



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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February 17, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Extension of the Payroll Tax Cut and Unemployment Benefits

Washington, DC—Today Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on the extension for the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits, which passed the House today by a vote of 293-132:

“Today, I voted to extend the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits. While this is not a perfect bill, the extension of these benefits will provide a lifeline for millions of Americans and further promote our nation’s economic recovery.

It is unfortunate that the bill singles out federal employees that play an integral role in our day-to-day lives. However, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle came together to extend unemployment insurance benefits and the payroll tax cut, which helps our nation’s families by reducing poverty, infusing money into the economy, and creating much needed jobs.

We all understand that extending unemployment insurance benefits and the payroll tax holiday is a temporary fix to a long term problem. We must move quickly to adopt a comprehensive jobs plan that encourages businesses to create jobs for all Americans and ensures that our communities continue to grow and thrive.

I look forward to working with the administration and my colleagues in Congress on long-term measures that strengthen the middle class sustain health care coverage and access for our seniors and promote economic growth and job creation.”

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February 13, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on President Obama's FY2013 Budget

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after President Obama released his fiscal year 2013 budget:

“Today, President Obama released his budget for fiscal year 2013. I agree with the President that the recovery of our American economy must be built upon two fundamental principals – protecting the middle class and promoting shared sacrifice and collective responsibility.

In the State of the Union Address, the President outlined his vision for an American economy “built to last,” based on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers and a renewal of American values. I believe this budget provides a fair and balanced approach. I applaud the President’s aggressive efforts to reduce the deficit. The budget provides for important investments in research and innovation which are vital to preparing our businesses and manufacturing sector to take advantage of new opportunities. This budget promotes public-private partnerships that will increase job creation, workforce development and improve access to higher education for all American workers.

America is and has always been most successful when we invest in our people—middle-class families and small business owners—who can grow our economy from the bottom up. We can no longer afford to provide tax breaks to wealthy Americans by depriving seniors and the middle class of the support they need and deserve. Everyone must do their part.

I look forward to continuing to work with the president and my colleagues in Congress on a comprehensive plan to stimulate our economy and reduce our deficit.”

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February 9, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$66,589 FEMA Grant Awarded to McAdory Area Fire District

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$66,589 in funding was awarded to the McAdory Area Fire District by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The fiscal year 2011 funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve McAdory’s ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.

“Firefighters put their lives on the line every day across the State of Alabama,” said Rep. Sewell. “These funds will help ensure that the McAdory Area Fire District has the adequate resources they need to protect our communities.”

“I want to thank Congresswoman Sewell so much,” said Jeff Wyatt, Fire Chief of the McAdory Area Fire District. “This is money that is definitely needed and will be put to good use; especially after all the devastation we suffered from last year’s tornadoes.”

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program supports organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards they may face. AFG grants bolster fire departments' ability to respond to fires and fire-related hazards, along with their overall level of preparedness.

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February 7, 2012

Terri A. Sewell on the Addition of Perry County to the Disaster Declaration Issued for the State of Alabama

Washington, D.C.— Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) addition of Perry County to last week’s Emergency Disaster Declaration issued by President Obama for the State of Alabama on February 1, 2012.

“I am very pleased that Perry County has been added to the emergency disaster declaration issued for the State of Alabama last week. This addition will make federal assistance available for residents of Perry County to help them rebuild and recover in the wake of this disaster.

This federal funding will provide victims of the storms with access to grants to meet their immediate needs such as temporary housing, financing for home repairs not covered by insurance, low-cost loans for uninsured property losses and other programs.

Many of my constituents in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama who have been affected by these storms and tornadoes may be wondering how and when their lives will return to normal. I want the victims of the tornadoes to know that we are here for you. It’s going to be important for us to make sure that we are sustaining our efforts at rebuilding in the months ahead. Rest assured that my office will continue to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure that we are doing all we can to assist the victims in the coming days and months. In these difficult times, I know that the resilient spirit of our communities will see us through. I am confident that we will recover, restore and rebuild our communities stronger than before.”

The original disaster declaration extended federal assistance to residents of Jefferson and Chilton counties.

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February 3, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Honors the Life and Legacy of Jock Smith on the Floor of the House of Representatives

Washington, DC—Yesterday, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) honored the life and legacy of the late Jock Smith on the Floor of the House of Representatives. Mr. Smith was a distinguished trial lawyer, an avid sports collector, historian, author and family man. Mr. Smith co-founded a partnership with the late renowned attorney Johnnie Cochran and attorneys Keith Givens and Samuel Cherry. The law firm of Cochran, Cherry, Givens and Smith has 22 offices across the country and continues to be one of the most well-known criminal defense and civil plaintiff law firms in this nation.

“Attorney Smith was a well-respected member of the Alabama bar and known nationally throughout the legal community for his exceptional legal abilities, legendary courtroom skills, civic activism and passion for equal justice,” said Rep. Sewell. “His commitment to advocacy to fight for the rights of the disenfranchised is a great example for us all to follow. He left an indelible mark in Alabama and across this nation and his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.”

Mr. Smith’s daughter, Janay Smith, traveled to Washington, DC to witness Rep. Sewell deliver remarks on the House Floor paying tribute to her father’s legacy.

To view Rep. Sewell’s remarks on the Floor of the House of Representatives please visit our YouTube by clicking [here](#) or visiting <http://youtu.be/r3fYzX078KI>.

Mr. Smith passed away in his home on January 8, 2012 at the age of 63.

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February 1, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Emergency Disaster Declaration for the State of Alabama

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to President Obama Issuing an Emergency Disaster Declaration for the State of Alabama:

"I am pleased President Obama quickly issued an emergency disaster declaration for the state of Alabama following the recent storms and tornadoes destruction. The declaration will make available federal aid that will help residents in Jefferson and Chilton counties rebuild and recover from the aftermath of the tornadoes and heavy storms.

This federal funding will provide storms survivors with access to grants to meet their immediate needs such as temporary housing, financing for home repairs not covered by insurance, low-cost loans for uninsured property losses, and other programs.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the people killed by the storms and tornadoes that hit communities across Alabama last week and the many other residents whose property and homes were damaged. My office will continue to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure that we are doing all we can to get families the resources and assistance they need to rebuild their communities after these storms. In these difficult times, I know that the resilient spirit of our communities will see us through."

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February 23, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$76,000 FEMA Grant Awarded to Livingston Fire Department

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that \$76,000 in funding was awarded to the Livingston Fire Department by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. These funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve the Livingston Fire Department’s ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.

“Across the State of Alabama and this nation, our community firefighters continue to put their lives on the line for our citizens,” said Rep. Sewell. “These funds are critical to ensuring that rural fire departments like Livingston have the resources and equipment they need to keep our communities safe.”

“I want to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her continued support of rural fire departments,” said Terry Peeler, Fire Chief of the Livingston Fire Department. “This funding is important for our fire department and will allow us to purchase new equipment that helps save lives.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program supports organizations that do not have access to the necessary resources and tools needed to protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel as they save our communities. AFG grants boost the ability of fire departments to respond to fires and fire-related hazards as well as their overall level of preparedness.

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF
CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL

Dear Friend,

I am honored to represent you in Congress. I am here to help in any way possible. One of my most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with assistance as you work with federal agencies.

Our office can help you break through the bureaucracy if you are having challenges with issues including Social Security, Medicare or veterans' benefits. We can also help you find federal grant opportunities for community projects and identify funding for first responders and other important services that our communities need. Our office in Washington, D.C. offers tours of the Capitol and can help provide gallery passes to see Congress in session. American flags that have been flown above the U.S. Capitol can also be ordered upon request.

We are here to serve you. Please let us be of assistance to you and your family.

Warmly,

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

Standing Up for Alabama Workers

Creating jobs and rebuilding our economy are Congresswoman Sewell's top priorities. She is committed to expanding workforce development funding and strengthening public-private partnerships to create jobs. Our office is available if you need help with:

- Small Business Assistance
- Federal Grants
- Internal Revenue Service
- Job Training and Unemployment Benefits



Protecting Our Seniors

Congresswoman Sewell will always fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. She is also working to restore our country's fiscal discipline to ensure that these programs are available for future generations. Please contact us if you need assistance with:

- Social Security Benefits
- Medicare Benefits
- Survivor's Benefits
- Retirement Benefits



Helping Our Students

A strong education can make all the difference in achieving the American Dream. That is why Congresswoman Sewell is working hard to strengthen and reform early childhood education, improve performance in elementary and secondary education and improve outcomes in higher education. She supports students by assisting with:

- Internships
- Financial Aid
- Military Academy Nominations



Congresswoman Sewell visits with students at Cedar Park Elementary School in Selma.

Honoring America's Veterans

Congresswoman Sewell is a strong advocate for our veterans and will work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they have earned. She is working hard to help veterans and their families with:

- Benefits Assistance
- Veterans Administration Claims
- Assistance for Returning Service Members
- Disability Compensation
- Pension Assistance



Congresswoman Sewell visits with Alabama veterans.

For more information and to sign up for news, the e-newsletter and our grant guide, please visit www.sewell.house.gov

Recent Grant Awards

- **February 17, 2012** - The IRS issued news release IR-2012-25 announcing the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic grants for the 2012 grant cycle. In Alabama, the Legal Services of Alabama, Inc., located in Montgomery, AL, received a grant for \$55,000.
- **February 9, 2012** - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$66,589 in funding was awarded to the McAdory Area Fire District by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The fiscal year 2011 funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve McAdory's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.
- **February 8, 2012** - Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham, Inc., a member of the national NeighborWorks[®] network is being awarded \$43,500.00 in grant funds from NeighborWorks[®] America.
- **January 20, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the state of Alabama will receive \$55 million in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$16.6 million will be awarded to the City of Tuscaloosa, \$6.4 million to the City of Birmingham, and \$7.8 million to Jefferson County. This funding will enable each community to make vital repairs and improvements in infrastructure, housing, economic development projects, and emergency preparedness.
- **January 12, 2012** – Economic Development Administration awards \$189,000 to the West Alabama Regional Commission that will establish an economic development planning framework, process and strategy that supports private capital investment and job creation in the region.
- **January 4, 2012** – Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$17,727 to the Southwest Alabama Economic Development Association (Marengo County) to construct a 1,110-foot-long walking trail in the Dixons Mills community.
- **January 4, 2012** - Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$100,000 to Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers to construct nine miles of trail at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park.
- **December 30, 2011** - U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$132,592.00 to University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for Minority AIDS Research Initiative CDFA 93.941.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- 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
- 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 & Community Service

Program: **NEW - Social Innovation Fund FY 2012 Competition for New Grantees**

Description: Created by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, the Social Innovation Fund is a program that awards grants to and works with existing grantmaking institutions to direct resources to innovative community-based nonprofit organizations to identify, validate, and grow promising approaches to overcoming challenges facing local communities. The areas of focus are youth development, economic development, and healthy futures. The deadline is March 27, 2012.

Website:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/12_0210_sif_nofa.pdf

Program: **September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance Grants FY 2012**

Description: The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. For more than 15 years, CNCS—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and other programs and activities—has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. For the FY 2012-2013 September 11th Day competition, CNCS will prioritize investment in the following areas of its work: Disaster Services; Veterans and Military Families; & Capacity Building.

Website:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=94

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW - The Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) Grant**

Description: The FY 2013 Grants for Arts Projects guidelines, including the Art Works and Challenge America Fast-Track Categories have been posted. Deadlines: Art Works - March 8 and August 9, 2012; Challenge America - May 24, 2012. The FY 2012 Our Town Guidelines Have Been Posted. Deadline: March 1, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/214>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Farm Bill**

Description: The Agricultural Marketing Service announces the availability of approximately \$55 million in grant funds, less USDA administrative costs, to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops including floriculture. The deadline is July 11, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142915&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **FY 2012 University Center Economic Development Program Competition**

Description: The purpose of EDA's University Center Economic Development Program is to assist institutions of higher education and consortia of institutions of higher education in establishing and operating University Centers specifically focused on leveraging university assets to build regional economic ecosystems that support high-growth entrepreneurship. EDA encourages the submission of applications that will create and nurture regional economic ecosystems through applied research and development, technology commercialization, and targeted activities that cultivate entrepreneurship. The deadline is March 30, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=143093&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW - Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program: Short Term Projects CFDA Number 84.021A**

Description: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study. Long-term projects support advanced overseas intensive language projects, which give advanced language students the opportunity to study languages overseas. The deadline is April 23, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=145813&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Grant Demonstration**

Description: The MFP Demonstration Program reflects a growing consensus that long-term supports must be transformed from being institutionally based and provider-driven to person-centered consumer directed and community-based. The deadline is August 8, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhptJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142933&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Region 4**

Description: The purpose of the EMPG Program is to make grants to States to assist State, local, and Tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq). Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal Government, States, and their political subdivisions.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxSzZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=144983&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI)**

Description: This Initiative provides funding to QFHOs, FHOs, and nonprofit groups organizing to build their capacity in fair housing enforcement, establish new fair housing enforcement organizations and/or provide fair lending enforcement. Under this component, these enforcement organizations will conduct fair housing enforcement activities in underserved areas as defined in “Program Definitions” of this NOFA, rural areas and/or areas with new immigrants (especially racial and ethnic minorities who are not English speaking or have limited English proficiency. The deadline is March 16, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=144594&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Education Outreach Initiative**

Description: This Initiative assists organizations that inform the general public about their rights and obligations under the Fair Housing Act. Under this Initiative, there are two programs with a total of five components. They are the EOI -Regional/Local/Community-Based Program (R/L/C-B) which includes the General Component, Lending Component, Higher Education Component and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Component; and the EOI - National-Based Program which includes the National-Media Campaign Component.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=144593&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Transformation Initiative: Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration Small Research Grant Program**

Description: To develop and implement small scale research projects that build upon the larger Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration research project. The deadline is March 13, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142593&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

Description: Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their “Transformation Plan” to redevelop the neighborhood. HUD is focused on directing resources to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-up income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term; 2. People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents’ health, safety employment, mobility, and education and 3. Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-up income neighborhoods with access to well –functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. The deadline is April 10, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpC KQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **NEW - Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Adult Generation 5 - SGA-DFA-PY-11-02**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, announces the availability of approximately \$20.6 million to serve adult ex-offenders returning to their communities. The Department expects to award approximately 17 grants of up to \$1,212,000 each for 27-months, which includes up to three months for a planning phase and a minimum of 24 months of operation. Any non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status may apply for these grants to provide pre-release and post-release services to ex-offenders returning to high-poverty, high-crime communities. The deadline is March 12, 2012.

Website:

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/sga_dfa_py_11_02_final_1_11_2012.pdf

Program: **NEW - Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI)**

Description: The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$12.1 million from funds made available through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 DOL appropriation for Training and Employment Services for grants to State Workforce Agencies (SWA) to develop the Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI). ETA expects to award approximately twelve grants of up to \$1 million each for a 36 month period of performance. The deadline is April 19, 2012.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/wdqi_sga_dfa_py_11_01.pdf

Program: **NEW - Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service-Learning - SGA-DFA-PY-11-03**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$30 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Training and Service-Learning grants to serve young adult offenders ages 18 through 21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State law. The deadline is April 17, 2012.

Website:

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/training_and_service_learning_sga.pdf

Program: **NEW - Workforce Innovation Fund - SGA-DFA-PY-11-05**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$98.5 million in Workforce Innovation Fund grants authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10). These funds support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, both in terms of outcomes for job seeker and employer customers and cost-effectiveness. The deadline is March 22, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-11-05.pdf>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **NEW - American Youth Leadership Program**

Description: The award recipients will recruit and select youth and adult participants from the United States and provide them with a three-to four-week exchange program in select countries abroad focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Upon returning home, the students will apply what they have learned to serve their schools and communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxS zZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=145573&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 National Infrastructure Investments**

Description: Projects eligible for funding provided under this program include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, seismic retrofit projects for bridges, and road realignments; public transportation projects, including investments in projects participating in the New Starts or Small Starts programs that will expedite the completion of those projects and their entry into revenue service; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=49n7PF6Wn6C4LyyDJdQ3rk01TxxS zZTpLlk2YH1KLwccy2Tn2Dv5!-335065855?oppId=144933&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW – Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including non-profit 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. The deadline is April 12, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1C4bPGcSnVnT1ng3wQS1j6Btm5MSPzp8z2qRnv1LQ3KR1kp2fQvd!545677704?oppId=145741&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Touching Lives through Theatre Grants**

Description: Grants are available to accredited public or private schools in the US. The goal is to create and support school theatre programs, generating positive opportunities for students and giving them a place to shine. Theatre allows children to involve themselves in an experience that brings growth, maturity, teamwork and responsibility — qualities that are relevant to all aspects of life. The deadline is June 30, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/219>

Program: **NEW - ESA Foundation Education Challenge Grant**

Description: Three grants will be awarded to K-12 schools that best demonstrate the ability to innovatively incorporate computer and video games into their curriculum. All schools wanting to utilize computers and video games to strengthen their current curricular offerings or create new learning experiences for their students are encouraged to apply. The deadline is April 6, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/224>

Program: **NEW - Playful City USA**

Description: In an effort to address the play deficit among children, national non-profit KaBOOM! is offering Let's Play grants totaling \$2.1 million through 2013 via Playful City USA, a national program

advocating for policies that increase play opportunities for children. The applications for 2012 Playful City USA status are due March 15 and applications for grants are due March 29.

Website: http://kaboom.org/take_action/playful_city_usa

Program: **NEW - Chamber Music America Invites Applications for Classical Commissioning Program**

Description: Chamber Music America's Classical Commissioning Program provides grants to United States-based presenters and professional contemporary classical and world music ensembles for the commissioning and performance of new works by American composers. The program supports works scored for two to ten musicians performing one per part and composed in any of the musical styles associated with contemporary classical music.

Website:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=371400042

Program: **NEW - Retirement Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Projects in Aging**

Description: The Retirement Research Foundation, a private foundation devoted exclusively to aging and retirement issues, is currently accepting proposals for programs designed to improve quality of life for older Americans. Grants will be awarded to nonprofits conducting direct service, advocacy, and education concerning elders, as well as training programs for professionals working with elders and research into the causes of and solutions for significant problems experienced by older adults. The deadline is May 1, 2012.

Website:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=XD1LYSHIJY3HNLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=371400014

Program: **NEW - Dollar General Literacy Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Literacy Grants**

Description: The Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth Literacy Grants program provides funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. The deadline is May 16, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=T4A4G2Z0YTAG5LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=369300001

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama.

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

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. The Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 and has experienced substantial growth. Recipients for this program are selected through volunteers in the district offices of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). CBC Members work through local scholarship committees to award money to academically talented and highly motivated students.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions. Since the inception of the program, General Mills has invested more than \$1,000,000 to

underwrite this initiative. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship has served hundreds of students over the years, and has helped to create leaders in the medical and health related fields.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

Established in the year 2000, the CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship program was developed in honor of the late Curtis Mayfield to ensure that students pursuing a career in the performing arts receive the financial assistance to achieve their goals.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

The CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship was established in 2006 for students who are pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

CBCF Scholarship Opportunities

CBCF Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program

The Louis Stokes Health Scholars program seeks to increase the number of qualified, yet underrepresented, college students entering the health workforce. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest to work in underserved communities. Students currently attending two-year institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Environmental Studies Scholarship

The Environmental Studies scholarship seeks to provide financial awards to minority and women college students pursuing a degree in environmental science or other related fields of study. Applicants should have a junior class standing in college with a declared major in environmental science or a related field, and understanding and acceptance of ServiceMaster's core values. This scholarship offers \$5,000 per semester to two students.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Scholarship Websites:

Alabama Scholarships

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

Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

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

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

<http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Alabama-State-University-100724>

Student Aid Programs

Website: <http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm>

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

CENTER POINT DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO BECOME AN SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER

The disaster recovery center at the Center Point City Hall, currently staffed by state and federal specialists, will become a disaster loan outreach center operated by the U.S. Small Business Administration on Monday, Feb. 27. Homeowners, renters and businesses who visit the center will be able to talk individually with SBA representatives. The Center Point disaster loan outreach center will be located at the Center Point City Hall, 2209 Center Point Parkway, Center Point, AL 35215, and will remain open until Thursday, March 8. The center will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. It will be closed on Sunday.

NEW - VA Launches Personalized Health Benefits Handbook

For more information about the new Health Benefits Handbook, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh/ or call VA's toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

BBCF Announces Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops

The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) will conduct a series of Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops throughout the Black Belt region of Alabama between February 20th and March 15th, 2012. Applications will be available at each of these workshops. The BBAI Grant Application deadline will be April 16, 2012 and the Community Grant Application deadline will be May 15, 2012. Community organizations based in and serving BBCF's 12-county service area are invited to attend these workshops, where they will learn more about the Black Belt Community Foundation and their Grants Program. For more information contact please contact the BBCF office at 866-874-1126.

Community Action Agencies of Alabama

Website:

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CSBG/Document%20Library/Copy%20of%20Community%20Action%20Agency%20List0409.pdf>

Website: http://www.caaalabama.org/agency_finder.php

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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

Police Grants Help 101 -- Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project.

Website: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants101/>

Alabama Open Grants: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

Alabama SAVES Loan Program

Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

Website:

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>

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
Executive Director: Keith Jones
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
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
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
Executive Director: Charles Ball
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
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
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
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
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
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: 251.433.6541
Fax: 251.433.6009
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly
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
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
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
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews

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

Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation

c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President

Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County

c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990

Mobile, AL 36601

Phone: 251-438-5591

Contact: Linnette Clausman

Website: www.communityendowment.com

Black Belt Community Foundation

609 Lauderdale Street

Selma, AL 36701-4555

Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131

Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation

P.O. Box 87

Brewton, AL 36427

Phone: (251) 867-4881

Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO
Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org
For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
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
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
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
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org
For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

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

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

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
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Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
E-mail: CFOWA@bellsouth.net
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424

Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>