



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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February 9, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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February 7, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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February 3, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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February 1, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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February 1, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Recognition of National Black History Month

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement in recognition of National Black History Month:

“Today begins the month-long celebration honoring black history and the extraordinary accomplishments African Americans have contributed to this nation and the world. The story of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama cannot be told without remembering the significant contributions that African Americans from Alabama have made to our nation through their courage to fight for excellence, equality and justice for all.

The theme for this year’s National Black History Month is “Black Women in American Culture and History.” We pay special tribute to the historical and cultural contributions made by African American women from all walks of life. As a little girl growing up in Selma, I was surrounded by the legacy of those who marched, prayed and died for justice, equality and the right to vote. In particular, African American women from the State of Alabama have left a rich legacy of activism and leadership. Alabama women like Odessa Woolfolk, Doris Crenshaw, Ethel Hall, Sheyann Webb, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Amelia Boynton and Theresa Burroughs forged the path for future female leaders. These African American women fought courageous battles so that I can now serve as the first African American Congresswoman elected from Alabama, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Today, African American women from Alabama continue to lead the way in academia, medicine, business and government. Leaders such as Dr. Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General of the United States, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman broke down barriers at the highest levels and have been instrumental in shaping policy across this nation and the world. Every day, these extraordinary Alabamians should inspire us to continue building a stronger America for future generations.

The achievements of African Americans are worthy to be praised and acknowledged every day, and not just during the month of February. Every month should be Black History Month because black history is an integral part of American history.

This year as we celebrate Black History Month let us all commit to doing our part to making this country great.”

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January 29, 2012

Rep. Terri A. Sewell Recognizes the Third Anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

Washington DC – Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) recognizes the third anniversary of the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a critical law championing the fundamental principle of equal pay for women and all American workers.

In January 2009, the President signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law, which restored the right of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay in court. With women making up nearly half of the labor force and mothers increasingly serving as the primary breadwinners for American families, the wage gap not only hurts families, but adversely affects small businesses and communities.

“Today we celebrate the sacrifice and hard work of Alabama’s own Lilly Ledbetter, a humble activist, for courageously fighting to ensure that our daughters and granddaughters are equally paid for the work they do regardless of race, age or gender,” said Rep. Sewell.

“The protections enacted by the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will strengthen American families— because equal pay for equal work is not simply an issue for women; it’s a family issue,” said Rep. Sewell. “However, we must not forget that the journey to securing equality for our nation’s women is far from over. We must act now to build on Lilly Ledbetter’s work, fight discrimination anywhere it exists and put an end to this and all injustices in America.”

According to the National Women’s Law Center and 2007 data from the Census Bureau, women earn an average of 78 cents for every dollar earned by men. This is up from when the Equal Pay Act was first enacted and women earned 59 cents for every dollar paid to men, but it still falls far short of wage equality. The wage disparity is even more pronounced for the country’s minority women when compared to white males: African American women earned 62 cents for every dollar earned by white males and Hispanic women earned 53 cents per dollar.

“In this difficult economy, when so many Americans are already working harder for less and struggling to get by to pay their mortgage, pay for their medications or to simply put food on the table for their children, the last thing they can afford is losing part of their paycheck to blatant discrimination,” Rep. Sewell added. “We must continue to do more to level the playing field and restore fundamental fairness to all American workers.”

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January 24, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell On The State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on President Obama's State of the Union Address:

“Tonight, President Obama presented his vision and plan to grow the American economy. He set forth a four pillar plan for an economy that is “built to last,” based on American manufacturing, American energy, training for American workers and a renewal of American values. I share the President's concern that working families and middle class Americans are being left behind. I believe that government plays an essential role in building a fair society that works for everyone not just the wealthy few.

I know that we in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama cannot afford to wait. Our families, small businesses, seniors and workers deserve a lifeline now. We can all benefit when we invest in working families, everyone pays their fair share and we provide incentives for businesses to hire workers and to make things right here in America.

I applaud President Obama on his commitment to reigniting the American dream and for providing ladders of opportunity for all Americans to succeed. His plan addresses the issues critical to the constituents of my district—overcoming barriers to job creation, ending the housing foreclosure crisis, work force development, tax reform and investing in infrastructure. These are the issues that affect Alabamians and all Americans. Now is the time for Congress to set aside partisan politics and take action. I look forward to working with the President and my colleagues in Congress to implement this strategic plan to restore fairness and promote opportunity for all Americans.”

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January 23, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to January 23 Storms and Tornadoes in Alabama

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement about the tornadoes and heavy storms that devastated the state of Alabama on Monday January 23rd:

“My thoughts and prayers are with the families that lost loved ones today, and with all of the communities that suffered devastation as a result of this morning’s storms and tornadoes. For the third time in nine months, communities in Alabama have suffered damage as a result of tornadoes. Once again, the resolve and will of the people of Alabama is being challenged by a natural disaster. I am confident that the resilient spirit of Alabamians will see us through these difficult times and our communities will rebuild and recover stronger and better than before.

As we assess the magnitude of the damage in the days ahead, my office will continue to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure we are doing all we can to assist the victims as we begin the process of rebuilding.”

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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



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Serving Alabama Families

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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.

Recent Grant Awards

- **February 9, 2012** - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$66,589 in funding was awarded to the McAdory Area Fire District by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) grant program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The fiscal year 2011 funds, awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program will be used to improve McAdory's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.
- **February 8, 2012** - Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham, Inc., a member of the national NeighborWorks® network is being awarded \$43,500.00 in grant funds from NeighborWorks® America.
- **January 20, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the state of Alabama will receive \$55 million in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$16.6 million will be awarded to the City of Tuscaloosa, \$6.4 million to the City of Birmingham, and \$7.8 million to Jefferson County. This funding will enable each community to make vital repairs and improvements in infrastructure, housing, economic development projects, and emergency preparedness.
- **January 12, 2012** – Economic Development Administration awards \$189,000 to the West Alabama Regional Commission that will establish an economic development planning framework, process and strategy that supports private capital investment and job creation in the region.
- **January 4, 2012** – Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$17,727 to the Southwest Alabama Economic Development Association (Marengo County) to construct a 1,110-foot-long walking trail in the Dixons Mills community.
- **January 4, 2012** - Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Grant Program administered through ADECA awards \$100,000 to Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers to construct nine miles of trail at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park.
- **December 30, 2011** - U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$132,592.00 to University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for Minority AIDS Research Initiative CDFA 93.941.
- **December 15, 2011** –Governor announces grant award of \$10,000 for the City of Irondale to the Irondale Police Department for its Violence Against Women Response program. ADECA is administering the grant from funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit www.grants.gov. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

National Council on Disability

Program: **NEW - Effective Communication for People with Disabilities: Before, During, and After Emergencies**

Description: Effective communication throughout all phases of emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation) must be fully accessible to all people with disabilities. NCD is interested in examining the accessibility of communication before, during, and after emergencies for people with sensory disabilities (deaf, hard of hearing, blind, low-vision, deaf-blind, and speech disabilities) as well as people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and people with psychiatric disabilities. The deadline is March 8, 2012.

Website:

http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/research/Effective_Communication_Pre-solicitation_Notice

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Obama Administration Announces Pilot Program to Help Rural Borrowers Refinance Mortgages, Get Lower Interest Rates**

Description: WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2012 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is launching a pilot program to help rural borrowers refinance their mortgages to reduce their monthly payments. This initiative is part of the Administration's ongoing efforts to help middle class families, create jobs, and strengthen the economy. The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Rural Refinance Pilot Program will operate in 19 states for homeowners who have loans that were made or guaranteed by USDA Rural Development. These states are among those hardest hit by the downturn in the housing market.

Website:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os_gAC9-wMJ8QY0MDpxBDA09nXw9DFxcXQ-cAA_1wkA5kFaGuQBXeASbmnu4uBgbe5hB5AxxA0UDfzyM_N1W_IDs7zdFRUREAZXApA!!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfUDhNVIZMVDMxMEJUMTBJQ01IMURERDFTODU!/?printable=true&contentidonly=true&contentid=2012%2f02%2f0038.xml

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

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

Website:

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

Program: **REAP-Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements**

Description: Rural Development is announcing the acceptance of applications under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Fiscal Year 2012 for financial assistance as follows: grants, guaranteed

loans, and combined grants and guaranteed loans for the development and construction of renewable energy systems and for energy efficiency improvement projects; grants for conducting energy audits; grants for conducting renewable energy development assistance; and grants for conducting renewable energy system feasibility studies. Deadlines: for renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications the deadline is March 30, 2012. For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications the deadline is June 29, 2012; for renewable energy system feasibility study applications March 30, 2012 is the deadline; for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance applications February 21, 2012 is the deadline.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=12hvPh0csy8LL9Wxp7qnSlsD1bT6X15WZG2MrTsTSCZwcPjncg23!-2085669396?oppld=140654&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce

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

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

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **NEW - Program Year 2012 Weatherization Formula Grants**

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to solicit grant applications for the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons for Program Year 2012. The deadline is August 1, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=143073&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns**

Description: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) is interested in testing new care and payment models that have the potential to improve perinatal outcomes for women enrolled in Medicaid who are at high-risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes. The deadline is June 13, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142913&mode=VIEW>

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

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

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142933&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Modeling Social Behavior (R01)**

Description: This FOA, issued by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), solicits applications for developing and testing innovative theories and computational, mathematical, or engineering approaches to deepen our understanding of complex social behavior.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142315&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)**

Description: Now open is the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate that implements and administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters, rehire firefighters that have been laid off, retain firefighters facing imminent layoffs, or filling of positions that were vacated through attrition. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two categories: 1. Hiring of Firefighters 2. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Opened The deadline is February 24, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=qXSHPyQB6Qylzgh9nF4vC04dfz5LynggPSMZ2SG3thCgK6xJpytf!1471941753?oppId=140673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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

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

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpfJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142593&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

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

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yGTjPTKGtnW0gpkTRdR1cQFrpCKQWmGvJ3d8fGsPkKzldGp9Q8NQ!-1890905838?oppId=137313&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **NEW - Youth Programs Academic Year Disability Components**

Description: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the management of the Youth Programs Academic Year Disability Components, hereinafter referred to as the Disability Components Program. Academic year programs bring high-school aged exchange students to the United States for one academic year. The deadline is March 9, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!889918338?oppId=141939&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - TIGER 4- National Infrastructure Investments**

Description: As with the previous rounds for TIGER, funds for the FY2012 TIGER Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. Projects will be evaluated on primary criteria that include safety, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, state of repair and short-term job creation. The pre-app is due February 20, 2012.

Website: http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/fy12_tiger_nofa.pdf

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW - FY12 Region 04 Wetland Program Development Grants**

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants to build or refine State/Tribal/local government wetland programs as described in Section I of this announcement. States, Tribes, local government agencies, interstate agencies, and intertribal consortia are eligible

to apply under this announcement, as further described herein. The deadline is March 19, 2012.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpftJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=142834&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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

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

Website:

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

Program: **NEW - Knight Community Information Challenge Invites Community Foundations to Apply for Media Project Matching Grants**

Description: The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation welcomes applications for the fifth and final round of the Knight Community Information Challenge from community and place-based foundations seeking to fund news and information projects. Since 2009, the challenge has awarded a total of \$16.2 million to eighty-five foundations for their community media projects. The deadline is February 27, 2012.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=325100029

Program: **KaBOOM! and Dr Pepper Snapple Accepting Applications for Playground Construction Grants**

Description: Dr Pepper Snapple Group and KaBOOM! are offering grants of \$15,000 to qualifying organizations to use toward the purchase of playground equipment that will be built using the KaBOOM! community-build model. The program is open to municipalities, neighborhood associations, schools, day care centers, and nonprofit organizations in the United States without a playground or with existing equipment that has become unsafe for children to use.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=AUMG121QQP40TLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=368500032

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

International Paper Riverdale Mill & Auburn Pulp and Paper Foundation is offering an Engineering Scholarship to Auburn University. For more information contact Pam Frasier, mill training manager at 418-5339 or via e-mail at pam.frasier@ipaper.com. The deadline is Feb. 17, 2012.

Website: <http://eng.auburn.edu/research/centers/ac-pabe/>

The University of Alabama: Entering Freshman Students

Website: <http://scholarships.ua.edu/freshmen/>

University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB)

Websites: <http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/University-of-Alabama-at-Birmingham-100663>

Miles College Scholarships

Website: <http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Miles-College-101675>

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)

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

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

Scholarship Websites:

Alabama Scholarships

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

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

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

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

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

Student Aid Programs

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

Scholarship Experts

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

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

TORNADO SURVIVORS: VISIT A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER BY SATURDAY

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently opened five Disaster Recovery Centers in Chilton and Jefferson counties to help

survivors of the January 22-23 tornadoes. People who need services at the DRCs in Clanton, Maplesville and Bessemer (Oak Grove) should visit those sites by Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Disaster survivors who live in the counties covered by the federal declaration are free to go to any center they wish, regardless of where they live. However, those who want to visit the DRCs in Clanton, Maplesville or Bessemer will need to go to those centers between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. between now and Saturday, Feb. 11. After Saturday, the remaining two DRCs at Center Point and Clay will continue to operate from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The deadline to apply for individual assistance through FEMA is April 2.

Anyone in Chilton or Jefferson counties who was impacted by the Jan. 22-23 storms should register for FEMA assistance, regardless of whether they have property insurance. Those who do have property insurance should contact their insurance companies and file the necessary claims as soon as possible, since assistance from FEMA is affected by any insurance monies the applicant has received.

Representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration also are on hand at DRCs to describe low-interest disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, and businesses of all sizes. The deadline to return loan applications to SBA is also April 2, 2012.

Disaster survivors who have not registered with FEMA, have questions about their applications or need more information about recovery programs can call FEMA's toll-free helpline at **800-621-3362**. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and multilingual assistance is available.

Survivors who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY can call 800-462-7585 directly; if they use 711 or Video Relay Service, they can call 800-621-3362. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through a Web-enabled device or Smartphone with the FEMA app or by visiting m.fema.gov.

Disaster Recovery Center Locations:

Clanton City Hall (open through Saturday)

505 2nd Ave North

Clanton, AL 35045

Maplesville Public Library (open through Saturday)

9400 AL Hwy 22

Maplesville, AL 36750

Oak Grove First Baptist Church (open through Saturday)

9161 Camp Oliver Road

Bessemer, AL 35023

Center Point City Hall (remaining open until further notice)

2209 Center Point Parkway

Center Point, AL 35215

Clay Community Center (remaining open until further notice)

6415 Clay Palmerdale Road

Pinson, AL 35126

BBCF Announces Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops

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

Community Action Agencies of Alabama

Website:

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

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

Project SHARE

Project SHARE provides emergency assistance to our elderly and disabled neighbors who need help with their energy bills. How does Project SHARE work? Clients in need apply for Project SHARE assistance at the American Red Cross office in their county.

Website:

<https://customerservice.southerncompany.com/ProjectShare/ProjectShare.aspx?mnuOpco=apc&mnuType=res>

Hands on Birmingham

Website: http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/HOC_Affiliate_Home_Page

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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

Project Blessings

Website: <http://www.projectblessings.org/>

Legal Services Alabama

If you were affected by the 2011 Alabama Tornadoes and need legal help, call Legal Services Alabama at 1-866-456-4995.

Unemployment Assistance Available to Those Who Lost Jobs Due to Severe Weather

Individuals who need to file a claim for unemployment should do so by calling 1-866-234-5382 or by visiting the Department of Industrial Relation's (DIR's) website at www.dir.alabama.gov

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

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

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

Alabama SAVES Loan Program

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

Website:

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
P.O. Box 2603
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
Phone: 256.389.0500
Fax: 256.389.0599
Executive Director: Keith Jones
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission
4200 Highway 69 North
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
Phone: 205.333.2990
Fax: 205.333.2713
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
Phone: 205.251.8139
Fax: 205.328.3304
Executive Director: Charles Ball
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Phone: 256.237.6741
Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
Fax: 334.682.4205
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, Alabama 36302
Phone: 334.794.4093
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/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/>

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591
Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: (251) 867-4881
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

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

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.eccfinfo.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990
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

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

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