



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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## **CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL SUPPORTS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STRATEGY TO EXPAND MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISIS**

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement in response to President Obama's address to the nation on U.S. strategy against ISIS:

“I fully support the strategy outlined by the President in his speech tonight to immediately expand military action against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). I am committed to supporting the Administration's objectives to dismantle, disrupt, and destroy ISIS through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism effort and I would support congressional action for additional funding to address the threat of ISIS.

I believe it is imperative that our international allies join us in waging this campaign to take out ISIS without a conventional U.S. military occupation in the region. I support an American strategy that utilizes our air power and intelligence networks, and supports partner forces on the ground. This strategy is the most appropriate course of action and has proven to be successful in Yemen and Somalia.

We must remain committed to staying the course of eliminating the threat of ISIS and holding these terrorists accountable for the unfathomable brutality they have caused in the region, to American citizens and our allies around the world.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Homegrown Small Business Conference, September 26, 2014

### NEWS RELEASE

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

*Work from Home...Inside or Out!*

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

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

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

done so much to grow and maintain downtown, and he's extremely adept at marketing and branding.”

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

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

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

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

# CEFA ROADBUILDING TRAINING FOR WOMEN AND VETERANS

## WOMEN IN ROAD BUILDING

*CEFA has received an Alabama Department of Transportation grant designed to place women in the employment of road builders. The grant provides the following:*

- ◆ **200 hours of NCCER Certified Training in Highway/Heavy Construction Training** (14 weeks-3 days a week)
- ◆ **2o weeks PAID (OJT)** on the job training with a highway contractor with earned income.
- ◆ **Up \$2,000** in reimbursement for child care delivered by a licensed childcare facility.
- ◆ **Transportation reimbursement** during training and OJT.
- ◆ **A participation stipend**

### Deadline for Application

**Oct 1st 2014**

**APPLY TODAY !**

*Candidates must complete a CEFA application and meet Workforce Investment Act eligibility criteria.*

*CEFA accepts applications at 9:30 and 1:30 daily.*

*Call if you need to set an appointment for a special time.*

# 205-956-0146

### What you Will Need to Apply

- ⇒ **DRIVER'S LICENSE** – Proof of current State of Alabama driver's license or State of Alabama issued Non-Driver Identification card at the time of application. *If married, the same information is needed for spouse.*
- ⇒ **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** – Social Security card(s) or printout(s) from Social Security Administration for each dependent in household *(This includes the Social Security Card for Spouse, if married).*
- ⇒ **AWARD LETTERS** – Letter of Award of Public Assistance (Food Stamps, T.A.N.F. Also, SSI, etc.).
- ⇒ **INCOME** – Proof of income, including spouse, by submitting the last 3 pay stubs or an employer's statement documenting (gross) income for the 6 months prior to the time of application.
- ⇒ **EDUCATION** - G.E.D., High School Diploma, College Transcripts. Please note: Some programs require a copy of a high school transcript instead of a copy of a diploma. If so, this will be requested. Diploma and transcripts must be from an accredited school.
- ⇒ **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** – Award letter for unemployment compensation. Applicants must also inform us if they have filed for unemployment, exhausted benefits or been referred by Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS).
- ⇒ **DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM** – A notice or letter of layoff from your previous employer. *(The letter should be on letterhead from the company with their contact information).*
- ⇒ **HOMELESS** – A letter from the social worker at the shelter. If you are living with someone, you must also provide Proof of Residency from them, along with a completed Applicant Statement form *(This form can be picked up from JCCWD).*
- ⇒ **EMPLOYMENT** – The name, address and telephone number of each place you have applied for employment within the last 30-days.



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# VETERANS IN ROAD BUILDING

*CEFA has received an Alabama Department of Transportation grant designed to place Veterans in the employment of road builders.*

## **Deadline for Application**

**Oct 1st 2014**

**APPLY TODAY !**

**Candidates must complete a CEFA application and meet Workforce Investment Area requirements.**

**CEFA accepts applications at 9:30 and 1:30 daily.**

**Call if you need to set an appointment for a special time.**

## **You Will Receive the Following:**

- ◆ **200 hours of NCCER Certified Training in Highway/Heavy Construction Training (14 weeks-3 days a week)**
- ◆ **800 hours of PAID on the job training with a highway contractor, \$8,000 plus of earned income.**
- ◆ **Up to \$2,000 for childcare**
- ◆ **A \$2,000 participation stipend**
- ◆ **Up \$2,300 in transportation reimbursement during training and OJT.**
- ◆ **Up \$2,000 in reimbursement for child care delivered by a licensed childcare facility.**

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- ⇒ **EDUCATION** - G.E.D., High School Diploma, College Transcripts. Diploma and transcripts must be from an accredited school.
- ⇒ **VETERAN STATUS**—A copy of DD-214
- ⇒ **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**— Award letter for unemployment compensation. Applicants must also inform us if they have filed for unemployment, exhausted benefits or been referred by Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS).
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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](http://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](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.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### Environmental Protection Agency

**Program:** **NEW-Air Pollution Monitoring for Communities**

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

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2014/2014-star-air-pollution-monitoring.html>

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## **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

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

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## **National Archives and Records Administration**

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

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

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## **National Endowment for the Arts**

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

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## **National Science Foundation**

**Program:** **NEW-CISE Research Infrastructure**  
**Description:** The CISE Research Infrastructure (CRI) program drives discovery and learning in the core CISE disciplines of the three participating CISE divisions by supporting the creation and enhancement of world-class research infrastructure

that will support focused research agendas in computer and information science and engineering. Deadline is November 6, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14593](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14593)

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**Program:** **NEW-Improving Undergraduate STEM Education**

**Description:** Priorities include educating students to be leaders and innovators in emerging and rapidly changing STEM fields as well as educating a scientifically literate populace. Deadline Is October 24, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14588](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14588)

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**Program:** **NEW- Advanced Technological Education**

**Description:** The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and industry to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. Deadline is October 9, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14577](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14577)

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**Program:** **NEW- Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers**

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

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14573](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14573)

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

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

**Letter of Intent Deadline Date:** August 25, 2014

**Letters of Intent are due for Research Initiation Awards**

**Full Proposal Deadline Date:** October 27, 2014

**Proposals are due for Research Initiation Awards**

**Letter of Intent Deadline Date:** November 24, 2014

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

**Full Proposal Deadline Date:** January 26, 2015

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

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

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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

**Description:** The purpose of this competitive undergraduate scholarship grant program is to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities. The Multicultural Scholars Program is available every year. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website: [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/multicultural\\_scholars.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/multicultural_scholars.html)

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

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

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

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**Program:** **NEW-School Wellness Policy**

**Description:** The funds will support public or private, non-governmental research institutions (such as accredited institutions of higher education and/or non-profit organizations) to enter into a cooperative agreement with USDA FNS for school wellness policy surveillance, research, and reporting that complement other national existing school wellness policy surveillance systems and assist the USDA in fulfilling its Congressional monitoring and surveillance mandate, as delineated in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA). Deadline is October 6, 2014.

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

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

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

Website: [http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sbir\\_rfa.html](http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sbir_rfa.html)

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

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

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

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## U.S. Department of Commerce

**Program:** **NEW- FY 2014 Regional Innovation Grants**  
**Description:** As part of this strategy, funding is available for capacity-building activities that include Proof of Concept Centers and Commercialization Centers as well as scaling of existing commercialization programs and centers; feasibility studies for the creation and expansion of facilities such as science and research parks; and supporting opportunities to close the funding gap for early-stage companies. Deadline is November 3, 2014.

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

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

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

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

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**Program:** **NEW-Round 1 of Research to Operations Initiative**

**Description:** The NWS Research to Operations (R2O) Initiative is a NOAA initiative to expand and accelerate critical weather forecasting research to operations to address growing service demands and increase the accuracy of weather forecasts. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-NWS-NWSPO-2015-2004117>

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## U.S. Department of Education

**Program:** **NEW-Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSER): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Rehabilitation Training: Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center CFDA Number 84.264A**

**Description:** Purpose is to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance designed to increase the numbers, and improve the skills, of qualified personnel (especially rehabilitation counselors) who are trained to: Provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. Deadline is September 18, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-19/pdf/2014-19587.pdf>

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**Program:** **NEW-Office Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSER): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Assistive Technology: Alternative Financing Program CFDA Number 84.224D**

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) is to support programs that provide for the purchase of AT devices, such as a low-interest loan fund, an interest buy-down program, a revolving loan fund, a loan guarantee, or an insurance program. Deadline is September 15, 2014.

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

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## **U.S. Department of Energy**

**Program:** **NEW\_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/>

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## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW\_Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program**

**Description:** ORHP's Outreach Program is a community-based program targeted to improve outreach and service delivery in local and regional rural communities. This includes projects focused on the full range of needs in rural communities from workforce, post-acute care services, long-term care services, public health enhancement, and care coordination. Deadline is November 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-039>

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**Program:** **NEW-Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations**

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to implement comprehensive HIV prevention programs to reduce morbidity, mortality, and related health disparities. Deadline is November 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-PS15-1502>

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**Program:** **NEW-Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)**

**Description:** The goal of this program is to promote access to health care for children, youth and their families nationwide, and employ preventive health strategies through innovative community driven programs. Deadline is October 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-034>

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**Program:** **NEW-Recovery Best Practices**

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

Website:

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

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

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

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

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**Program:** NEW\_Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes (DP3)

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

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

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### **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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

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

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

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### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

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

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

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

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### **U.S. Department of Interior**

**Program:** **NEW-2015 Preservation Technology and Training Grants**  
**Description:** The Preservation Technology and Training (PTT) Grants program provides funding for innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. NCPTT does not fund "Bricks and Mortar" grants. Deadline is November 5, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://ncptt.nps.gov/grants/>

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**Program:** **NEW-Youth Opportunities on Public Lands**  
**Description:** This program will provide professional training, through the use of internships, mentoring, environmental education, and interpretive educational opportunities in order for young people to learn conservation and land management processes and policies as they relate to natural resources management of public lands. Deadline is September 19, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=264189>

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**Program:** **NEW-BLM CA Youth Opportunities on Public Lands**  
**Description:** The goal of this program is to expose youth to the principles of natural resources management in order to instill a strong conservation ethic and to create the next generation of stewards for our public lands. Deadline is September 30, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=L14AS00177>

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**Program:** **NEW-Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 1**  
**Description:** This program provides funding to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territories for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of docking, mooring, and other facilities for transient, recreational boats 26 feet or greater in length. Deadline is September 19, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=F14AS00240>

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## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Program:** **NEW- Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning**  
**Description:** The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a New Starts, Core Capacity or fixed-guideway Small Starts project that will seek funding through the CIG Program. Deadline is November 3, 2014.  
**Website:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077\\_16135.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16135.html)

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**Program:** **NEW-FY 2015 New Entrant Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability**  
**Description:** The New Entrant grant program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles by reviewing new interstate motor carriers to ensure that they have effective safety management programs. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website:

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

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

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

Website:

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

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### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Program:** NEW-Veterans Cemetery Grants

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

Website:

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

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### **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** NEW-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>

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**Program:** NEW- Clark Hulings Fund Accepting Applications From Professional Artists for Specific Projects

**Description:** Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to professional visual artists who have secured tangible prospects for advancing their careers but lack the financial resources to capitalize on those opportunities. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

Website:

<http://www.clarkhulings.com/fund/grants/guidelines>

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**Program:** NEW- Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program

**Description:** To help accomplish this goal, the foundation is seeking applications from nonprofit organizations for programs that provide youth with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills that better prepare them for future education and career success. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://corporate.bestbuy.com/best-buy-foundation-national-partnership-request-for-proposals/>

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**Program:** **NEW-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>

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**Program:** **NEW-Tom's of Maine Invites Nominations for 2014 50 States for Good Competition**

**Description:** Fifty-one organizations — one from each state and the District of Columbia — will be chosen by public vote to receive \$10,000 each in support of a current or future community project or event. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community/50SFG-2014/Home>

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**Program:** **NEW-Project Learning Tree Seeks Applications for Environmental Education Projects**

**Description:** PLT is accepting applications from schools and nonprofit organizations for environmental service-learning projects through its GreenWorks! grants program, which helps students make their schools greener and more healthy by, for example, implementing recycling programs, conserving water and energy, improving air quality, establishing school gardens and outdoor classrooms, and integrating these projects into the curriculum. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

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**Program:** **NEW-U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Invites Applications for Entrepreneurs Academy Grants**

**Description:** The foundation has announced that it is accepting applications in support of the recently launched Young Entrepreneurs Academy. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local Chambers of Commerce that are members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and would like to bring the program to their communities. Deadline is September 26, 2014.

**Website:** <http://yeausa.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Description:** Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international

festivals and/or for performance engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities abroad. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

**Website:**

[http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat\\_presentation/us\\_artists/index.html](http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html)

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**Program:**

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

**Description:**

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

**Website:**

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

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**Program:**

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

**Description:**

Starting on September 8, Multi-Arts Production Fund (MAP) will begin accepting Letters of Inquiry from artists, ensembles, producers, and arts presenters whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance embodies this spirit of exploration and inquiry. The fund is particularly interested in work that examines notions of cultural difference or "the other," whether based in class, gender, generation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or another aspect of diversity. Only projects that contain a live performance will be considered. Deadline Dates are:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Online Letter of Inquiry Application Open

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

Online Letter of Inquiry Application Deadline

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

Notification of Invite for Full Proposal

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

Deadline for Full Proposals (by invite)

**Website:**

[http://apply.mapfund.org//index\\_anonymous.php](http://apply.mapfund.org//index_anonymous.php)

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**Program:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline is September 30, 2014.**

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

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

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

Funds may be used for:

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

**Deadline is October 1, 2014.**

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

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

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

Funding is available for:

- **Public Works Projects:**
  - Water and sewer system improvements
  - Industrial parks
  - Shipping and logistics facilities
  - Brownfield development
  - Telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance:**

Awards funding to projects that have specific solutions for regional economic development. Projects must foster collaboration, create jobs, and attract investment.

Deadline is October 17, 2014.

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

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

**Description:** The fellowship program is part of a larger effort by the Open Society Foundations' Criminal Justice Fund to reduce the destructive impact of current criminal justice policies on the lives of individuals, families, and communities in the U.S. by challenging the overreliance on incarceration and harsh punishment, and by ensuring a fair and equitable system of justice for all. Deadline is October 22, 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Website:** [http://kaboom.org/build\\_playground/build\\_it\\_kaboom\\_playground\\_grant](http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant)

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

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

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

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

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

**Website:** [2015 RWJF Culture of Health Prize - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS**

**Program:** **NEW- ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR MATCHING GRANTS**  
**Description:** The Alabama Tourism Department (ATD) will continue its Matching Grants Program in 2014. The Matching Grants Program provides assistance to nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement 50/50 matching basis. All event specific brochure projects must be for events in 2014. Deadline for August 2014 for November 2014 event. Deadline is September for December 2014. Brochures must be completed by November, 2014, or the grant will be withdrawn at 5:00 PM on December 1, 2014. **This includes receipt of final paperwork by the Alabama Tourism Department. (ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS)**  
**Website:** <http://tourism.alabama.gov/content/uploads/Matching-Grant-Guidelines-Brochure-2014.pdf>

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

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

**Program:** **NEW-Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant**  
**Description:** The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant program awards grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 to schools, nature centers and other non-profit educational organizations to establish outdoor learning centers. Grant funds may only be used to purchase native plants and seeds. Successful projects are eligible for discounts on seeds and plants from SFE Nursery Partners. Deadline is October 15, 2014.  
**Description:** <http://for-wild.org/seedmony.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-N-Vision a Brighter Future Grant**  
**Description:** N-Vision a Brighter Future Grants are awarded to fund hands-on projects in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Projects that involve students directly, incorporate community resources, and use interdisciplinary or team-teaching strategies are preferred. Deadline is November 14, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/Community/EducationalGrants.shtm>

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

**Website:** <http://climatechangelive.org/index.php?pid=177>

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**Program:** **NEW-Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants**

**Description:** Through its National Giving Program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants of \$250,000 and above to non-profit organizations that operate on a national scope through chapters/affiliates in many states around the country or through programs that operate regionally/locally but seek funding to replicate program activities nationally. Deadline is OPEN.

**Areas of focus for the Foundation include:**

Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating  
Sustainability  
Women's Economic Empowerment  
Career Opportunity

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

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**Program:** **NEW- Captain Planet Foundation Grant**

**Description:** The Captain Planet Foundation provides grants of up to \$2,500 to school and community groups to support hands-on environmental projects. The objective of the Foundation is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Deadline is September 30, 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14567](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14567)

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

**Description:** The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as a PSI intern at the Aspen Institute's Washington, D.C., office.

Through the fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. Deadline is July 18, 2014 for Fall 2014 and December 5, 2014 for Spring 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **HBCU Scholarship Directory**

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

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

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

### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

### **Nerd Scholar**

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

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## Fast Web

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

## Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

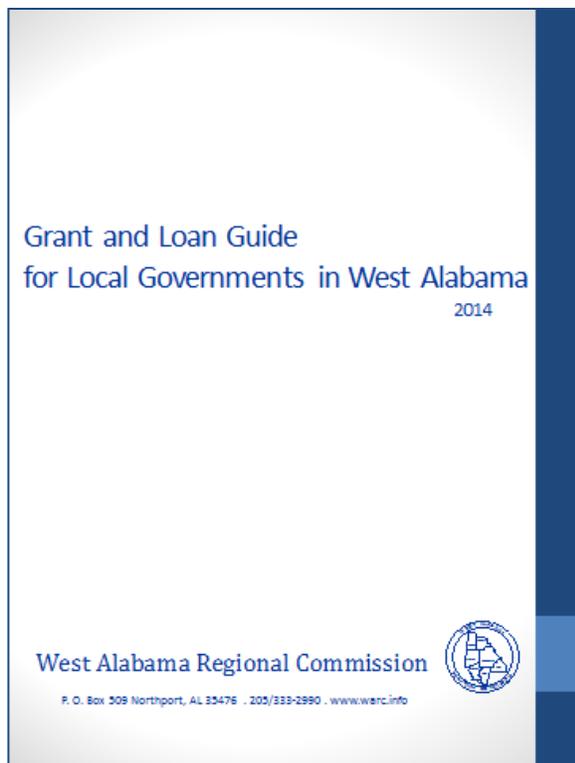
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**FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**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>

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## 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.*

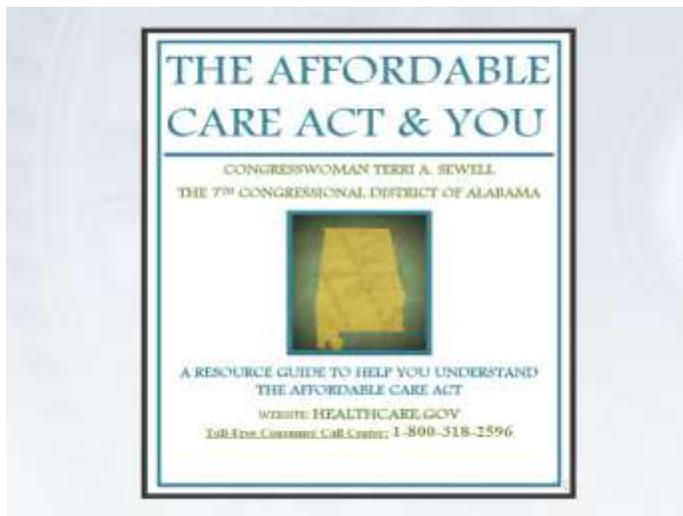
Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents>. Scroll down to REGIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS.

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.

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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](http://HealthCare.Gov) is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit [HealthCare.Gov](http://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](http://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>

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**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>

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## **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/>

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## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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>