

Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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Recent News

November 22, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's Failure to Reach an Agreement

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction announced that they have failed to reach a bipartisan agreement:

"I am very disappointed the Deficit Reduction Committee was unable to reach an agreement.

It is disheartening that some of my colleagues are putting politics before our economy and holding the financial stability and fiscal future of this nation hostage. Our constituents sent us here to help solve America's problems not to create more of them. My constituents in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama sent me here to help make their lives better not to create fear and instability.

Despite the failure of the Super Committee, a bipartisan effort is still needed. In order to bring stability and certainty to our economy and avoid catastrophic consequences, we must come together on a long-term agreement so we can reduce our deficit, protect hard-working middle class families, children and seniors and ensure we pay our nation's bills. Time is of the essence, and America deserves much better than this."

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Approval of Alabama's Redistricting Plan by the U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC— Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement regarding the Department of Justice's approval of Alabama's redistricting plan:

"Today, The Department of Justice approved Alabama's congressional redistricting plan. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the newly drawn district. Regardless of how the congressional lines have been drawn, my job will remain the same. I will continue to listen to and be a voice for the people of my district, and promote policies in Washington that encourage job creation, strengthen economic development and protect the interests of my constituents. The families, seniors and children of the 7th Congressional District deserve nothing less. I am honored to represent them in Congress and I look forward to continuing to work hard for them each day."

November 16, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Passage of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act

Washington DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) issued the following statement after voting in favor of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act—legislation that will put veterans to work, create jobs for America's men and women in uniform, and strengthen our nation's economy:

"Today I voted in favor of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act. Our service men and women put their lives on the line every day to defend our free society. They deserve the opportunity for good jobs and decent wages once returning home. The VOW to Hire Heroes Act will help America in fulfilling its commitment to provide the benefits our men and women in uniform have earned.

We as Americans can now welcome our service men and women back into our communities as workers, small business owners and entrepreneurs. We must serve our service members as well as they have served us."

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act is part of President Obama's American Jobs Act. The bill would expand employment opportunities for our veterans by creating Hiring Heroes and Wounded Warriors tax credits to encourage businesses to hire returning service members and those with service-related disabilities. It also incorporates proposals to boost hiring for veterans and provide them with the training they need to find a job in civilian life.

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell In Observance of Veterans Day

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement in recognition of Veterans Day. The holiday will be observed on Friday, November 11.

"Today, we honor the commitment, sacrifice and service of our veterans who risked their lives to protect America and the freedoms we cherish. We owe our country's safety and its liberties to their courage. As we remember our veterans, we also honor the brave men and women who are currently serving in our armed forces. Our thoughts and prayers are with those left behind by our soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by giving their lives in the line of duty.

On this Veterans Day, let us recommit ourselves to honoring the memory and service of America's veterans. Truly honoring those who've served and are currently serving is about more than just words. It's about how we honor the men and women who gave their lives to defend our freedom and how we treat our service members and veterans every single day of the year. We must make sure that our veterans and our service members have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving them as well as they've served the United States of America.

As many of us spend this Veterans Day weekend with our families and loved ones, let us not forget what this time is truly about, paying special tribute to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve our safety and security. Let us never forget that we have the precious gift of freedom because of the dedication and courage of those who serve and have served."

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on Jefferson County's Decision to File for Chapter Nine Bankruptcy

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Sewell issued the following statement after the Jefferson County Commission voted to file for Chapter Nine Bankruptcy:

"Today, the Jefferson County Commission voted collectively to come to a resolution so that Jefferson County can move forward from this difficult situation. There are no easy solutions to the dire sewer debt crisis and the Jefferson County Commission was faced with a very tough decision. Like many, I had hoped that this situation would not result in a default. Our concern must be for the effect on the people we represent. I know that the Jefferson County Commission came to the decision they believe is in the best interests of Jefferson County. In these trying economic times, cities and counties in the State of Alabama and across this nation are feeling the economic pain. Many have been forced to rethink and reevaluate their financial priorities and fiscal obligations. I believe that by working together Jefferson County will emerge from this challenge stronger and more economically viable. As a Member of Congress and Representative of the 7th Congressional District which includes Jefferson County, I will continue to work hard every day to strengthen economic development and promote policies that will help local governments, businesses and families succeed."

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Announcement that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Has Awarded \$1 Million to Build an Affordable Housing Development in Selma

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the announcement that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta has awarded a \$1 million grant to an affordable housing development in Selma:

"I applaud the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta for awarding the Woodbine Community Organization \$1 million to develop housing development for low-income seniors in Selma. Having access to affordable housing is important for so many people across the 7th Congressional District. It is critically important that seniors in the Black Belt have access to clean, safe and affordable housing, and this new development will be a vital component of ensuring that," said Rep. Sewell.

The grant was awarded through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The Bank has committed \$4.9 million in low-cost funds to support community economic and affordable housing initiatives in Alabama. The Woodbine Community Organization, a non-profit organization that specializes in housing solutions, financial counseling and community revitalization, will use the funds for the Hallmark Selma project, which will be a 56-unit development targeted to low-income seniors in Selma, AL.

Recent Grant Awards

- November 9, 2011 USDA Announces Seedco Financial Services, Inc. receives: \$250,000 USDA loan; \$62,500 USDA grant to capitalize a rural microloan revolving fund to make loans to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in the targeted, high-poverty counties of Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Limestone, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox.
- October 28, 2011 USDA Announces Economic Development Funding for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund: \$191,504 grant to provide technical assistance, training and other business development services to minority farmers, ranchers, fisherman and rural communities throughout Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to help develop new cooperatives and credit unions.
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$13,785 for Hidden History of the Moundville Plaza, Hale County to the University of Alabama
- October, 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,340 for Red Mountain Greenway & Recreational Area Commission for Red Mountain Park Archaeology Program, Jefferson County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,785 for the Fort Tombecbe Archaeological Project, Sumter County to the University of West Alabama
- October, 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute for Operations Support, Dallas County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for the Concord Cemetery Association for Concord Cemetery Preservation Project, Hale County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for Liberty Cemetery April 27 Tornado Recovery, Hale County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for Oak Hill Memorial Association for Oak Hill Cemetery Restoration Project, Jefferson County

- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for Bryce Hospital Cemetery Ground Penetrating Radar, Tuscaloosa County
- **October , 2011** Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to Auburn University Foundation for Rural Studio for Chantilly House Restoration, Hale County
- October, 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$5,170 to Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark for Sloss Boiler Roofs Preservation Project, Jefferson County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to Birmingham Landmarks, Inc. \$15,880 for the roof for the Alabama Theatre, Jefferson County
- October, 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Vulcan Park Foundation \$15,880 for Vulcan Interior Tower Preservation and Restoration, Jefferson County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the Sumter County Historical Society for the Cedarwood Historic Restoration, Sumter County
- October , 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$11,935 to Dale Lodge #251847 Lodge Restoration, Wilcox County
- October, 2011 Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$9,530 to the University of Alabama for Historic Buildings Survey of Bayview, Jefferson County
- October 5, 2011 Clarke County Coffeeville Utilities Board USDA loan of \$559,000 and award of \$399,000 for water system improvements
- October 5, 2011 Clarke County City of Thomasville USDA loan of \$3,500,000 and award of \$1,500,000 for water system improvements
- October 4, 2011 Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$200,000 in Rural Development Funding for Sumter and Greene Counties USDA award for rural development projects.

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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 <u>www.grants.gov</u>. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: <u>http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp</u>
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <u>http://foundationcenter.org/</u>. 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

Economic Development Administration

Program:	NEW - FY 2012 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs Opportunity
Description:	EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Specifically, under the FFO, EDA will consider construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Under the FY 2012 FFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions.
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Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBlP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131493 &mode=VIEW

Institute for Museum and Library Services

Program: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

Description: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture are intended to enhance institutional capacity and sustainability through professional training, technical assistance, internships, outside expertise, and other tools. Successful proposals will focus on one or more of the following three goals: (1) developing or strengthening knowledge, skills, and other expertise of current staff at African American museums; (2) attracting and retaining professionals with the skills needed to strengthen African American museums; and (3) attracting new staff to African American museum practice and providing them with the expertise needed to sustain them in the museum field. The deadline is January 17, 2012.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG <u>RnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-</u> 1135953825?oppId=129433&mode=VIEW

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program:	NEW - ROSES 2011: Living with a Star Targeted Research and Technology
Description:	This NASA Research Announcement (NRA) solicits proposals for supporting basic and applied research and technology across a broad range of Earth and space science program elements relevant to one or more of the following NASA Research Programs: Earth Science, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, and Astrophysics.
Website:	

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!-64218969?oppId=131795&mode=VIEW

National Endowment for the Arts

Program:	NEW - NEA Your Town Program Solicitation, FY2012
Description:	The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to coordinate all Your Town activities nationally. Your Town aims to enhance the quality of life and economic viability of rural areas primarily through workshops where community participants address specific planning and design issues with experts in the planning, design, and related fields.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBIP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131674&mode=VIEW

Program:	NEA Literature Fellowships: Poetry, FY2013
Description:	The Arts Endowment's support of a project may begin any time between January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014, and extend for up

to two years. Grant Program Description: The NEA Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable the recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6 DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130713&mode=VIEW

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program:	Summer Seminars and Institutes
Description:	These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university
	teachers. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3VTqTGTW00GTyF2w2jbStGqn1s3 6pLs3mf3cqD2TMJpj4ypp5kJv!1890905838?oppId=130496&mode=VIEW

Program:	Landmarks of American History and Culture
Description:	The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and other related subjects in the humanities. The deadline is March 1, 2012.
Website:	
http://www.grant	s.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6 DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!- 1890905838?oppId=130495&mode=VIEW

National Science Foundation

Program:	NEW - Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry
Description:	Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) promotes university-industry partnerships by making project funds or fellowships/traineeships available to support an eclectic mix of industry-university linkages.
Website:	
http://www.grants.go	v/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBlP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131474 &mode=VIEW

Program: NEW - Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers Program

Description:	The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC)
	program develops long-term partnerships among industry,
	academe, and government. The centers are catalyzed by a small
	investment from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and are
	primarily supported by industry center members, with NSF taking
	a supporting role in the development and evolution of the center.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBlP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!-64218969?oppId=131673&mode=VIEW

Program:	NSF Informal Science Education Grants
Description:	"Informal" science education (ISE) experiences are those that occur outside formal school settings. Americans spend more than 80% of lifetime waking hours outside schools, and potentially have access to a vast array of learning resources, experiences and educators. The deadline is January 12, 2012.

Website:

http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=97569.0.0.37934

Program: Partnerships for Innovation

Description: National prosperity today is more dependent on research and technology advances and since the product development cycle in all industrial sectors is more rapid than before, NSF's role of supporting discovery research across all fields of science and engineering is closer and more relevant to economic development at this time than at any time in our past. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6 DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130593&mode=VIEW

Program:	Smart Health and Wellbeing
Description:	Through the Smart Health and Wellbeing (SHB) Program, NSF seeks to address fundamental technical and scientific issues that would support much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on wellbeing rather than disease. The deadline is February 6, 2012.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLBy zM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!1135953825?oppId=130533&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program:	NEW - 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant
Description:	The U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Technology Marketing Unit, located at the Forest Products Laboratory, requests proposals for wood energy projects that require engineering services. These projects will use woody biomass, such as material removed from forest restoration activities, wildfire hazardous fuel treatments, insect and disease mitigation, forest management due to catastrophic weather events, and/or thinning overstocked stands.
Website:	
http://www.grants.;	gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBlP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!- 64218969?oppId=130235&mode=VIEW

Program:	Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers
Description:	This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to compete for financial assistance through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Guide to Grants Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program (OASDFR). This program will assist community-based organizations, higher education institutions and eligible tribal entities in providing outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The deadline is December 21, 2011.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=J53JTFQV4vr0mmcsPTwnTD1snkw k2j1hYSGSQDJPHcsDhB11JfpV!-1135953825?oppId=131193&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Education

Program:	NEW - High School Equivalency Program
Description:	The purposes of HEP are to help migrant and seasonal farm workers and members of their immediate family: (1) Obtain a General Education Diploma (GED) that meets the guidelines for high school equivalency established by the state in which the HEP project is conducted, and (2) Gain employment or be placed in an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training. The deadline is January 18, 2012.
Website:	http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/201
Program:	NEW - College Assistance Migrant Program
Description:	The purpose of CAMP is to provide academic and financial support to help migrant and seasonal farm workers and their children complete their first year of college and continue in postsecondary education. The deadline is January 18, 2012.
Website:	http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/200

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: NEW - Rural Policy Analysis Program

Description: This funding opportunity announcement solicits applications for the Rural Policy Analysis Program. The purpose of this program is to support research and analysis of key policy issues affecting rural communities to inform policy makers. The program is national in scope and looks at cross-cutting rural health and human services issues in order to identify trends and challenges.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCM BIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!-64218969?oppId=130994&mode=VIEW

Program:	Health Care Innovation Challenge
Description:	This initiative will fund applicants who propose compelling new models of service delivery/payment improvements that hold the promise of delivering the three-part aim of better health, better health care, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees. The deadline is January 27, 2012.
Website:	

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLBy zM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!-1135953825?oppId=130614&mode=VIEW

Program:	Area Health Education Centers
Description:	The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs consist of interdisciplinary, community-based, primary care training programs wherein academic and community-based leaders work to improve the distribution, diversity, supply, and quality of health personnel, particularly primary care personnel in the health care services delivery system and more specifically in delivery sites in rural and other underserved areas. The deadline is February 12, 2012.
Website:	

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1s94TGdNY3DVjpb3jDB26JKKLBy zM1Q0Tv1nt96r6tv6xnPFRyfy!1135953825?oppId=130613&mod e=VIEW

Program:	Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)
Description:	This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research on the implications of exogenous shocks, such as those produced by the recent economic downturn, for health, economic circumstances, and planning throughout the life-cycle.
Website:	
http://www.grants	s.gov/search/search.do:isessionid=vOsWT66H61di6WsOVOms4vnOK

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQK <u>GRtLQ3bTKgPWWTIQTXfmnfQgqWz!-</u> <u>1135953825?oppId=130134&mode=VIEW</u>

U.S. Department of State

Program:	NEW - Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders on U.S. History and Government
Description:	The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of six (6) studies of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders on U.S. History and Government. The deadline is January 13, 2012.

Website:

http://exchanges.state.gov/media/pdfs/rfgps/fy12-wha-student-leaders-rfgp.pdf

Program:

NEW - Youth Leadership Program with Algeria

Description: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Youth Leadership Program with Algeria.

Website:

http://exchanges.state.gov/media/pdfs/rfgps/algeria-rfgp-final-formatted.pdf

Program:	NEW - The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program: Host Family and School Placement and Monitoring
Description:	The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) program seeks to promote mutual understanding between the United States and the countries of Eurasia by providing secondary school students from the region the opportunity to live in American society for an academic year. The deadline is December 22, 2011.

Website:

http://exchanges.state.gov/media/pdfs/rfgps/fy12_flex_rfgp_final.pdf

Program:	NEW - Study of the U.S. Institutes for Women Student Leaders on Women's Leadership
Description:	Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions from accredited U.S. colleges and universities for the design and implementation of two studies of the United States Institutes for Women Student Leaders on Women's Leadership. The deadline is December 30, 2011.
Website:	

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yQsWT66H61dj6WsQVQms4ynQK <u>GRtLQ3bTKgPWWTlQTXfmnfQgqWz!-</u> <u>1135953825?oppId=130013&mode=VIEW</u>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program:

NEW - Urban Waters Small Grants

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Guide to Grants **Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for projects that will contribute to improved water quality in urban areas. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqsCMBlP1 By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131634&mode=VIEW

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program:	NEW - Mary Kay Foundation Invites Research Applications for Cancers Affecting Women
Description:	The Mary Kay Foundation, a funding source for cancer research, is accepting applications for innovative grants for translational research on ovarian, uterine, breast, or cervical cancer. Only one grant application will be accepted from each accredited medical school and schools of public health. The program will offer between ten to fifteen grants of up to \$100,000 each (combined direct and indirect costs) for a research period of two years.
Website:	

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=361200043

Program:	NEW - Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Invites Entries from Creative Teens
Description:	The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers dedicated to recognizin the most talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada, has launched its call for entries for the 2012 Scholastic A & Writing Awards. Creative teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit work in twenty-eight categories of art and writing, including film and animation, video game design, sculpture,
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photography, fashion design, poetry, journalism, humor, dramatic script, and science fiction.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=GTQLWXM3T34TJLAQB Q4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=356600020

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Program:	NEW - Sodexo Foundation Announces Application Period for 2012 Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships
Description:	STOP Hunger Scholarships recognize students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative solutions to eliminate hunger in the United States. The scholarships support the education of young people who are working to end hunger in communities across the country and draw attention to the innovative and effective solutions that they are implementing toward ending hunger in their lifetime. The deadline is December 5, 2011.
Website:	http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=357100010
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Program:	Gates Millennium Undergraduate Scholars Program
Description:	For students entering college for the first time in the fall 2012, the <u>GMS 2012 Scholarship Application</u> online process is now open. GMS will select 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. EST.
Website:	http://www.gmsp.org
Program:	Microsoft Scholarship Program
Description:	A Microsoft scholarship provides a leg up so you can pursue undergraduate studies in computer science and related technical
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disciplines. Microsoft is offering four different types of technical scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic years to current undergraduate students: General Scholarships, Women's Scholarships, Minority Scholarships, and Scholarships for Students with Disabilities. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

Website:

http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/internships-scholarships.aspx

Program:	2012 FFA Scholarships Now Available
Description:	Each year the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. The 2012 Scholarship application is available online from November 15, 2011 to 5:00 p.m. EST February 15, 2012.
Website:	

https://www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx

Program:	Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation
Description:	Each year the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation grants scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. Each year the number of available scholarship awards is directly related to income received from investments. Forty (40) awards of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) will be available in 2012. The \$1,500.00 awards are for one year only. The deadline is January 14, 2012.
Website:	http://www.taisf.org/scholar.htm
Program:	Summer Research Diversity Fellowships in Law and Social

Description: The American Bar Foundation sponsors a program of summer research fellowships to interest undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. The summer program is designed to introduce students to the rewards and demands of a research-oriented career in the field of law and social science. The deadline is February 15, 2012.

Website:

http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/SummerResear chDiversityFellowshipsinLawandSocialScience.html

Scholarship Websites:

Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Website: <u>http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/</u>

Fast Web Website: <u>http://www.fastweb.com/</u>

Merit Aid

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

Student Aid Programs Website: http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm

Alabama Scholarships

Website: http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-bystate/alabama-scholarships/

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

Alabama Student Assistance Program Website: <u>http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp</u>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities Website: <u>http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html</u>

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program Website: <u>http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm</u>

College Scholarships.org

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Section V RESOURCES

Book Bonanza for the Black Belt

Are you a school librarian in the Black Belt region of Alabama? Do you want to receive over \$1000 worth of FREE new books for your library collection? Participate in the SLIS Book Bonanza for the Black Belt program and free books could be filling your shelves very soon!

Apply by December 2nd, 2011 to Dr. Jamie C. Naidoo at <u>jcnaidoo@slis.ua.edu</u> with the following information:

- □ Name of School Librarian and Contact Information (including phone number and email)
- \Box Name of School
- □ School Enrollment
- \Box Grade Levels Served by the School
- □ Size of Current School Library Collection
- □ Average Date of Books in the Library's Collection
- Critical Need Book Type: Picture Book, Novel, Informational
- □ Indicate If the Library Serves Spanish-Speaking Students (include enrollment information)
- □ Explain Why Your School Library Should Be Chosen

Please be sure to put "Book Bonanza" in the email

U.S. Department of Transportation Selects Seedco Financial to Provide Small Business Loans

Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital under this Program U.S. Department of Transportation Selects Seedco Financial to Provide Small Business Loans

- Seedco Financial in Alabama Selected as Partner to Provide Short-Term Loans
- Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program
- Loans Up to \$750,000 to Qualified Small Businesses

Website: http://www.seedcofinancial.org/press-releases/?id=642

National Call Center for Veterans

The VA has founded a National Call Center for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, that provides free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. Call 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838) or Chat Live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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 Incentives: Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division developed the Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program to increase the availability and use of biodiesel blends in school buses and state fleet vehicles.

Website: <u>http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C17/ATF/default.aspx</u>

Alabama Incentives: Biofuel Production Facility Tax Credit

Companies that invest in the development of a biofuel production facility may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 5% of the capital costs of the project. Companies may claim this credit against the state income tax or the financial institution excise tax liability that the project generates each year for up to 20 years. For the purposes of the credit, biofuel is defined as a motor vehicle fuel that is produced from grain, starch, oilseeds, vegetable, algae, animal, or fish materials including fats, greases and oils, sugarcane, sugar beets, sugar components, tobacco, potatoes, and lignocellulosic or other biomass.

 Website:
 http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/laws/laws/AL

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. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. 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

www.alabamasaves.com

Alabama Capital Access Program; Alabama Loan Guarantee Program; and the Alabama Loan Participation Program

The State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall. Alabama officials are expected to use the grant money to help create new private

sector jobs and spur additional small-businesses lending in that state. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will manage the grants.

Website:

http://www.examiner.com/political-buzz-in-birmingham/feds-offer-alabama-help-using-grants

http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sb-programs/Pages/ssbci.aspx

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

Alabama homeowners who have been declared eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits may apply. To qualify, applicants must have a total annual household income of less than \$75,740, and the unpaid principal balance on their home's mortgages must be less than \$258,690. Due to the overwhelming response Hardest Hit has received, please allow up to 6 weeks for Processing of your application. Storm victims who have been unable to return to work following the April tornadoes may be eligible for increased assistance of up to 18 consecutive monthly payments, or \$25,000, through Hardest Hit Alabama.

Website: http://www.hardesthitalabama.com/

http://www.hardesthitalabama.com/faqsHHA.html Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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 - <u>http://nacolg.com/</u>

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 - <u>http://www.earpdc.org/</u>

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 - <u>http://scadc.state.al.us/</u>

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 - <u>http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm</u>

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 - <u>http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm</u>

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/

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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 - <u>http://www.lrcog.com/</u>

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 - <u>http://www.narcog.org/</u>

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

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Phone: 334-264-6223 Contact: Carol W. Butler, President Website: <u>www.aacfinfo.org</u>

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: <u>www.communityendowment.com</u>

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

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: <u>etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org</u> For general information: <u>info@yourcommunityfirst.org</u> Website: <u>http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org</u>/

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.cacfinfo.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: <u>www.eccfinfo.org</u>

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: <u>knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org</u> For general information: <u>info@foundationbirmingham.org</u> Website: <u>http://www.foundationbirmingham.org</u>

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

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
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer
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: <u>www.sacfinfo.org</u>

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: <u>CFOWA@bellsouth.net</u> Website: <u>http://thecfwa.org/</u>

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: <u>http://www.wacf.org</u>