



# Guide to Grants

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell  
Proudly Representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District



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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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## Upcoming Events

You are Cordially Invited to Attend a  
“Congress in Your Community  
Town Hall Meeting”  
with  
Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell



**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Gees Bend Ferry Terminal & Nutrition Center  
11400 County Road 29, Boykin, AL**

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December 15, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Delay of Post Office Closures**

*U.S. Postal Service agrees to delay closing of any Post Office until May 1, 2012*

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell released the following statement on the United States Postal Service's (USPS) announcement that it has decided to delay closing or consolidating any Post Office or mailing facility until May 1, 2012.

“I was pleased to hear of the United States Postal Service's decision to delay the closing or consolidating any Post Offices or mailing facilities until next May. Ten Post Offices in the Seventh Congressional District and 52 across the State of Alabama were slated to close. Most of these scheduled closures are in rural areas, where access to alternative postal services is limited.

I understand that in these difficult economic times, we must all tighten our belts and there must be a shared sacrifice from everyone. However, we must ensure that the American public has access to reliable USPS services. I believe that closing Post Offices and severely hindering access to postal services in rural areas is the wrong way to go about postal reform.

The USPS's announcement of closure delays will ensure that my constituents and thousands of other communities across the State of Alabama and the nation will continue to have reliable, uninterrupted postal services. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and the USPS on responsible solutions that will continue to provide access to post offices for thousands of American communities and ensure the sustainability of the United States Postal Service.”

Earlier this year, approximately 3,700 post offices were targeted for closures by the USPS due to financial struggles, including mail volume declining and changing customer habits. The USPS planned to conduct studies on certain post offices to determine which facilities are subject to closure. After the announcement of closures, Congresswoman Sewell and some of her colleagues in Congress sent a letter to Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe expressing their concern over the potential closures and their importance to rural communities. Now that the deadline has been extended, this will ensure that the ten Post Offices in the Seventh Congressional District, 52 across the State of Alabama and approximately 3,700 across the nation slated for closure will remain open until at least May 1, 2012.

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December 13, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on H.R. 3630**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 3630:

“Today, I voted against H.R. 3630, a bill that would make drastic and harmful changes to the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The bill would make significant cuts to Medicare that would hurt our nation’s seniors. This bill also contains political and controversial language that should be discussed and debated in separate legislation.

Before Congress breaks for the year, we need to pass a bill that solely focuses on extending relief to unemployed workers and middle class Americans who are still suffering in this recovering economy. This is no time to play with the livelihood of millions of Americans.

Our voters sent us here to make their lives better, not more difficult. We were sent here to help create jobs, stimulate the economy and protect our most vulnerable. Accomplishing these goals require a willing and compromising spirit. The folks of the 7th district of Alabama want me to put people before politics and do what is in their best interest not partisan interest. The American people expect and deserve nothing less from us! We cannot go home for the holidays until we ensure that the blessings of this holiday season can be enjoyed by all.

I look forward to voting in favor of a clean bill that extends relief to unemployed workers and payroll tax cuts to middle class families.”

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

# Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF  
CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL

Dear Friend,

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

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

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

Warmly,

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

### Standing Up for Alabama Workers

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

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



### Protecting Our Seniors

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

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



### Helping Our Students

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

- Internships
- Financial Aid
- Military Academy Nominations



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

### Honoring America's Veterans

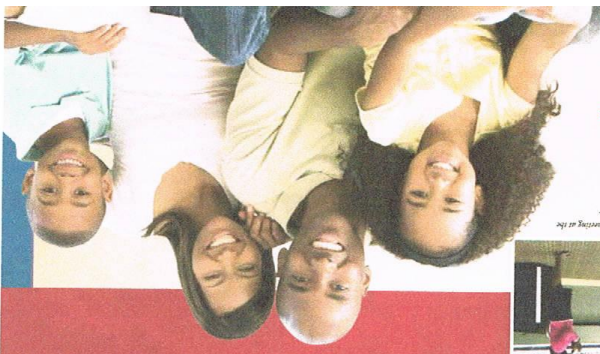
Congresswoman Sewell is a strong advocate for our veterans and will work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they have earned. She is working hard to help veterans and their families with:

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



Congresswoman Sewell visits with Alabama veterans.

For more information and to sign up for news, the e-newsletter and our grant guide, please visit [www.sewell.house.gov](http://www.sewell.house.gov)



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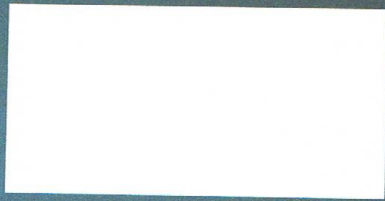


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**CASEWORK SUCCESS STORY:**

Frederick C. contacted our Tuscaloosa office because he was denied disability benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from his service in the Gulf War. He continued to file claims and appeals without resolution.

Congresswoman Sewell's office worked on his claim, helping Frederick receive a favorable decision for total and permanent disability. We helped him secure a retroactive check for over \$86,000.

Contact us today so we can help you.

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.”

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## Recent Grant Awards

- **December 15, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$500, 755.00 to the Jefferson County Commission (Jefferson County, Alabama) for the Ryan White Title III Outpatient EIS Program.
- **December 14, 2011** – International Paper announces \$56,800 in grants to twenty-six (26) Dallas County, Alabama schools and nonprofit organizations.
- **December 2, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$1,581,273.00 to Whatley Health Services for the Health Center Cluster program.
- **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 Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Limestone, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox counties.
- **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 - Coffeetown 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 [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### Institute for Museum and Library Services

**Program:** Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums

**Description:** The Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums are a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants program. These small grants encourage libraries, museums, and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. The deadline is February 1, 2011.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPfz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=132233&mode=VIEW>

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### National Endowment for the Arts

**Program:** NEA Our Town Guidelines, FY2012

**Description:** The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on September 1, 2012, or any time thereafter. A grant period of up to two years is allowed. Grant Program Description Art works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are engaging design and leveraging the arts to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and vibrant local economies that capitalize on existing local assets. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=MJ1dTXhFcY8f2JqzRGNz27c2hq714V5lsw2fGGVfklNCKLyppyTS!65310457?oppId=132434&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **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. The deadline is January 5, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SQhKTMbMkD3pFLh7mqSMBIP1By674LVkwVpGQby7QTMsmT6Vf4y!64218969?oppId=131674&mode=VIEW>

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **NEW - Small Grants to Libraries: America's Music**

**Description:** America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway is a six-week public program featuring documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions of twentieth-century American popular music. The six sessions focus on these uniquely American musical genres: blues and gospel, Broadway, jazz, bluegrass and country, rock n' roll, and mambo and hip hop. The deadline is March 14, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=y744TprZ1YmN32q5T2YGvHybvWrfmhDmhv5tvFwLKwhLvNTN1MGr!687519751?oppId=133393&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions**

**Description:** These grants support ancillary public humanities programs to accompany NEH on the Road traveling exhibitions. Typical formats involve lectures, reading and discussion programs, film discussion programs, Chautauqua presentations by scholars, family programs, exhibition tours, or other appropriate formats for reaching the general public. The deadline is December 27, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=133253>

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**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.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2y1BTGPXm2vyCjHtFQM0gZyzM6DGSTH7LGq4x1vqXlsDpwqnD3F1!-1890905838?oppId=130495&mode=VIEW>

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## **President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities**

**Program:** **2012 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards**

**Description:** The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the Nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. The deadline is January 30, 2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/202>

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

**Program:** **NEW - Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01)**

**Description:** Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4tXGTqLVJw0T21nbSXF1RZZSBF n2vGQwZVwQnLOKSgTd1hJkNRZp!687519751?oppld=134254 &mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program**

**Description:** The purpose of this Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program is to assist Sponsors of projects that receive Fund Reservation Awards pursuant to the FY 2010 NOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program, as amended to include FY 2011 appropriations, by providing pre-development grant funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning related expenses that are eligible for funding under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. The deadline is January 18, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fOrQTfWhJ1bpWfsrMQ1ksGpcvGW kppJySJnzv8ILRfpRGx8lp95F!65310457?oppId=132793&mode=VIEW>

**Program:** **Housing Counseling Program**

**Description:** This program supports the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. The primary objectives of the program are to improve financial literacy, expand homeownership opportunities, improve access to affordable housing and preserve homeownership. The deadline is January 12, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=plJWTXhpp3rX9JJGhXhfLxkykHqvC39tQ2G3ZnD5hGZNzV9I3bLs!65310457?oppId=132413&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Justice: Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**Program:** **NEW - BJA FY 12 Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) National Law Enforcement Survivor Support**

**Description:** Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), PSOB Office, and local, state, tribal, and federal public safety agencies and national organizations to provide Death, Disability, and Education Benefits to those eligible for the program. The deadline is February 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=133853>

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**Program:** **BJA FY 12 Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles**

**Description:** The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.3 million individuals serving time in our



federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. The deadline is March 2, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=132896>

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**Program:** **Second Chance Act Demonstration Field Experiment:  
Fostering Desistance through Effective Supervision**

**Description:** The Second Chance Act (SCA) of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. The Second Chance Act helps to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety. The deadline is February 23, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2S11TWWPfz2mhBVW9zHXLqKGgW74yTbPKwqcPcHtvp1cGFQtdNtL!-62778654?oppId=131994&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grants  
Program**

**Description:** The program supports and enhances the efforts of states and local jurisdictions to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. For the purpose of this solicitation, minors are defined as persons younger than 21 years old. Grant opens in January 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/3257154-Enforcing-Underage-Drinking-Laws-Block-Grants-Program/>

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## **U.S. Department of State**

**Program:** **NEW - Empowering Women and Girls through Sports**

**Description:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for Empowering Women and Girls through Sport Program. The deadline is 2/6/12

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9LGqTphFYGBDLZmpZwDzwGDb14HhLcq2Tzt8JDBLH1PZ7QSLJFC!687519751?oppId=133513&mode=VIEW>

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

**Program:** **NEW - Bikes Belong Coalition Offers Funding for Bicycle Facilities and Advocacy Projects**

**Description:** The Bikes Belong Coalition, a national coalition of bicycle retailers and suppliers working to put more people on bikes more often, offers grants to organizations that strive to improve bicycling in the United States through the building of trails and paths, or through promoting general bicycling advocacy and awareness. Eligible projects include paved bike paths, lanes, and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. The deadline is February 29, 2012.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363400013](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363400013)

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**Program:** **NEW - American Academy of Dermatology Invites Applications for Shade Structure Grant Program**

**Description:** The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant Program annually awards grants for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas used by children and teens. The

AAD also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure warning against the dangers of excessive sun exposure. Examples of outdoor locations that are eligible for grant funds include but are not limited to playgrounds, pool decks, ballfield dugouts, eating areas, etc. The deadline is January 2, 2012.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363800016](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363800016)

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**Program:** **NEW - National Film Preservation Foundation Announces Registration Deadline for Avant-Garde Masters Grants**

**Description:** The National Film Preservation Foundation is inviting applications for the Avant-Garde Masters Grants. Made possible through the support of the Film Foundation, the grants are intended to support nonprofit and public archives working to preserve significant examples of America's avant-garde film heritage. The deadline is January 30, 2012.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363800013](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363800013)

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**Program:** **NEW - Planet Connect Wildlife Conservation Youth Engagement Grants**

**Description:** Whether you're in a city, rural area or a suburb, wildlife is all around you. In many places, wildlife faces challenges. Are you a high school student with a creative idea for conserving and protecting wildlife and its habitat in your community? Planet Connect is offering high school students grants of \$1,000 to implement their problem-solving projects and participate in a local internship focused on wildlife conservation. This is for individuals 14-19 in a U.S. private, charter or home school. Deadline February 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.115.37934&tid=85010>

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**Program:** **NEW - Clif Bar Family Foundation**

**Description:** Clif Bar Family Foundation supports innovative small and mid-sized groups working to strengthen our food system and our communities, enhance public health, and safeguard our environment and natural resources. The deadline is February 15, 2011.

**Website:** <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/4562094-Clif-Bar-Family-Foundation/>

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**Program:** **2012 Wildlife Conservation Youth Engagement Grants**

**Description:** This opportunity is from the Planet Connect and National Environmental Education Foundation – The applicant must be 14-19 years old; be enrolled in a U.S. high school program (public, private, charter or home school); propose a project that is focused on wildlife conservation.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/203>

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**Program:** **NEW - Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

**Description:** Lowe's Toolbox for Education awards grants up to \$5,000 to non-profit public schools for projects that encourage parent involvement and build a stronger community. Only the first 1,500 applications per grant period are considered. Apply by February 17, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.115.37934&tid=85010>

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**Program:** **NEW - Public Lands Every Day Capacity Building Grants**

**Description:** Our nation's public lands need our support every day. With stretched budgets and limited staff, land managers at federal, state, city and local public lands need all the help they can get. That help

comes from volunteers, often in the form of “Friends Groups,” who partner with local parks and green spaces to support, promote and help maintain public lands. The deadline is January 13, 2011.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=86414.0.0.37934>

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## Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

**Program:** **NEW - Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green Launch Black Male Achievement Fellowship**

**Description:** The Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green have announced the Open Society Black Male Achievement Fellowship, a new program for individuals dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the United States.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363300019](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=UGKWQVH0LCTOPLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363300019)

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**Program:** **NEW - FY 2012 National Network for Environmental Management Studies (NNEMS) Fellowship Program**

**Description:** The National Network for Environmental Management (NNEMS) Fellowship Program is a comprehensive fellowship program that provides students the opportunity to increase their knowledge of environmental issues while participating in a fellowship project that is directly related to their field of study. The fellowships are organized among four key areas: Environmental Policy, Regulation and Law; Environmental Management and Administration; Environmental Science; and Public Relations and Communications.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9LGqTphFYGBDLZmpZwDzwGDb14HhLcq2Tztt8JDBLH1PZ7QSLJFC!687519751?oppId=133493&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program**

**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. Deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=99687.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Echoing Green Fellowship**

**Description:** This year, Echoing Green will award 12 to 20 two-year fellowships to entrepreneurs worldwide who are creating innovative social change organizations. Fellows receive seed funding (\$80,000 for individuals and \$90,000 for two-person partnerships) and technical support to turn their innovative ideas into sustainable social change organizations. The application deadline is noon on January 9, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=86177.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowships**

**Description:** Teaching fellowships are available in the areas of biology, mathematics and physical sciences to individuals who demonstrate exceptional content knowledge in the area they intend to teach, a commitment to teaching high school in U.S. schools, professional ability, and the potential for leadership. Apply by 5 p.m. January 11, 2012.

**Website:** <http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=85556.0.0.37934>

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### **Scholarship Websites:**

#### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

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

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

### **Fast Web**

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

### **Merit Aid**

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

### **Student Aid Programs**

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

### **Scholarship Experts**

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

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### **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>

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## **Section V RESOURCES**

### **Community Action Association of Alabama**

Website:

[http://www.caaalabama.org/index.php?xsearch%5B0%5D=Agencies&xsearch\\_id=company\\_search2&src=directory&srctype=company\\_lister&view=company&submenu=Agencies&submit.x=12&submit.y=4](http://www.caaalabama.org/index.php?xsearch%5B0%5D=Agencies&xsearch_id=company_search2&src=directory&srctype=company_lister&view=company&submenu=Agencies&submit.x=12&submit.y=4)

### **Alabama Resources - Camellia Health & Human Services**

Website: <http://camellia.alabama.gov/default.aspx>

### **SBA - Search for Business Loans, Grants and Financing**

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/search-business-loans-grants-and-financing>

## **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>

**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: <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.

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

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## **Alabama SAVES Loan Program**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is pleased to offer the state's first and only energy revolving loan program for existing industries. 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](http://www.alabamasaves.com)

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**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>

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**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

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments  
P.O. Box 2603  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662  
Phone: 256.389.0500  
Fax: 256.389.0599  
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/searpcd/searpcd.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments  
2207 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Phone: 334.749.5264  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews  
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
5075 Research Drive, NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
Fax: 256.830.0843  
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver  
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591  
Contact: Linnette Clausman  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://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](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:info@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: <http://www.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: [www.eccfinfo.org](http://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: [kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto: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](http://www.cfogd.org)

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

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

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

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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
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.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

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

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>