



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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May 30, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Attend Inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) will attend the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights in conjunction with the Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC) 2012 National Consultation. Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver the keynote address and voting rights experts will facilitate discussion surrounding new state voting laws.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to attend the inaugural Faith Leaders Summit on Voting Rights with faith-based leaders from my district,” said Rep. Sewell. “The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy and now more than ever we must come together to ensure that all Americans can vote without intimidation, prejudice or discrimination.”

Rep. Sewell will be joined by Pastor T.L. Lewis of the historic Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pratt City, AL.

“Pastor Lewis is truly a servant leader and a powerful force for good in the Birmingham area,” continued Rep. Sewell. “He continues to exemplify extraordinary leadership in face of the church’s devastation from last year’s April 27th tornadoes. America’s faith-based leaders have played a crucial role in growing and strengthening our spiritual health, family development and community empowerment.”

“This summit is essential because we have so many issues facing our nation currently,” said Pastor T.L. Lewis. “The collaboration of the CBC and faith-based leaders provides a good vehicle for collective strategy that we can take back to our communities and implement to its fullest.”

The Conference of National Black Churches is comprised of the national leadership of the nine largest historically black denominations with a combined membership of over 30 million and 50,000 congregations in the United States. The CNBC holds their “National Consultation” event annually.

May 17, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Co-Sponsors Voting Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07), joined her colleagues as an original co-sponsor on H.R. 5799 the “Voter Empowerment Act of 2012” which seeks to modernize voter registration, ensure equal access to the ballot box and prohibit deceptive practices and voter discrimination.

“As the Representative of Alabama’s historic 7th Congressional District, where many fought, bled and died for the right to vote, I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important legislation,” said Rep. Sewell. “No right is more fundamental to our democracy, than our right to vote. Although great progress has been made since the days of poll taxes and literacy tests, Congress still has important work to do when it comes to ensuring that all Americans are afforded the right to vote without intimidation, prejudice or discrimination. This legislation will help ensure free and fair elections, so that everyone, including students, seniors, minorities and veterans can exercise their constitutional right to vote,” Sewell added.

The Voter Empowerment Act of 2012 has been designed to modernize the American electoral system by providing improved access to the ballot, enhanced integrity in our voting systems and greater accountability for the administration of our elections.

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May 10, 2012

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding to Four Colleges in the 7th Congressional District

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that \$1.59 million was awarded to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District for the Upward Bound Program under the U.S. Department of Education. The Upward Bound Program is one of eight Federal TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first generation college students and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

The four institutions awarded funding are:

Lawson State Community College — \$337,500

Miles College — \$353,266

Stillman College — \$553,367

University of West Alabama — \$347,834

“I am pleased that the Department of Education will provide this important funding to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District,” said Rep. Sewell. “The Upward Bound Program is critical to ensuring the success of students from all socioeconomic and education backgrounds. This funding will provide the resources needed to level the playing field and give all students the opportunity to achieve and succeed at the college level.”

The Upward Bound Program participants must be first-generation college bound high school students, low-income individuals or individuals who have a high risk for academic failure and a critical need for academic support to successfully pursue a secondary school curriculum and complete a postsecondary education program within six years after high school graduation.

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her support of the Upward Bound program,” said Mattie Crawford, Director of the TRIO Classic Upward Bound Program at Lawson State Community College (LSCC). “This grant will afford LSCC the opportunity to continue developing students academically, culturally and socially while attending high school as well as prepare them to attend and complete college.”

“Miles College is pleased to continue our tradition of over three decades of serving our community and youth through the Upward Bound Program,” said Miles College President Dr. George T. French Jr. “We are always appreciative of Congresswoman Sewell’s advocacy and support for TRIO Programs like Upward Bound.”

“We are delighted to receive this funding because the Upward Bound Program is linked to college success and we are focused on improving college graduation rates for high school students in Sumter County,” said Vicki Spruiell, Director of TRIO at the University of West Alabama.

"This is great news and we are excited to receive this funding for our Upward Bound Program which has been in operation at Stillman College since 1966," said Dr. Bettye Mullen, Director of Educational Support Services. “The program has served 130 students annually since its inception and is integral to helping build academic skills that assist these students in pursuing a successful post-secondary education.”

Federal TRIO Programs were established by the Higher Education Act of 1965, and amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, public or private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, secondary schools, and combinations of institutions, agencies, organizations and secondary schools.

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Recent Grant Awards

- **May 30, 2012** – Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP); ATRIP is an ALDOT administered federal aid highway program that funds up to 80% of the construction of important roadway projects. For the 7th District, \$12,137,994.78 is awarded that includes:
 - Choctaw County awarded \$240,958.37;
 - Clarke County awarded \$3,920,000.00;
 - Dallas County awarded \$245,366.40 & Dallas County also awarded \$479,636.00 for a 2nd project;
 - Greene County awarded \$1,054,952.00;
 - Jefferson County awarded: Bessemer awarded \$1,154,388.00; Bham awarded \$2,555,917.60;
 - Perry County awarded \$360,404.67;
 - Pickens County awarded \$744,447.78;
 - Sumter County awarded \$121,000.00 & \$269,515.20;
 - Tuscaloosa awarded \$540,000.00 & Tuscaloosa awarded \$811,813.43 for 2nd project.
- **May 23, 2012** – The DOL awards The Dannon Project in Birmingham \$1,212,000 for Reintegration of Ex-Offender program.
- **May 18, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$362,588 for research in heart, blood and lung problems from DHHS
- **May 16, 2012** – Dallas County – Rural Health Medical Program receives \$1,778,784 for rural health center from DHHS
- **May 16, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$86,149 for cognition and cognitive disorders by DHHS.
- **May 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$366,250 for research regarding B cells in the lung by DHHS
- **May 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$198,269 for Telemedicine to Improve Depression and Adherence t in HIV+ Women in the Rural South
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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

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **Art Works**

Description: The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on or after June 1, 2013. The NEA's guiding principle is embodied in one sentence: "Art works." "Art works" is a noun; the creation of works of art by artists. "Art works" is a verb; art works on and within people to change and inspire them. "Art works" is a statement; arts jobs are real jobs that are part of the real economy. The deadline is August 9, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xJ2hPRWpsnkpkbvpsMTKXhBpYZNqhVM MpBcBgL5hTkBC2GhZJlW!-1255049606?oppId=174253&mode=VIEW>

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is

designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to support the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvtCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=175313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)**

Description: The primary objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The deadline is August 6, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JhjmPQLBpTqC91cPKIJhvT2bwLH2QzQshT6fhy1pHrJQvt2T0QMQ!-1255049606?oppId=174953&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW - 2012 i6 CHALLENGE**

Description: EDA solicits competitive applications to encourage and reward innovative, ground-breaking ideas that greatly expand innovation, commercialization and new enterprise formation across the United States. The 2012 i6 Challenge will award applicants submitting the best strategies to create Proof of Concept Centers that greatly increase innovation within their organizations, create processes to commercialize or implement innovation, and build networks that can utilize that innovation and entrepreneurship for local economic development.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvtCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=175993&mode=VIEW>

Program: **FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity**

Description: Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major federally declared disasters. The deadline is March 27, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLpthW6491WK2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-213555334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Comprehensive Centers Program**

Description: The Comprehensive Centers program supports the establishment of no fewer than 20 comprehensive technical assistance centers to provide technical assistance to State educational agencies (SEAs) that builds their capacity to support local educational agencies (LEAs or districts) and schools, especially low-performing districts and schools; improve educational outcomes for all students; close achievement gaps; and improve the quality of instruction. The deadline is August 6, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xJ2hPRWpsnkpkbvpsMTKXhBpYZNqhVM MpBcBgL5hTkBC2GhZJjIW!-1255049606?oppId=174594&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Promise Neighborhood Grants**

Description: Funding supports a range of youth services, from K-12 education and early-learning programs to health and safety initiatives in neighborhoods, and access to learning technology. The deadline is July 27, 2012.

Website: <http://fundbook.org/promise-neighborhoods-grants/>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment (R21)**

Description: Grants for research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvvCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=174653&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program Groups (U10)**

Description: This program allows practicing oncologists who serve large racial/ethnic minority populations to participate in NCI-sponsored clinical trials. The purpose of this program is to support, as a national resource, research activities of physicians involved in the care of minorities who are eligible to participate in NCI-sponsored cancer prevention, control, and treatment clinical trials.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvvCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=175294&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Community Clinical Oncology Program Groups (U10)**

Description: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits applications from institutions/organizations that propose to serve as accrual groups for the NCI-supported Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) Network.

Website:

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<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvvCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=175293&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program: Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia (RPIC)**

Description: The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications will be accepted for a cooperative agreement to expand the existing Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Network.

Website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2012-ACF-OCS-EQ-0293>

Program: **Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center**

Description: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) supports a national T and TA effort designed to enhance and promote the continuous evidence based quality improvement of services with a focus on the social and emotional well being of children, youth and families served by FYSB funded RHY grantees.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xJ2hPRWpsnkpkbvpsMTKXhBpYZNqhVM MpBcBgL5hTkBC2GhZJlW!-1255049606?oppId=174353&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Affordable Care Act – Consumer Assistance Program Grants**

Description: Section 2793 of the PHS Act requires that, as a condition of receiving grant funds, consumer assistance or ombudsman programs must: assist consumers with filing complaints and appeals, assist consumers with enrollment into health coverage, and educate consumers on their rights

and responsibilities with respect to group health plan and health insurance coverage.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9pbTPRtXkGLGBmdbyvDBqCdwrmlkyVFnnYP1ZPF1XH1hL7s3H06P!-1255049606?oppId=175077&mode=VIEW>

Program: **PPHF 2012: Community Transformation Grants - Small Communities Programs financed solely by 2012 Prevention and Public Health Funds**

Description: The overarching purpose of this program is to prevent heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes and other leading chronic disease causes of death or disability through implementation of a variety of evidence based programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in small communities that improve health and health behaviors among an intervention population.

Websites:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173114&mode=VIEW>

<http://fundbook.org/community-transformation-grants-small-communities/>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP)-Continuing Training Grants (CTG)**

Description: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) provides funds to support nationwide training initiatives and further the mission of FEMA. Based upon their current activities and identified needs, the National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) will invite select organizations to be eligible to apply under this solicitation.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvvvCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=176113&mode=VIEW>

Program: **FY 12 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

Description: Application period opens on Monday, June 11th at 8 am! Eligible to apply are Fire departments (career, volunteer, and combination) and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) providers - What items are eligible for grant funding? Operations and Safety Projects: Training, equipment, personal protective equipment, modifications to facilities, wellness and safety projects; Vehicle Acquisition Projects: Firefighting and EMS vehicles; Regional Projects (benefiting multiple departments): Training, equipment, personal protective equipment.

Website: Call the AFG Help Desk toll-free at 1-866-274-0960 or contact AFG staff members by e-mail at firegrants@fema.dhs.gov

Program: **National Cyber Security Awareness**

Description: This grant aims to enhance coordination and collaboration among appropriate private sector and non-profit organizations as well as federal, state and local government entities to facilitate a comprehensive national Cybersecurity awareness campaign. The deadline is July 5, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xJ2hPRWpsnkpkbvpsMTKXhBpYZNqhVMpBcBgL5hTkBC2GhZJjIW!-1255049606?oppId=174413&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - Transit Safety Research – Pedestrian Collision Warning Pilot Project**

Description: The main objective of this pilot is to increase pedestrian/cyclist safety through demonstration of advanced pedestrian warning system on transit

buses.FTA seeks applications to demonstrate innovative technologies that support the achievement of this objective.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Mn56PYvX15FjmKyvjLVLPFwhbnhQT6qm0VsSQ7mLvuvCDQYQrY2q!-1255049606?oppId=175534&mode=VIEW>

US Small Business Administration

Program: **Federal and State Technology Partnership Program (FAST)**

Description: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SB) plans to issue Program Announcement No. FAST-12-R-0006 and make twenty awards of up to \$100,000 to organizations to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance services to technology-based small business owners.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xJ2hPRWpsnkpkbvpsMTKXhBpYZNqhVM MpBcBgL5hTkBC2GhZJlW!-1255049606?oppId=174316&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - American Honda Foundation**

Description: Grant awards are for youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training and literacy. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Program: **NEW - The Best Buy Children's Foundation**

Description: Best Buy Grants strengthens communities through national and local grant programs. Our priority is to give teens access to opportunities through technology that helps them excel in school and develop 21st century skills which will result in richer lives and a better future.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_foundation.htm

Program: **NEW – Wal-Mart Foundation**

Description: We Work Hard to Give Back to Our Communities- The Walmart Foundation supports diverse charities large and small. We support the efforts of organizations serving the neighborhoods where our facilities are located as well as organizations serving people around the world. We also encourage our associates to volunteer and become active members of their communities and local organizations.

1. Facility Giving Programs

Through our Local Community Contribution and Hunger Outreach Grant programs, Walmart Stores, Sam's Clubs, and Logistics Facilities can recommend grants beginning at \$250 to local nonprofit organizations.

2. National Giving Program

Organizations that are considered for funding through the Walmart Foundation's National Giving Program implement programs in multiple sites across the country or have innovative initiatives that are ready for replication nationally.

3. State Giving Program

The State Giving Program awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations that serve a particular state or region.

Website: <http://www.walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8979.aspx>

Program: **NEW - AT&T Foundation Grants for Education**

Description: For more than 25 years, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation have been committed to strengthening communities through advancing education. In 2008, we launched AT&T Aspire, specifically focused on confronting the high school dropout crisis to help ensure that students graduate prepared for the future challenges of continuing education and the workforce.

Website: <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=17884>

Program: **NEW - Child Welfare Foundation Grants**

Description: Assisting the children of this nation is our primary concern. We do not fund programs that fail to meet the basic criteria of direct benefit to the children of America. The deadline is July 15, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/247>

Program: **NEW - Home Depot Community Impact Grants**

Description: Home Depot Community Impact Grants up to \$5,000 are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work.

Website:

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=96876.0.0.37934>

Program: **NEW - From Failure to Promise k-12 Educator's Grant**

Description: U.S. educators in K-12 Schools and libraries... Teachers of literacy, math, science, and or technology are eligible to apply. The deadline is July 31, 2012.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Corporate/144>

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Program: **The Alabama Power Service Organization New Teacher Grant**

Description: This grant recognizes outstanding first-year teachers. The grants provide teachers with funds to purchase classroom supplies. Winning public school teachers are all graduates of state-approved teacher programs located at Alabama's public four-year colleges and universities. The winners receive a \$1,000 grant, which they can use to purchase materials and supplies for their classrooms.

Website: <http://www.alabamapower.com/community/ntg.asp>

Program: **Alabama Power Grants**

Description: The Alabama Power Foundation is proud to support non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations across the state through our grant program. We look to support programs, organizations and projects doing good work in the areas of education, community, health and human services, arts and culture and the environment

Website: <http://alpowercharitablegiving.org/index.php/foundation/grants>

Program: **NEW - Dollar General Foundation**

Description: The need for literacy assistance isn't confined to a single age group geographic location. That's why the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's grant programs helps improve the lives of people of all ages in many different communities. Adult Literacy Grants; Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Program; Family Literacy Grants; Summer Reading Grants; Youth Literacy Grants.

Website: http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

Program: **NEW - Ocean Project Small Grants Program**

Description: The Ocean Project works with zoos, aquariums and museums around the world to advance ocean conservation. Grants are available to members of the Project's network to develop a demonstration project that best integrates and tests the Project's research findings and to enhance meaningful participation in conservation action by youth and/or minorities. Apply by September 1, 2012.

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=94793.0.0.37934>

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS

Alabama Student Loan Program

Learn the facts about Alabama's designated guarantor of Federal Family Education Loan Programs

Website:

<http://www.alabama.gov/portal/secondary.jsp?id=educationResources>

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

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

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

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>

Alabama Scholarships

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

Section V RESOURCES

About PoliceGrantsHelp.com

PoliceGrantsHelp.com provides members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and assistance. PoliceGrantsHelp.com features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities.

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

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

The Fund Book – These are open grants programs which are of interest to local governments

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

Homebuyers looking to secure a mortgage may find help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) -- and they don't even need to plow a field to be eligible.

Two USDA loans -- the [Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan](#) and the [Single Family Housing Direct Loan](#)- are available to a range of potential homebuyers, including some borrowers who are buying in areas that many would characterize as "suburban." The biggest lure of [USDA home loans](#) compared with other mortgage products is that it is one of the few mortgage programs available today that requires no down payment. The concept behind USDA loans is to encourage homeownership among low- to moderate-income families in locations that are not densely populated.

Website: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2012/05/24/not-farmer-can-still-get-100-percent-usda-financing/#ixzz1voaCAcW1>

Community Action Agencies of Alabama

Website:

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

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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

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West Alabama Regional Commission

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Executive Director: Robert B. Lake

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Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

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Executive Director: Charles Ball

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

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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
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Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
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P.O. Box 990
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591
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Website: www.communityendowment.com

Black Belt Community Foundation
609 Lauderdale Street
Selma, AL 36701-4555
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131
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Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
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Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
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Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
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Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
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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
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Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
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