing national projects that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the national CDL (Commercial Drivers License) program. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50299>

U.S. Department of Treasury

Program: RESTORE Act Direct Component - Construction Activities

Description: The RESTORE Act created five components through which funds will be disbursed. Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity notices as part of the RESTORE Act. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component, and is only for applications for eligible construction activities. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50000>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: 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/>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: Individuals Addressing Open Society Challenges Invited to Apply for Open Society Foundations Fellowship

Description: A program of the Open Society Foundations, the Open Society Fellowship was founded in 2008 to support individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship program seeks to fund work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching conversations within the Open Society Foundations and around the world. Deadline is February 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/open-society-fellowship>

Program: **Kessler Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Signature Employment Grants**

Description: To that end, the foundation is inviting concept applications from nonprofit organizations for its annual Signature Employment grants program, which supports pilot initiatives, demonstration projects, and social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas that address the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities.

Preference is given for interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance, advance competitive employment in a cost-effective manner, or launch a social enterprise or individual entrepreneurship project. Projects must be collaborative, serve a large geographic area, and include multiple funding partners and stakeholders. In addition, initiatives or projects must have the potential for growth, scalability, or replication. Deadline is February 13, 2015.

Website: <http://kesslerfoundation.org/grantprograms/signatureemploymentgrants.php>

Program: **Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts Invites Applications**

Description: Founded in 1956, the Chicago-based Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts provides project-based grants to individuals and organizations to foster the development and exchange of diverse and challenging ideas about architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

In order to promote dialogue and raise public awareness about the role of architecture in culture and society, the foundation is inviting applications from nonprofit organizations to assist with the production and presentation of significant programs about architecture and the designed environment. To that end, grants of up to \$30,000 will be awarded to help organizations with production-related expenses incurred as it takes a project from conceptualization to realization. Projects may include but are not limited to public presentations such as publications, exhibitions, installations, films, new media projects, and conferences/lectures. Deadline is February 25, 2015.

Website:

http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/?mode=organization

Program:

World Hunger Leadership Challenge Accepting Student Entries for Service Learning Projects

Description:

Administered by the USA TODAY Charitable Foundation and the Lift a Life Foundation, with support from the Yum Foundation, the Lead2Feed World Hunger Leadership Challenge encourages middle and high school students to develop leadership skills by starting a service-learning project that addresses hunger. Teams of students from public, private, and charter middle schools and high schools are invited to enter. First-, second-, and third- place prizes of \$25,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000, will be awarded up to a total of \$275,000. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website:

<http://lead2feed.com/the-challenge>

Program:

Arthritis National Research Foundation Seeks Applications for Research Grants

Description:

The Arthritis National Research Foundation, in partnership with the American Federation for Aging Research, is seeking applications for its annual Arthritis and Aging grants program.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded in support of research focused on the underlying mechanisms of the aging process as it relates to arthritis. Priority will be given to M.D. and/or Ph.D. applicants in the early stages of their career (i.e., assistant professor who has not served as PI on an NIH R01 award). Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.curearthritis.org/arthritis-aging-research-grant/>

Program:

Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Accepting Applications for Toolbox for Education Grants

Description:

One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in support of projects that have a permanent impact on a school community, such as a facility enhancement (indoor or outdoor) or landscaping/clean-up project. In addition, Toolbox grants can be used as part of a larger-scale project, as long as the funds are used to complete a phase of the project achievable within twelve months of the award date.

To be eligible, applicants must be a public K-12 school or nonprofit parent group associated with such a school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Preschools are not eligible. If the number of applications reaches 1,500, the foundation may close the grant cycle. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

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

Program: **American Vineyard Foundation Seeks Proposals for Viticulture and Enology Research**

Description: For the 2015-16 grant period, the foundation will support projects that attempt to solve viticulture and enological problems, improve grape and wine quality, focus on sustainable strategies, and/or provide pathways for dissemination of research results to the wine community. Priority will be given to projects that contain outreach and education components designed to facilitate rapid adoption of new knowledge, practices, and technology by grape and wine producers. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.avf.org/rfp.html>

Program: **Alexia Foundation Invites Applications for Professional Photography Projects**

Description: Through the program, one professional photographer or visual journalist will receive a \$20,000 grant to produce a substantial body of work that shares the foundation's goals of promoting world peace and cultural understanding. The foundation welcomes proposals for still photography and multimedia projects. Deadline is January 29, 2015.

Website: http://www.alexiafoundation.org/grants/professional_rules

Program: **Give to Cure Launches 2015 Global Alzheimer's Challenge**

Description: GTC has issued a Request for Applications for the 2015 Global Alzheimer's Challenge, a competition designed to accelerate the development of treatments for Alzheimer's disease by directly funding the world's most promising Alzheimer's-related clinical trials. Deadline for letter of intent is January 13, 2015.

Website: <https://givetocure.org/home/research/rfpglobal-competition/>

Program: **Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities**

Description: Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools and to inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The foundation will fund unique and innovative projects that do not precisely match the grant guidelines

but otherwise promote the foundation's mission of hands-on environmental activities. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

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

Program: **Meyer Memorial Trust Issues RFP for Affordable Housing Initiative**

Description: The Meyer Memorial Trust has issued a Request for Proposals from affordable housing organizations in Oregon for the development and implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans.

Through its Affordable Housing Initiative, MMT will award grants of up to \$150,000 over two years to organizations to participate in a standardized assessment of their portfolios, develop an individualized portfolio plan, and begin implementation of the plan. In addition to the funds, technical assistance will be provided in the first year to assist organizations in conducting their portfolio assessment and plan development. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.mmt.org/program/rfp>

Program: **Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research**

Description: The foundation's Social Inequality program supports research on the social, economic, political, and labor market consequences of rising economic inequality in the United States. To that end, the program seeks Letters of Inquiry for investigator-initiated research projects that will broaden current understanding of the causes and consequences of rising economic inequality. Priority will be given to projects that use innovative data or methodologies to address important questions about inequality. Deadline is January 16, 2015 (Letter of inquiry).

Website: http://www.russellsage.org/research/social-inequality/funding_opportunity

Program: **NCTM Invites Proposals for PreK-8 Pre-Service Teacher Action Research Grant**

Description: The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is inviting proposals from pre-K teachers to support a collaborative action research project by university faculty, pre-service teachers, and classroom teachers seeking to improve their understanding of mathematics in preK-8 classrooms.

Primary emphasis will be placed on collaboration among a team of researchers consisting of university, elementary/middle school teachers, and pre-service teachers from the undergraduate ranks. Research should be designed, implemented, and completed with a focus on enhancing the teaching and/or learning of mathematics in grades preK-8. Deadline is May 4, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=15479>

Program: **SHAPE America Issues RFP for 2014-2015 Research Grant Program**

Description: SHAPE America promotes school-based health, physical education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles among children in the United States.

To advance its mission, the organization has issued a Request for Proposals from early career investigators and graduate students for original research projects designed to document the value, influence, and/or effect of social justice and diversity in health, physical education, physical activity, dance, and/or sport. January Phase I pre-proposals are due January 5, 2015. Finalists will be announced on February 16, 2015, with Phase II full proposals due April 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.shapeamerica.org/grants/research/>

Program: **Patagonia Accepting Applications for Grassroots Environmental Campaigns**

Description: Outdoor clothing and gear company Patagonia provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations.

The company's environmental grant program supports small, grassroots organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded for projects that are action-oriented, build public involvement and support, focus on root causes, and demonstrate a commitment to long-term change. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

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

Program: **Louisville Institute Invites Academic and Pastoral Researchers to Apply for Sabbatical Grants Program**

Description: The Louisville Institute offers the Sabbatical Grants for Researchers program to identify and support ecclesiastically engaged academics and intellectually astute pastoral and religious leaders whose scholarly research work can contribute to the vitality of Christianity in North America. The program is designed to bring pastors and academics together and help them share their insights into the life of churches.

The program supports year-long sabbatical research and writing projects that will advance religious and theological scholarship in ways that also address practical issues concerning Christian faith and life, pastoral leadership, and/or religious institutions. Ordinarily applicants will be fully employed at accredited academic institutions and will be eligible for up to a full academic year leave from teaching. Pastoral applicants are also encouraged to apply. Deadline is November 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgfrdetail.aspx>

Program: **BUILD Health Challenge Accepting Applications for Community Health Collaborations**

Description: The BUILD Health Challenge is a national award program designed to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy.

Specifically, the program awards planning grants of up to \$75,000 and implementation grants of up to \$250,000 to strengthen partnerships among hospitals, nonprofits, local health departments, and other community organizations to improve the health of low-income neighborhoods in cities with a population of 150,000 or greater. Deadline is January 15, 2015 (pre-applications)

Website: <http://www.buildhealthchallenge.org/>

Program: **Macy Foundation Seeks Applications for 2015 Faculty Scholars Program**

Description: To that end, the foundation has issued a Call for Applications for the fifth class of Macy Faculty Scholars, an annual program designed to identify and nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing.

With support from the Macy Foundation, scholars will implement new educational innovations at their home institutions and participate in career development activities. To help them, scholars will receive salary support of up to \$100,000 per year for two years; at least 50 percent protected time for two years to pursue their project; active mentorship by a senior faculty member at their institution; access to the program's national advisory committee; and opportunities to participate in Macy conferences and other national meetings. Deadline is February 11, 2015.

Website: <http://macyfoundation.org/news/entry/call-aps-2015-macy-scholars>

Program: **Air Medical Physician Association Invites Applications for Research Seed Grants**

Description: The Air Medical Physician Association is an international organization committed to patient-focused, quality critical care transport medicine.

AMPA established the Air Medical Physician Seed Grant Research Program in 2011 to encourage medical students, physician residents, and fellows to enter the transport medicine research field. The program provides grants of \$2,500 in support of basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. Funds are intended to round out new project budgets rather than sustain current initiatives. Priority will be given to research related to air medical or pre-hospital transport. Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website: <https://ampa.org/node/93>

Program: **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grant Applications Deadline Extended**

Description: Established by children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#) is accepting applications to its mini-grants program from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories.

The mini-grants program supports projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. To that end, the program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators interested in creating special activities outside the standard curriculum. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

Program: **CEC Artslink Issues RFP for International Projects**

Description: Through the annual program, the organization provides support to artists, curators, presenters, and arts organizations in the U.S. who are undertaking projects in any of thirty-seven eligible countries. Applicants must be working with an artist or organization in the host country, and projects should be designed to benefit participants and audiences in both the U.S. and that country.

In 2015, grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to individual artists, presenters, and nonprofit arts organizations working in the visual and media arts. In 2016, applications will be accepted from individual artists, curators, and nonprofit arts organizations working in dance, music, theater, and literature. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/artslink_projects/

Program: **Big Read Accepting Grant Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs**

Description: The Big Read, a program of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), aims to restore reading to the center of American culture. Managed by [Arts Midwest](#), the program provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to inspire their community to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet.

Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the

community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Deadline is January 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

Program: **Posen Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship for Jewish Scholars**

Description: The Posen Family Foundation has announced a call for applications for the third cohort of Posen Society Fellows, a program that supports doctoral students in modern Jewish history and culture. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.posenfoundation.co.il/en/plan/the-posen-society-of-fellows/>

Program: **Youth Service America, Sodexo Foundation Offer Grants for Hunger Service Projects**

Description: Youth Service America and the Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants will provide \$400 for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees, and other community members to address childhood hunger. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

Program: **Lemelson-MIT Program Announces 2014-15 InvenTeam Initiative**

Description: Created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, the InvenTeam initiative provides opportunities for high school students to cultivate their creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving abilities and apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects to the invention of technological solutions to real-world problems.

Teams comprised of high school students, teachers, and mentors receive grants of up to \$10,000 to invent technological solutions for a problem of their choice. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

Website: <http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventeams>

Program: **Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation Invites Proposals for Innovative Educational Projects**

Description: Paralyzed Veterans of America advocates for better health care and benefits, aids in the search for a truly satisfying career, and provides the path to adventure through adaptive sports for paralyzed American veterans. Through its charitable arm, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation, the organization

supports educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and their caregivers. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

Website:

http://www.pva.org/site/c.ajIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm

Program:

American College Health Foundation Seeks Applications for Student Wellness Programs

Description:

The American College Health Foundation, the charitable arm of the American College Health Association, is accepting applications in support of a novel program that addresses an issue related to the retention and overall well-being of college students.

The project should be creative in its scope, formulated on the basis of published research, measurable in its impact, and applicable to the health enhancement of college students who participate in it. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website:

http://www.acha.org/ACHF/aetna_award.cfm

Program:

Mary Byron Project Announces 2015 Roth Award for Domestic Violence Programs

Description:

As part of its annual Celebrating Solutions Awards honoring innovative programs in the United States that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence, the Mary Byron Project created the Roth Award to reward and spotlight domestic violence programs that address the needs of underserved populations.

Eligible programs provide services to populations (including those based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, faith, disabilities, low socioeconomic status, sexual preference, and victims from economically comfortable suburban areas) that traditionally do not know how to avail themselves of services or who are too ashamed to find them. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website:

<http://marybyronproject.org/index.php/our-work/the-roth-award/>

Program:

Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Future of Work Research

Description:

The foundation's program on the Future of Work supports research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers in the United States. The foundation seeks research proposals related to the role of changes in employer practices; the nature of the labor

market; and public policies concerning the employment, earnings, and quality of jobs of American workers. Deadline is January 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.russellsage.org/research/future-work>

Program: **Agricultural Safety and Health Council Seeks Applications for Worker Safety Grants Program**

Description: The Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America is seeking applications for its 2015 Safety Grants Program, the purpose of which is to encourage and provide financial support for the implementation of evidence-based safety and health interventions that protect agricultural workers.

Applicants are expected to be engaged in agriculture-related production, education/training, and/or research. The key contact (principal) will generally meet one or more the following criteria: a) be a farm/agribusiness owner (farmer, grower, producer, rancher); b) be an agricultural organization representative; c) be an agricultural community-based organization or service leader; d) be an agribusiness risk manager or safety advisor; e) be a safety or public health academic instructor; and/or f) be an agricultural youth organization representative. Deadline is January 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ashca.org/safety-grants-program/>

Program: **BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

Description: The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

Program: **BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

Description: The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. The foundation is looking for creative projects that promote safe and clean boating on local waterways. January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

Program: **American College Health Foundation Accepting Applications for Annual College Mental/Behavioral Health Award**

Description: The annual award is designed to fund the development of creative initiatives that address prevention, early intervention, and/or treatment for mental and behavioral health disorders among college students. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website: http://www.acha.org/ACHF/first_risk_advisors.cfm

Program: **Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards**

Description: The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

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

Program: **The Office Depot Foundation Grants**

Description: The Office Depot Foundation awards grants to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families, and to support civic organizations and activities that serve community needs.

Website: http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page_id=237

Program: **Environmental Competitive Grant**

Description: Legacy provides environmental education grants annually through the Competitive Grants Program. Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education.

Website: www.legacyenvd.org

Program: **Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant**

Description: The Cornell Douglas Foundation provides grants to organizations that advocate for environmental health and justice, encourage stewardship of the environment, and further respect for sustainability of resources. The average grant amount is \$10,000. Deadline is accepted all year.

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

Program: **The RGK Foundation awards grants**

Description: The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of education, community and health/medicine. The average grant is \$25,000.

Grants Committee Meeting Dates for 2015 (only relevant to requests over \$100,000)

March 6, 2015

June 12, 2015

September 16, 2015

Website: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

Program: **American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects**

Description: The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for its AASL Innovative Reading Grant program. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

Program: **Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program**

Description: Through the program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart stores in support of initiatives in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. Deadline is December 31, 2014.

Website: <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

Program: **Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs**

Description: The Public Welfare Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent from organizations and programs working to end the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the United States. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/FullProposal.aspx>

Program: **William T. Grant Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Distinguished Fellows Program**

Description: The William T. Grant Foundation's Distinguished Fellows Program is designed to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To accomplish its goals, the program gives influential mid-career researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings and gives influential practitioners and policy makers the opportunity to work in research settings. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

Website: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#faq-distinguished-fellows>

Program: **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: **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.

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

Program: **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: **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: **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: **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 March 15 for April Board Meeting and September 15 for October Board Meeting.

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

SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program: **2016 Alabama Library Service Technology Act (LSTA)**

Description: The purpose of the LSTA is improving information access through technology and information empowerment through special services. Direct grants to libraries for equipment, materials, programs, digitizing materials, library vehicle, service for disabled, etc. May apply for Small Library Development Grants(Population 10,000 or less), General Grants(Population over 10,000), Professional Training Grants (Population any size)

Links: **Notice of Intent December 5, 2014:**
http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20notice%20of%20intent.doc
Deadline to apply April 3, 2015:
http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Application:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Website: http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta

Program: **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: **Nominations Sought for 2015 Kavoussi Family Outstanding Teacher Award**

Description: The annual award program honors an ASRM member who is recognized as an outstanding educator in undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, professional, or patient education in the area of basic and/or clinical reproductive biology and medicine. Sustained achievement in the fields of professional, scientific and/or patient education is an important consideration in selecting the awardee. Deadline is June 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.asrm.org/Kavoussi_Family_Outstanding_Teacher_Award/

Program: **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program**

Description: The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 STEM teachers. Track 1: The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships and Stipends Track provides funds to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate STEM professionals to become highly effective STEM teachers; these individuals commit to teaching for 2 years in high-need local educational agencies for every year of scholarship/stipend support. Track 2: The NSF Teaching Fellowships Track provides funds to support fellowships, academic programs, professional development, and salary supplements for STEM professionals, including retirees from STEM professions, who enroll in a master's degree program leading to teacher certification or licensing; these individuals, referred to as NSF Teaching Fellows, commit to teaching for four years in high-need local educational agencies. Track 3: The NSF Master Teaching Fellowships Track provides funds to support professional development and salary

supplements for K-12 STEM teachers, who are experienced and exemplary and who already have a master's degree in their field, to become NSF Master Teaching Fellows; these individuals commit to teaching for five years in high-need local educational agencies. Deadline is March 17, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15530

Program: [American College Health Foundation Invites Applications for Student Health 101 Award](#)

Description: College is a perfect environment in which to engage young adults in the establishment of life-long healthy habits while avoiding behaviors with adverse consequences. Health promotion delivered in creative ways with measurable outcomes is an invaluable tool to that end.

In support of those goals, ACHF, in partnership with Student Health 101, will award a grant of \$2,500 in support of an initiative involving health promotion communications, research, advocacy, and other activities related to preventive health strategies. The program is designed to fund the development of a creative initiative that involves student peers in an effort to promote healthy behaviors.

Only campus health professionals who are American College Health Association members are eligible to apply. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website: http://www.acha.org/ACHF/student_health_101_award.cfm

Program: [Enhancing Life Project Seeking Letters of Intent for Scholarly Projects](#)

Description: To that end, the project supports relevant scholarly research projects in the areas of religious thought, theology, and philosophy; philosophy of biology, science, and technology; social sciences; and communications and media studies. The initiative will support the research projects of fifteen advanced career scholars with awards of \$100,000 each and the projects of twenty early career scholars with awards of \$50,000 each. February 1, 2015 is the deadline for letters of intent.

Website: <http://enhancinglife.uchicago.edu/about>

Program: [Fund for Teachers Professional Development Grants](#)

Description: Fund for Teachers provides PK-12 teachers with up to \$5,000 per person or \$10,000 per team (two or more eligible teachers) to support professional development activities.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years classroom teaching experience, spend at least 50 percent of their time in the classroom, and intend to return to teaching in their district in the following consecutive school year. All funds must

be expended in summer 2015. (Teachers who are employed by year-long institutions may use their funds during the equivalent of their summer vacation.) Deadline is January 29, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Program: **ING Foundation Grants**

Description: ING Foundation is the charitable giving arm of ING in the Americas. The foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations addressing a variety of community needs and resources, but focuses on four primary areas:

Financial Literacy
Children's Education
Diversity
Environmental Sustainability

Website: <http://ing.us/about-ing/responsibility/giving/grants>

Program: **Independent Sector Accepting Nominations for Gardner Leadership Award**

Description: Independent Sector annually presents the John W. Gardner Leadership Award to honor a living American whose leadership in or related to the nonprofit community has been transformative and who has mobilized and unified people, institutions, or causes that improve people's lives. The award program seeks to honor visionaries who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements. Deadline is January 30, 2015.

Website: http://www.independentsector.org/gardner_leadership_award

Program: **Harpo Foundation Accepting Applications for Native American Artists Fellowships**

Description: The foundation is accepting applications for its Native American Fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center program, which supports the development of artists with the potential for intercultural dialogue. Each year, the program awards two residency fellowships to Native American artists at the Vermont Studio Center, an historic artist colony located along the Gihon River in Johnson, Vermont, a village in the heart of the northern Green Mountains. Each fellow receives a one-month residency, which includes room and board, a private studio, and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is February 15, 2015

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/fellowships/>

Program: **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: **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.williammcmgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

Program: **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/>

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/>

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

Fast Web

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

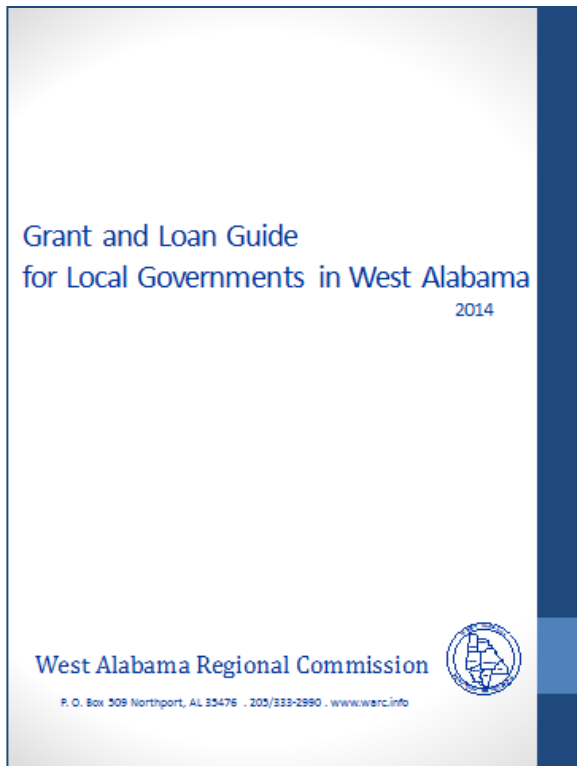
Scholarship Experts

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

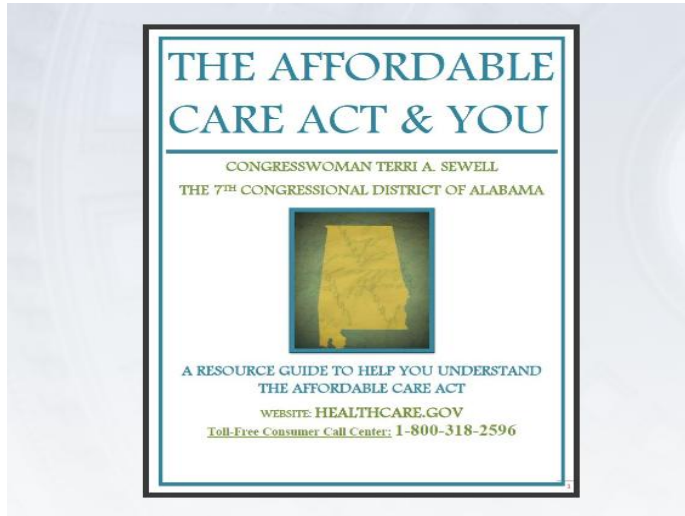
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
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>