

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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Recent News

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Representatives Sewell and Cassidy Place Friendly Bi-partisan Wager on the Top Collegiate Football Game of the Season

[#1 LSU vs. #2 Alabama] (2011)

Washington, DC – As the top two ranked college football teams in the nation, #1 LSU and #2 Alabama, prepare to play each other this Saturday night at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL, U.S. Representatives Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) are making a friendly wager on which team will win the most highly anticipated college football game of the year.

If the Alabama Crimson Tide wins, Congressman Cassidy will wear a University of Alabama tie on the first day Congress is in session following the game and will provide Congresswoman Sewell's staff with crawfish from Louisiana's largest seafood market, Tony's Seafood, located in Baton Rouge, LA.

If the LSU Tigers win, Congresswoman Sewell will wear an LSU scarf on the first day Congress is in session following the game and will provide Congressman Cassidy's staff with ribs from the famed Dreamland Barbeque located in Tuscaloosa, AL.

"This weekend Alabama hosts LSU at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL. While LSU is ranked only slightly higher, my Crimson Tide boasts the toughest defense in the nation and we intend to overtake the Tigers for the top ranking in college football," said Congresswoman Sewell. "The only thing sweeter than an Alabama victory is seeing Congressman Cassidy deliver the crawfish to my office while donning a University of Alabama tie. However, if the football gods intervene and change the course of fate this weekend, I will provide Congressman Cassidy with Dreamland Barbeque ribs made in their special sauce and wear an LSU scarf. It is too bad that Congressman Cassidy will never get to taste Alabama's delicious ribs. Roll Tide!!!"

"I thank the Congresswoman in advance for buying ribs after LSU's victory," said Congressman Cassidy.

Alabama vs. LSU is set for Saturday November 5 at 8 pm EST on CBS.

Congresswoman Sewell Signs on to Letter to Secretaries of State on Voting Rights

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) joined her Democratic colleagues in the House of Representatives in signing a letter that will be sent to all Secretaries of State expressing concerns that election legislation and the administration of elections have recently become more subject to partisanship in an effort to gain a political edge. The letter asks the Secretaries of State to put partisan considerations aside and serve as advocates for full voting rights for all.

"The voter ID legislation being passed in Alabama and states across this country discourages and delays full voter participation. Voter ID laws have a disproportionate and unfair impact on low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minority voters, senior citizens, voters with disabilities and others. It is our obligation as legislators to work to ensure that all American citizens are given the opportunity to express their opinions by using the ballot box. The government should be in the business of encouraging not discouraging voters. In protecting my constituents in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, I will continue to work vigilantly to ensure that state voter ID laws truly protect and not suppress our voters," said Rep. Sewell.

A copy of the letter is below:		
Dear Secretary		

We are writing to you to express our collective concern that the bipartisan consensus and partnership between all levels of government, which for decades has been a central principle of election administration, is deteriorating.

Beginning with the passage of the Voting Rights Act, Congress and election officials across the country have worked on a bipartisan basis to open our democracy to all our citizens. Removing unnecessary barriers to voting was a cause shared across party lines. Sometimes, these efforts were directed at laws and practices that were intentionally created to deny citizens their right to vote. Other times, the laws or practices were relics of a prior era and served no continuing purpose.

As a result of these efforts, the franchise was effectively extended to all our citizens. Age, race, disability, language and military service were no longer impediments to voting. Outdated voting equipment, inaccessible voting sites and living abroad no longer deprived individuals of their right to vote. And these changes were made while putting into place safeguards against fraud.

No progress would have been possible without bipartisan support. There was a shared view that seeking partisan advantage at the expense of fellow citizens' voting rights was fundamentally wrong. It diminished our democracy and undermined its legitimacy.

But a disturbing trend is emerging. Election legislation and administration appear to be increasingly the product of partisan plays. Election officials are seen as partisan combatants, rather than stewards of our democracy. It is critical for our democracy that this does not continue. Voting hours, voting sites, identification requirements, voter registration regulation and access to mail ballots should not be used as weapons to achieve a preferred electoral outcome.

We are asking you, as front line participants in this process, to put partisan considerations aside and serve as advocates for enfranchisement. Critical to your role is the fair presentation and evaluation of the costs and benefits associated with any proposed change in election administration. We ask that you be vigilant in protecting against fraud but equally vigilant in protecting the franchise for all our citizens. History has taught us that our democracy has suffered far more from elected officials who chose to deny some of our citizens the opportunity to vote than from any other cause. There is no greater threat to our democracy than a diminished belief that the rules are fair and fairly administered.

Whether it is an elderly woman unable to locate her birth certificate for purposes of establishing her U.S. citizenship on election day or a college student whose school-issued identification is not among the IDs deemed acceptable for voting or a disabled veteran whose local polling place has not yet been made accessible, public officials on all levels of government should be striving to facilitate their right to vote, not make it more difficult.

We stand willing and ready to work in a bipartisan manner with our Republican counterparts in the U.S. Congress, as well as with state and local officials across the country, to guarantee to every citizen the right to vote and the certainty that every citizen's vote will be counted.

Sincerely,

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Court Approval of the Settlement of the Black Farmers Lawsuit

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement about the court approval of the \$1.25 billion settlement of the black farmers case:

"I am delighted to hear of the federal court's approval of the settlement in the black farmers case. For decades, black farmers were unjustly denied farm loans and subjected to longer waits for loan approval. With this ruling, we move one step closer to closing an unfortunate chapter in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's civil rights history.

This settlement is important to so many farmers in the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, and will provide an infusion of funds into some of the poorest areas of this nation. This process has taken far too long and these farmers deserve justice now. As we move forward with the fair and equitable distribution of this money, it is my hope that the affected farmers and their families will promptly be made whole."

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Announcement that DaVita Dialysis Has Been Approved to Build a New Dialysis Center in Marion

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement in response to the announcement that DaVita Dialysis has been approved by the State of Alabama to open a dialysis center in Marion, Alabama:

"I am delighted to hear that DaVita Dialysis has been approved to build a dialysis center in Marion. The work that DaVita Dialysis does is so important to the lives of so many families in the 7th Congressional District. It is critically important that my constituents in the Black Belt and all across my district have access to dialysis services, and DaVita is a vital component of ensuring that. Their nine centers in my district serve more than 700 people, and enable them to maintain their lives. This new center in Marion will help DaVita reach even more of my constituents who need access to their much needed dialysis services.

Every person in Alabama and America deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare, whether you live in a city or a small town. I am honored to be a part of a partnership that is going to help strengthen access to and delivery of healthcare in the 7th Congressional District."

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on Mercedes-Benz Addition of Fifth Model to Vance Plant

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement regarding Mercedes-Benz announcement to build a fifth model at the Alabama plant in Tuscaloosa County:

"It is exciting that Mercedes Benz is adding a fifth model to its plant in Vance. This \$350 million dollar investment into Alabama's economy will create 400 new jobs. The new model, coupled with the launch of the C-Class sedan in 2014 will bring a total of 1,400 new jobs to the 7th Congressional District. For 18 years, Mercedes-Benz has maintained a strong manufacturing presence in Alabama and is a source of jobs for thousands of employees and suppliers within the 7th Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

It is great news that Mercedes-Benz will continue to make critical investments in our local economy. I applaud the company for its innovation and continued efforts to create jobs and strengthen economic development in Alabama."

According to the project description, these investments will total \$2.4 billion that will be invested into the economy. The Mercedes-Benz plant is located in Vance, AL in Tuscaloosa County.

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial

WASHINGTON, DC – Today. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement today after the dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial:

"The Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial stands as a reminder of the sacrifices that he and other freedom fighters made to make our nation a place free from racism and hatred. Dr. King's values and work in the face of hostility, apathy, and ingrained prejudices remind us that when one person is willing to speak up against injustice and inequality, they can change the world. The story of the 7th District, State of Alabama and this nation cannot be told without remembering Dr. King, whose vision and courage created a path toward liberty and equality for all Americans. We should all carry his lessons of bravery, inspiration, and fortitude with us.

Dr. King's struggle for civil rights and his march for equality marked a turning point in American history, an extraordinary step forward in the fight for civil rights. It is a true testament to the impact that Dr. King's work in the name of equality has had on this country that the first African American President of the United States was among those who took part in today's memorial dedication.

As we honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and dedicate his memorial, we not only commemorate the memory and mission, vision and values, of one of America's greatest leaders, but also we recommit ourselves to the ideas of freedom, equality and fairness for all people. Let his memorial stand as a reminder that there is much more that unites us as Americans than divides us."

Recent Grant Awards

- 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
- **September 30, 2011 -** Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$ 5,239,571 in Funding for Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport FAA award DOT
- **September 28, 2011** Miles College Community Development DHHS award of \$522,068.00 for urban and economic development projects
- **September 27, 2011 -** Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$2,702,213 in Funding for Tuscaloosa Regional Airport FAA award DOT

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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

Community Development Financial Institutions

Program: NEW - FY 2012 CDFI Program - Financial Assistance &

Technical Assistance Awards

Description: Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides: (i) Financial

Assistance (FA) awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive

Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or

Other Targeted Populations.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129833&mode=VIEW

Institute for Museum and Library Services

Program: NEW - 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.

Website:

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: National Arts Initiative Invites Letters of Inquiry for Art-

Centered Community Development Projects

Description: Eleven private philanthropies have joined with the National

Endowment for the Arts and a number of federal agencies to establish ArtPlace, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization with a new investment model that puts the arts at the center of economic development. Each project supported by ArtPlace was selected for developing a new model of helping communities thrive by strategically integrating artists and arts organizations into key local efforts in transportation, housing,

community development, job creation, and other areas.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=357900029

Program: Big Read Invites Applications for Community-Wide Reading

Programs

Description: The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts

in partnership with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of

literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading

programs between September 2012 and June 2013.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=358100026

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: NEW - America's Media Makers

Description: The Division of Public Programs offers support for a wide range of

public humanities programs that engage citizens in thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity and history. Projects must be well-grounded in scholarship and illuminate ideas and insights central to the humanities. Grants for America's Media Makers support projects in a range of formats, including interactive digital media and radio and television programs that engage the public in the humanities that and explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to

deepen our understanding of our lives and our world.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129115&mode=VIEW

Program: NEW - Challenge Grants for Two-Year Colleges

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities invites two-year

colleges to apply in a special Challenge Grant competition to strengthen their long-term humanities programs and resources.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG

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1135953825?oppId=129473&mode=VIEW

Program: NEW - America's Historical and Cultural Organizations

Description: NEH offers two categories of grants for America's Historical and

Cultural Organizations: planning and implementation grants. Planning grants are available for projects that may need further development before applying for implementation. This planning can include the identification and refinement of the project's main humanities ideas and questions, consultation with scholars, preliminary audience evaluation, preliminary design of the proposed interpretive formats, beta testing of digital formats, development of complementary programming, research, or the

drafting of interpretive materials.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129114&mode=VIEW

National Science Foundation

Program: NEW - Science, Technology, and Society

Description: STS considers proposals for scientific research into the interface

between science (including engineering) or technology, and society. STS researchers use diverse methods including social

science, historical, and philosophical methods.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG

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Program: NEW - Law & Social Sciences

Description: The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that

address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The program is inherently interdisciplinary and multimethodological. Successful proposals describe research that advances scientific theory and understanding of the connections

between law or legal processes and human behavior.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129374&mode=VIEW

Program: NEW - Materials Processing and Manufacturing

Description: These engineering grants are for the MPM program that supports

fundamental, hypothesis-driven research on the interrelationship of

materials processing, structure, properties, performance and

process control.

Website:

http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=129737

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: Agricultural Career and Employment Grants Program (ACE)

Description: The ACE grants program is intended to improve the supply of

skilled agricultural workers and bring greater stability to the workforce in this sector. This stability will be realized through services specifically designed to assist farmworkers in securing, retaining, upgrading or returning from agricultural jobs. Such services include the following: • agricultural labor skills

development; • the provision of agricultural labor market

information; • transportation; • short-term housing while in transit to an agricultural worksite; • workplace literacy and assistance with English as a second language; • health and safety instruction, including ways of safeguarding the food supply of the United States; and • other such services the Secretary deems appropriate.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SbL7TyDJfBbq8zhwy7LbG4GmDn1

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Program: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Description: The U.S. agricultural population is poised to make a dramatic

change - half of all current farmers are likely to retire in the next decade. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the average age of farm operators was 57 years. Farmers over the age 55 own more than half the farmland in the U.S. But the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 is increasing, as does the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. A similar trend is evident for tree farmers nationwide. To address the needs of this changing generation, USDA allocates \$17.2 million to fund a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP).

The deadline is November 22, 2011.

Website:

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/beginningfarmerandrancher.cfm

Program: NEW - Specialty Crop Research Initiative

Description: The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) was established to

solve critical industry issues through research and extension activities. SCRI will give priority to projects that are multistate, multi-institutional, or trans-disciplinary; and include explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers and the public.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129274&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: NEW - National Sea Grant Library

Description: NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National

Sea Grant College Program invites applications to establish or continue a National Sea Grant Library beginning in FY 2012. Anticipated start date is March 1, 2012. Applicants should provide a two-year grant proposal for a National Sea Grant Library that will be part of the larger National Sea Grant network, a partnership between the federal government and

universities.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129695&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: NEW - Diabetes Research Training for Behavioral Scientists

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Description: To foster the development of a diverse and highly trained

workforce of behavioral scientists to assume leadership roles related to the Nations research efforts in the area of type 1 diabetes, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) invite applications for the establishment of institutional research training programs to develop a cadre of diverse and highly trained behavioral scientists who will conduct research relevant to improved clinical management and quality of

life for patients with type 1 diabetes.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG RnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-

1135953825?oppId=129674&mode=VIEW

Program: Affordable Care Act Family-to-Family Health Information

Centers

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Affordable Care

Act Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) Program. F2F HICs were established by the Family Opportunity Act of 2005 (FOA) to provide information to parents of children with disabilities and special health needs. These family-staffed/run Centers assist families in making informed decisions about health

care in order to promote good treatment decisions, cost-

effectiveness, and improved health outcomes for such children.

Website:

Program: EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC)

Description: Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is

seeking proposals to support projects that aim to reach beyond state borders to overcome barriers to specialized pediatric medical and trauma services. Oftentimes, children are transported outside their community on an adhoc basis in which the choice to transport is made on an event-by-event basis. This grant looks to support efforts to establish policies and procedures that would develop and institute an organized, preplanned, pre-event process that is well prepared to locally manage or immediately transport the injured or

critically ill child without delay.

Website:

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U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: NEW-Avian Health and Disease Surveillance and Monitoring

Support in Region 4

Description: This announcement solicits proposals for the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service's (USFWS's) Southeast Avian Health and

Disease Program. In 2012, this program will provide small grants for the conservation of birds that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Proposals should address the geographic area that

includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas

and Caribbean (U.S. Territories).

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YG

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U.S. Department of State

Program: NEW - The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program: Host

Family and School Placement and Monitoring

Description: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces the

Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) program that 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. In turn, these students will expose U.S. citizens to the culture, traditions, and lifestyles of people in Eurasia. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) are invited to submit proposals to identify host schools; vet, select, and monitor host families; and place and monitor a portion of the students participating in the FLEX program during the 2012-13 academic

year.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TySTyvFtpq3gFhbt55Tm3P1h1YGRnG8vwhynyx2kLT0SPVQbWGM!-1135953825?oppId=129613&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: Every Day Counts Innovation Initiatives - Request for

Information

Description: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests

information from all sources regarding innovations that have the potential to transform the way we do business by shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and

protecting the environment.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RyDNTyjJFJrLXHkVhz0TjFzxQZQ GqsGn5F5yywFY47J6PGnn6T02!-1135953825?oppId=129073&mode=VIEW

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: Governors' Institute for Community Design, Request for

Proposals (RFP)

Description: The Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC) in U.S. EPA's

Office of Policy is seeking proposals to conduct research and studies, analyze state policies and programs and create and deliver technical assistance programs to state leadership that are facing air

and water pollution, land use and development challenges

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=zBx5TMRMzq821G2pL5Gy8FKTs8t

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Program: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields

Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law, P.L. 107-118) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites.

The deadline is November 28, 2011.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yvDSTDxYyhGS4ZPn1pPppn3rHTjk

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Program: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

Grants

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields

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1853425174?oppId=125173&mode=VIEW

Program: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Grants

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields

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1853425174?oppId=125253&mode=VIEW

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: State Energy Program – Small Business Energy-Efficient

Lighting Retrofits

Description: A small business, as defined by the U.S. Small Business

Administration, is one that is independently owned and operated, is organized for profit, and is not dominant in its field. The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient lighting improvements in small businesses located in Alabama. The deadline is extended

to November 18, 2011.

Website:

http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C9/RFP

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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

Description: To assist educators in moving students from "Failure To

Promise" in literacy, math, science, and/ or technology

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

Program: NEW - IRA Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant

Description: The International Reading Association will honor an outstanding

mainstream, elementary classroom teacher dedicated to improving

the teaching and learning of reading and writing across the curriculum in real world contexts in grades K-6 (ages 5-12).

Website: http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/192

Program: NEW - I CAN Learn Million Student Study Grant

Description: This grant is open to all schools (public, private, and charter) and

school districts who will commit to taking part in a first of its kind nationwide study on the effectiveness of the already proven I CAN

Learn math program.

Website: http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Corporate/196

Program: NEW - CRESH Grants

Description: Center For Research In Emotional And Social Health (CRESH)

grants are open to individuals and organizations that provide direct service to children and families, including teachers, schools, and school district personnel; community health providers; clinicians in private practice; and others in the health, human services, and educational fields. Grants are for Social-emotional Health

Intervention programs.

Website: http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/195

Program: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing

Program Announces Call for Applications

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing

program is designed to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program will provide scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who are enrolled in accelerated baccalaureate and master's nursing programs.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=359300019

Program: U.S. Soccer Foundation Opens Annual Grant Cycle for Youth

Soccer Programs

Description: The U.S. Soccer Foundation has opened its 2012 Annual Grant

Cycle. Since 1995, the foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects

designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. For the 2012 grant program, the foundation's highest priority is to support projects and programs that focus on soccer as a youth development tool in economically disadvantaged urban areas. Funds will be awarded through Field Building Grants

of up to \$200,000 each for the installation of field surfaces,

lighting, and irrigation, and Program Grants of up to \$50,000 each for player and team equipment and general program/operational

expenses.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRL AQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=358300015

Program: Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program Announces

Final Call for Facility Investment and Building Reserve Grant

Applications

Description: The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture program has announced

the final call for preliminary grant applications for its Facility Investments and Building Reserves program. Kresge is conducting

this final round of facility and building reserve grants as it continues to refine its overall investment strategy. Eligible

organizations may apply for both facility investment and building reserve grants, or building reserve grants only. Facility investment

grants will prioritize renovation and repair projects.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRL AQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=358300023

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Program: NEW - The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships

Description: The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships are open to

students (kindergarten through college graduate school) enrolled in accredited educational institutions in the United States. Applicants must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the

United States at least within the last 12 months.

Website: http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/188

Program: National Geographic Offers Student Expeditions Scholarships

for Summer 2012

Description: The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship

Program provides financial support to high school students who are seeking educational summer experiences they otherwise could not afford. The program seeks to provide opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds and to enhance the group dynamic and learning opportunities for everyone involved. The scholarship program generally considers students eligible if their parents'

combined income is less than \$50,000 and they have few other assets. International students are welcome to apply. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=YPFHRCEZFMNS5LAQB O4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=357100008

Scholarship Websites:

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

state/alabama-scholarships/

Scholarship Experts

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

Alabama Student Assistance Program

Website: http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp

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

Nominations Invited: 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Community Service

The <u>Institute of Museums and Library Services</u> is inviting supporters of outstanding museums and libraries to nominate their favorite institutions for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service.

Website:

http://www.imls.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/12_Instructions.pdf

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. Most grant programs have specific eligibility requirements and are often intended to provide funding for a particular operational area of your department. Careful grant planning and research will ensure that your police department's project meets any program requirements.

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: http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C17/ATF/default.aspx

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. To be eligible for the tax credit, the capital costs of the production facility must be at least \$2,000,000 if the facility is not located in a favored geographic area and \$500,000 if the facility is located in a favored geographic area. A favored geographic area is defined as an area or county that is designated as an enterprise zone or that the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations considers to be less developed.

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 - 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/searpdc/searpdc.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/

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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.aacfinfo.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.

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Elmore County Community Foundation

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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

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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: www.sacfinfo.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: <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: http://www.wacf.org