



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 13, 2012

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on President Obama's FY2013 Budget

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after President Obama released his fiscal year 2013 budget:

“Today, President Obama released his budget for fiscal year 2013. I agree with the President that the recovery of our American economy must be built upon two fundamental principals – protecting the middle class and promoting shared sacrifice and collective responsibility.

In the State of the Union Address, the President outlined his vision for an American economy “built to last,” based on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers and a renewal of American values. I believe this budget provides a fair and balanced approach. I applaud the President’s aggressive efforts to reduce the deficit. The budget provides for important investments in research and innovation which are vital to preparing our businesses and manufacturing sector to take advantage of new opportunities. This budget promotes public-private partnerships that will increase job creation, workforce development and improve access to higher education for all American workers.

America is and has always been most successful when we invest in our people—middle-class families and small business owners—who can grow our economy from the bottom up. We can no longer afford to provide tax breaks to wealthy Americans by depriving seniors and the middle class of the support they need and deserve. Everyone must do their part.

I look forward to continuing to work with the president and my colleagues in Congress on a comprehensive plan to stimulate our economy and reduce our deficit.”

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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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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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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 16, 2012 - More than \$1.2 million in federal assistance approved for January Tornado Survivors in Alabama** - Almost four weeks after tornadoes struck Alabama, more than **\$1.2 million** in state and federal aid has been approved to help those affected by the storms. More than 1,200 survivors have contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help or information regarding disaster assistance.
- **February 9, 2012 - FEMA** – More than \$571,000 has been approved for January Alabama tornadoes in state and federal aid has been approved to help those affected by the storms. Of this amount \$488,500 has been approved for housing grants and nearly \$83,000 has been approved to cover other disaster related needs such as medical and dental expenses as well as lost personal possessions. Website:<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=60717>
- **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.
- **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.

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- 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

Corporation for National & Community Service

Program: **NEW – Social Innovation Fund**

Description: Created by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, the Social Innovation Fund is a program that awards grants to and works with existing grantmaking institutions to direct resources to innovative community-based nonprofit organizations to identify, validate, and grow promising approaches to overcoming challenges facing local communities.

Website:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=

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Program: **NEW - September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance Grants FY 2012**

Description: The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster

civic participation through service and volunteering. For more than 15 years, CNCS—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and other programs and activities—has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. For the FY 2012-2013 September 11th Day competition, CNCS will prioritize investment in the following areas of its work: Disaster Services; Veterans and Military Families; & Capacity Building.

Website:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=9

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National Council on Disability

Program: **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 - Community Forest and Open Space Program**

Description: Total Community Forest Program funding anticipated for awards made under this program is \$3.15 million. Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000. Awarding of grants under

this program is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=qcJzP8QNxsR7QMMCgQVhSw2jYFZbWyVY8J1nprsxwnpxr1pJTLjJ!712472910?oppId=143953&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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=sKyLPzrLSblyCHJhkNjRCYhpfJ1zQQmN2pCpXl8QwTvw2GKSQ4F!-889918338?oppId=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?oppId=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?oppId=143093&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **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 - Coordinating Grant for Children's Vision Screening**

Description: The purpose of this announcement: Coordinating Grant for Children's Vision Screening is to support the public health role in assuring a continuum of eye care for young children within the healthcare delivery system and in the medical home.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=HXQyP8BCHSpyBm13XwmKRhrLnG5dtNbdYJZDkB3z73GgfhSS3M9!712472910?oppId=143693&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Leadership Education in Adolescent Health**

Description: The Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Training Program provides interdisciplinary leadership training for at least five (5) core professional disciplines in the areas of adolescent medicine, psychology, nursing, nutrition and social work at the graduate and postgraduate levels to prepare trainees for leadership roles in clinical services, research, training, and organization of health services for adolescents, including those with special health care needs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=HXQyP8BCHSpyBm13XwmKRhrLnG5dtNbdYJZDkB3z73GgfhSS3M9!712472910?oppId=144217&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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

Description: There is still time to apply for 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: Natural Experiments Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of this effort is to provide funding to support scientific research that makes use of natural experiments to evaluate the impacts of local, state, and federal policies.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=tgrJP9kYkvLTn41h7HYz07kTp8sGs2FDBsDbKqy8GGkTl2BprjW4!712472910?oppId=144033&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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 the Interior

Program: NEW - Youth Program to Train and Introduce Youth to Conservation

Description: Service training and technical assistance for youth to introduce them to conservation.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=HXQyP8BCHSpyBm13XwmKRhrLnG5dtNbdYJZDkB3z73GgfhSS3M9!712472910?oppId=143113&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: NEW - OVW Fiscal Year 2012 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Description: The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=tgrJP9kYkvLTn41h7HYz07kTp8sGs2FDBsDbKqy8GGkTl2BprjW4!712472910?oppId=143914&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 12 Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance**

Description: BJA's Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance (TCCLA) grants enhance tribal justice systems and improve access to those systems. Targeted to non-profit organizations, including tribal enterprises and educational institutions, the grants serve to strengthen and improve the representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases and indigent respondents in civil causes of action under the jurisdiction of Indian tribes.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=tgrJP9kYkvLTn41h7HYz07kTp8sGs2FDBsDbKqy8GGkTI2BprjW4!712472910?oppId=144513&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **NEW - Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service-Learning program.**

Description: DOL – Employment and Training Agency will competitively award \$30 million to at least 20 grantees for programs to serve juvenile offenders ages 18-21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State Law. Service-learning projects conducted through these grants must integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection that enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and encourage lifelong civic engagement. The closing date for receipt of applications is April 17, 2012.

Website:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/02/17/2012-03773/serving-young-adult-ex-offendersthrough-training-and-service-learning-requests-for-grant>

U.S. Department of Transportation

- Program:** **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
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Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

- Program:** **NEW - The Alabama Coalition Against Hunger (ACAH)**
- Description:** **Garden Project** -- A two-fold effort to recruit, teach, and equip gardeners to grow crops as an alternative food supply, an income source, and/or to help stock hunger- nutrition assistance programs. The Garden Project is a joint effort with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service which provides educational literature.
- Information Clearinghouse** -- A general, ongoing effort to provide information to families living with low-income. Even well-known programs such as Medicaid, WIC, and Food Stamps are under-utilized by some groups of citizens. ACAH works to help get the word out about these and other vital, often pivotal programs.
- Website:** http://www.achr.com/hunger_coalition.htm
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- Program:** **NEW - BBCF Announces Community Awareness Grant Seekers Workshops**
- Description:** 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. 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. Those counties include Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox.

Website: www.blackbeltfound.org

Program: **NEW - Dental Health For All™ Supports Smiles in Need!**

Description: Every day, thousands of families go without basic dental care — not even able to afford an annual cleaning. This difficult reality is especially urgent in certain areas of the country. This year, Tom's of Maine is directing its Dental Health for All program to help families in states with the highest percentage of the population living below the poverty level, according to 2011 U.S. Census data. Dental clinics in Alabama, Kentucky, New Mexico, Mississippi and Washington D.C. that are registered 501(c)3 non-profit organizations in good standing are eligible to apply for a portion of \$100,000 in funding. Applications Accepted: February 9, 2012 - March 15, 2012; Winner Announced: Early April 2012.

Website:
<http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/serving-community/about-dental-health-for-all>

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:

Section IV NEW SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. The Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 and has experienced substantial growth. Recipients for this program are selected through volunteers in the district offices of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). CBC Members work through local scholarship committees to award money to academically talented and highly motivated students.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions. Since the inception of the program, General Mills has invested more than \$1,000,000 to underwrite this initiative. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship has served hundreds of students over the years, and has helped to create leaders in the medical and health related fields.

Deadline: May 31, 2012

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

Established in the year 2000, the CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship program was developed in honor of the late Curtis Mayfield to ensure that students pursuing a career in the performing arts receive the financial assistance to achieve their goals.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

The CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship was established in 2006 for students who are pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Deadline: May 3, 2012

CBCF Scholarship Opportunities

CBCF Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program

The Louis Stokes Health Scholars program seeks to increase the number of qualified, yet underrepresented, college students entering the health workforce. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest to work in underserved communities. Students currently

attending two-year institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Environmental Studies Scholarship

The Environmental Studies scholarship seeks to provide financial awards to minority and women college students pursuing a degree in environmental science or other related fields of study.

Applicants should have a junior class standing in college with a declared major in environmental science or a related field, and understanding and acceptance of ServiceMaster's core values. This scholarship offers \$5,000 per semester to two students.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

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

LAST CHANCE TO VISIT DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER IN PERRY COUNTY

Tornado survivors in Perry County have until Saturday to visit the Disaster Recovery Center in Marion at the Chamber of Commerce (The Old Depot) located at 1200 Washington St. Specialists are there to help survivors of the January 22-23 tornadoes. People who need services in Perry County should visit the center by Saturday, Feb. 18, before 6 p.m. When disaster survivors visit a center, they can sit down with a variety of specialists for answers to specific questions or help completing FEMA registration. This one-on-one help is available to homeowners, renters, businesses and qualified non-profits. The deadline to apply for individual assistance through FEMA is April 2.

Representatives of the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) also are available at the recovery center to help survivors with applications for 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.

Help is always available by calling FEMA's toll-free helpline at **800-621-3362**, which is video relay service accessible. Lines are open from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** and assistance is available in most languages. Those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call TTY [800-462-7585](#).

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.

FACT SHEET: A Blueprint to Train Two Million Workers for High-Demand Industries through a Community College to Career Fund

Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/02/13/fact-sheet-blueprint-train-two-million-workers-high-demand-industries-th>

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.hardesthitAlabama.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
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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
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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/searpcdc/searpcdc.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
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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
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Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO
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Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Elmore County Community Foundation
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Montgomery, AL 36104
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Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
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The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
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For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
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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

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Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation

P.O. Box 171

Jasper, AL 35502-0171

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