



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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[Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Visit 7th District Counties Affected by April 15 Storms and Tornadoes](#)

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[Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell In Response To April 15 Storms and Tornadoes In Alabama](#)



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Announcements

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell and Governor Bentley Tour Storm Damage

WIAT-BIRM (CBS) - Birmingham, AL - CBS 42 News at 6

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell - First 100 Days in Office

Disaster Resources

American Red Cross

Black Belt Service Center	(334) 874-4641
Central Alabama Chapter	(800)766-8680
West Alabama Chapter	(205) 758-3608
Washington County Chapter	(251) 847-2491

Salvation Army locations in Alabama

Website: <http://yellowpages.lycos.com/search?what=salvation+army&where=AL>

Alabama EMA

In Alabama, we have seen first- hand the destruction and devastation that can be caused by tornadoes. While we have seen significant advances in predicting possible tornadoes, we still recommend every household having a NOAA Weather Radio and a plan of action for your family. That plan needs to include your emergency supply kit, a communication plan and knowing your safe place if a storm is approaching. It is very important that you act quickly.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/index.shtm>

Great Central U.S. Shake Out

The Great Central U.S. Shake Out is an eight-state drill spanning much of the central United States. For more information, please visit the website at:

<http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/>

Recent Grant Awards

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES RURAL ELECTRIC FUNDING TO BENEFIT THOUSANDS OF RURAL RESIDENTS -April 6, 2011 -- \$75,327,000 in USDA Funding is announced for Georgia, Alabama & Florida. The Rural Electric funds will be used for transmission system projects to build 21 miles of new transmission line and three new substations.

Website:<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2011/04/0153.xml>

- **\$1,347,321 in Funding to Hire New Firefighters in Tuscaloosa**
- **\$47,500 in Funding for Camden Municipal Airport**
- **\$164,540 in Funding for Craig Field Airport**
- **\$256,500 in Funding for Butler-Choctaw County Airport**
- **\$274,283 in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport**
- **\$47,500 in Funding for Jackson Municipal Airport**
- **\$69,234 in Funding for Vaiden Field Airport**
- **\$46,800 in Funding to Recruit Volunteer Firefighters in Dallas County**

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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 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

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Program: NEW - Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities (SISFCF), 2012

Deadline: June 1, 2011

Description: The purpose of this award is to provide funding through a cooperative agreement for a collection agent to administer a survey to a national sample of prison inmates, hereafter known as the Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities (SISFCF), 2012. The activities under this award include drawing a national sample of prisoners and jail inmates, administering the surveys, and conducting data collection, analysis and reporting activities.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LD1JNw2T2LJ8bD4Tvy8wT3WJL0vGQ1Q0b131nTsGJXmYfJ4Gbw1Z!505166326?oppId=88173&mode=VIEW>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Program: NEW - EONS 2011 : Summer 2011 Minority Student Education Forum

Deadline: April 27, 2011

Description: The purpose of MUREP is to increase NASA responsiveness to Federal mandates related to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) and Other Minority Universities (OMU). Students and faculty supported by MUREP are provided opportunities to engage in NASA-related research and mission-specific technology development.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88054&mode=VIEW>

Program: 2011 Competitive Program for Science and Museums and Planetariums Plus Opportunities for NASA Visitor Centers and Other Informal Education Institutions (CP4SMP+)

Deadline: June 29, 2011

Funding: Not stated

Description: NASA informal education projects, exhibits, and/or partnerships with K-12 schools to inspire support inquiry-based science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) for learning education projects that feature NASA missions, science, engineering, explorations or technologies.

How to Apply:

<http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?method=init&solId={75AAC7BF-2F69-6C73-2980-B1DCF25EA665}&path=open>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: NEW - Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: HBCUs

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Funding: \$100,000

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

How to Apply: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_HBCU.html

Program: **NEW - Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: IHHEs**

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Funding: \$100,000

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at institutions with high Hispanic enrollment

How to Apply: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_IHHE.html

Program: **NEW - Humanities Initiatives for Faculty: TCUs**

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Funding: \$100,000

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Tribal Colleges and Universities.

How to Apply: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HI_TCU.html

National Institutes of Health

Program: **SBIR E-learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response (SBIR [R43/R44])**

Deadline: July 28, 2011

Funding: \$300,000

Description: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose to further the development of Advanced Technology Training (ATT) Products for the health and safety training of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) workers, emergency responders, and skilled support personnel.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86393>

Program: NIMHD Health Disparities Research (R01)

Deadline: June 14, 2011

Funding: Award ceiling \$250,000

Description: The purpose of CFDA 93.307 -- Minority Health and Health Disparities Research funding opportunity is to solicit innovative research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=87093>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Program: Gang Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Programs

Deadline: May 9, 2011

Funding: Award ceiling \$1,000,000

Description: This grant allows for funding for Young Gang Prevention research. This solicitation will fund research and evaluation studies to produce practical findings for policymakers and practitioners for the development of evidence-based programs, policies, and strategies that effectively address at-risk and gang-involved youth.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=LKvhNlyHDysmXvJZTXzLHsBJbJK2YS5yvbTrp2VCpDBplkg1Npbf!1638438882>

Program: OJJDP FY 2011 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program

Deadline: May 23, 2011

Funding: Award ceiling \$2,200,000

Description: Community based violence prevention program

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=81313>

Program: OJJDP FY 2011 State Juvenile Justice Formula and Block Grants T&TA Program

Deadline: May 16, 2011

Funding: Award ceiling \$2,000,000

Description: OJJDP will award a cooperative agreement to an organization that will provide training and technical assistance to state and local juvenile justice formula and block grantees and subgrantees to assist them in planning, establishing, operating, coordinating, and evaluating delinquency prevention and juvenile justice systems improvement projects.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=GX4FNh4TpnmrsRz1HkyjhQcjrffzVF1F9fNyQCv37KS351w92Y1y!-1099244929?oppId=83673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Program:** **NEW - Delta Health Care Services Grant Program**
- Deadline:** June 3, 2011
- Funding:** The amount available to fund grant awards in this program is \$3,000,000. The minimum grant amount is \$50,000
- Description:** Section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the Delta Region
- How to Apply:** http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DeltaHealthcare.html
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- Program:** **FY 2011 SNAP Participation Grants**
- Deadline:** **June 6, 2011**
- Description:** The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 authorized the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to award \$5 million dollars in grants to State agencies; public health or educational entities; or private nonprofit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations, for projects aimed at simplifying the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application and eligibility determination systems or improving access to SNAP benefits by eligible households.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=54G9NmrF9vv2k35hqZJ5NGyKsjG1ndtv0lZx3HTtd1RpNI21bWYn!1759880169?oppId=86113&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administration

Program: i6 Green

Deadline: May 2, 2011

Funding: \$12,000,000

Description: This grant focuses on innovative ideas for economic development.

How to Apply: <http://www.eda.gov/i6>

Program: Economic Development Assistance Programs

Deadlines: June 10 for funding cycle 3; September 15 for funding cycle 1 of FY 2012

Description: Beginning in FY 2011, EDA will accept and review applications submitted under its Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance, and GCCMIF Programs in funding cycles. EDA's overall mission is to help distressed communities establish foundation for durable regional economies throughout the United States. Grants made under these programs will focus on innovation and regional collaboration to create and retain higher wage and sustainable jobs, leverage the flow of private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

How to Apply:

<http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY%202011%20EDAP%20FFO-FINAL.pdf>

U.S. Department of Defense

Program: Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)

Deadline: June 1, 2011

Funding: \$600,000

Description: The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) executes the DoD Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) by awarding cost sharing cooperative agreements to assist eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs) pursuant to chapter 142 of title 10, United States Code.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=87213>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW- Taking Ownership and Operation of the TEACH Campaign**

Deadline: May 19, 2011

Description: The U.S DOE plans to transfer ownership and operation of the TEACH Campaign, including the recruiting effort and the web portal, to an entity or to a group of entities

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/61>

Program: **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Enhanced Assessment Instruments Grants Program CFDA Number 84.368A**

Deadline: **June 3, 2011**

Description: The purpose of the EAG program is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88353&mode=VIEW>

Program: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) Small, Rural School Achievement Program CFDA Number 84.358A

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Description: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=G9Z5NI3dMLL9XpWsmYyPSbQ151525TIXpBc9WGMh97vzZNXchyHm!570784405?oppId=86873&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: NEW - Clean Cities Community Readiness and Planning for Plug-In Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure

Deadline: June 13, 2011

Funding: \$500,000

Description: The President has a goal of putting 1 million advanced technology vehicles on the road in the United States by 2015. In support of this goal and emphasizing electricity as a transportation fuel, this Funding Opportunity Announcement seeks projects to plan and implement policies, procedures, and incentives that facilitate that development

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88513&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Plants Engineered To Replace Oil (PETRO)**

Deadline: May 19, 2011

Funding: \$15,000,000

Description: Goals: (1) enhance the economic and energy security of the United States through the development of energy technologies that result in reductions of imports of energy from foreign sources, reductions of energy-related emissions, and improvements in the energy efficiency of all economic sectors; and (2) ensure that the United States maintains a technological lead in developing and deploying advanced energy technologies.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=dQvGNvyTgRqGS7v1mkpvT11h52tZ9VYVp5znbXYZQnG78v1sLRSL!-1356566513?oppId=88933&mode=VIEW>

Program: **State Energy Program (ARRA) – Energy Efficient Retrofits of K-12 Schools Request for Proposals (3rd Round) – For Public K-12 School Systems**

Deadline: 5/13/2011 5:00 PM CST

Description: The Energy Division is soliciting proposals from public school systems in Alabama for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient improvements in K-12 schools located within their jurisdiction. Energy efficiency improvements eligible for funding include the following:

- Insulation
- HVAC replacement
- Lighting upgrades
- Lighting controls
- Energy Management systems

Applicants must provide documentation that a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of students in the system are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch. The optimal payback period on retrofits should be 10 years or less.

How to Apply: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C7/SEP-ARRA>

Energy Division
Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs
www.adeca.alabama.gov/energy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW- Cooperative Agreement for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health**

Deadline: May 23, 2011

Funding: \$500,000

Description: The purpose of this program is to continue and enhance the effort to network the 105 HBCUs throughout the United States to promote behavioral health, expand campus service capacity and facilitate workforce development.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHvhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88253&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement**

Deadline: June 17, 2011

Funding: \$674,822,613

Description: The purpose of the 2011-2016 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program is to assist state, local, and territorial/freely associated state health

departments in demonstrating measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving the 15 public health preparedness capabilities and other activities that promote safer and more resilient communities.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=88673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

The website where first responders apply for all Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants Programs changed its current web site address from www.firegrantsupport.com to the FEMA web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/>

All applications for FEMA's fire grant programs including the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG), the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER), Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) and information on the Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants (SCG) will now be located at www.fema.gov/firegrants

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Program: **NEW- Fair Housing Initiative Program Enforcement Testing TA**

Deadline: May 6, 2011

Description: This funding will provide training and technical assistance to one or more entities by developing a course on Fair Housing Testing, and by conducting technical assistance to promote a greater and more consistent use of Testing Methodologies among FHIP organizations

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wZhvNvdWLSHXCPk8Q4rgX1FrV6R6bHyhL6zpsHYcNq7ppxnZX9mn!505166326?oppId=87813&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Doing Business with the Department of Labor:

Information for Small Businesses

[Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization \(OSDBU\)](#)

[Small Business Procurement Power Page](#)

[Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#)

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/business.htm>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Classroom Grants**

Deadline: May 27, 2011

Funding: \$1,000

Description: Grant is for K-12 teachers who develops or applies science, mathematics, and technology in the curriculum

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/54>

Program: **NEW - American Psychiatric Foundation Offers Grants to Medical Students for Mental Health Service Projects**

Deadline: May 25, 2011

Description: Grants for mental health service projects that are created and managed by medical students, particularly in underserved minority communities

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335400018

Program: **NEW - Coca-Cola Foundation**

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Description: The Coca-Cola Foundation strives daily to be responsive to the citizenship priorities in the global communities where we live and work. The online application will first determine if your organization is eligible for support.

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/65>

Program: **NEW - eBay Foundation and Changemakers Announce International Competition for Innovative Employment Development Programs**

Deadline: June 15, 2011

Funding: \$50,000

Description: "Powering Economic Opportunity: Create a World that Works," an international online competition to find the most innovative market-based approaches to creating economic opportunity and generating employment for disadvantaged populations.

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335400016

Program: **NEW - Finish Line Youth Foundation**

Deadline: June 30, 2011

Funding: \$5,000.00

Description: Organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas: Youth Athletic Programs - Community-based programs addressing active lifestyle and team building skills and Camps - Established Camps with an emphasis on sports and active lifestyle

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/63>

Program: **NEW - LEGO Children's Fund Grants**

Deadline: July 15, 2011

Funding: \$5,000

Description: Focus is early childhood education and development that is directly related to creativity; and technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/52>

Program: **NEW - Entries Invited for Knight-Batten Awards for Innovations in Journalism**

Deadline: June 6, 2011

Funding: \$16,000

Description: Knight-Batten Awards for Innovations in Journalism are designed to reward news and information ideas that significantly enhance opportunities for technology and digital engagement

How to Apply:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335400017

Program: **NEW – Liberty Mutual's Responsible Sports Community Grants**

Deadline: May 31, 2011

Funding: \$2,500

Description: Any non-profit youth sports organization or educational athletic program can earn a Responsible Sports Community Grant.

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/68>

Program: **NEW - PepsiCo**

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Funding: Ceiling is \$100,000

Description: Is committed to advancing objectives related to education, health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, and thought leadership.

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/67>

Program: **NEW - Uniting Against Lung Cancer Invites Research Grant Applications**

Deadline: August 17, 2011

Funding: \$100,000

Description: Request for Proposals for its 2011 Legacy Program for Advances in Lung Cancer Research.

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335100020

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

NEW - Legacy Mini-Grants

The Environmental Education Mini-Grant program provides funding for hands-on environmental education programs to communities in Alabama. Applicants may apply for up to \$2,500. The deadline for applications for the FY 2012 Mini-Grants is April 29, 2011.

How to Apply: <http://www.legacyenvd.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/sub-menu-2>

NEW - Competitive Grants

Legacy provides environmental education grants annually through the Competitive Grants Program.. Any non-profit/tax exempt Alabama organization or school planning a community based environmental program is encouraged to apply. Competitive grants are available for up to \$10,000. The deadline is April 29, 2011.

How to Apply: <http://www.legacyenvd.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/sub-menu-1>

Environmental Education Website for below grant opportunities:

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.37934&tid=85010>

NEW - FishAmerica Foundation Grants

These grants fund projects to restore marine, estuarine and riparian habitats important to marine and anadromous fish species. Awards will range between \$10,000 and \$75,000 per project. Projects must involve community participation through an educational or volunteer component tied to the restoration activities. The application deadline is May 16, 2011

\$500 Seed Fund Starter Grants

The Seed Fund's mission is to give kids fun and engaging ways to connect with Mother Nature, and teach them to lead healthier lifestyles. Five K-12 schools will be selected to receive a \$500 Starter Seed Fund Grant to help them on their way to a school garden. Apply by May 31, 2011.

\$500 Do Something Seed Grant

Young people age 25 and under who are working to start a community action project or program are eligible to apply for a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant. One winner is chosen every week. No deadline.

Annie's Grants for Gardens

Annie's offers a limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. Funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other supplies. Applications accepted throughout the year.

\$750 Meteorology Grants from National Weather Association

The National Weather Association awards \$750 grants to K-12 teachers to improve the study of meteorology. Selected teachers can use the funds to take accredited courses, attend workshops and conferences, or purchase materials for the classroom. Apply by June 1, 2011.

Best Buy @15 Community Grants

The Best Buy Children's Foundation strengthens communities through national, regional and local grant making. Its goal is to provide positive experiences that will help youth excel in school, engage in their communities and develop leadership skills. Schools are not eligible. Applications accepted June 1-July 1, 2011.

Together Green Conservation Leadership Program

Together Green aims to build conservation leadership, engage people in conservation action and achieve lasting conservation results. Each year, 40 new Fellows will receive professional development opportunities, a \$10,000 grant to help support an innovative Conservation Action Project, and an opportunity to network with a cadre of committed leaders. Apply by May 2, 2011.

EPA Environmental Education Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is accepting grant applications for environmental education projects and programs that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. At least 20 grants ranging from \$15,000-\$100,000 are expected to be awarded. Applications due May 2, 2011.

State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grant Program

Educators who interact with students in public K-12 schools are eligible to apply for grants up to \$100,000 to fund student-led, service-learning projects focused on areas including natural and societal disasters and environmental responsibility. Applications due May 2, 2011.

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

Alabama G.I. Dependents Scholarship Program

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

Type of award: Scholarship, renewable

Intended Use: For undergraduate study at postsecondary institution. Designated institutions: Alabama public institutions.

Eligibility Requirements: For dependents of disabled veterans, prisoner of war or MIA veterans. Must be a resident of Alabama and enrolled or expected to enroll at a 2 or 4 year college or university or a technical institution in Alabama. Veteran must have served at least 90 days continuous active federal duty. Disabled veteran must be rated at least 20 percent disabled due to service-connected disabilities. Veteran must have been a resident of Alabama at least one year prior to enlistment.

Application requirement: Proof of eligibility

Amount of award: Full tuition

Number of applicants: 2,417

Contact:

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

P.O. Box 1509

Montgomery, AL 36102-1509

Phone: 334-242-5077

Fax: 334-242-5102

Alabama Student Assistance Program

Scholarship Intended use: For full-time [undergraduate study](#).

Designated institutions. Eligible Alabama 2-year or 4-year institutions.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must be residing in Alabama.

Basis for selection: Applicant must demonstrate financial need.

Applicant requirement: Proof of eligibility. FAFSA.

Amount of award: \$300-\$5,000

Contact:

Applications available at high school or college financial aid office.

Phone: 334-242-2273

Fax: 334-242-2269

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

Harvard University Announcement

No tuition and no student loans

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship Application Deadline: June 1, 2011

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.

How to Apply: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship

Application Deadline: June 1, 2011

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC Spouses 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.

How to Apply: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 29, 2011

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.

How to Apply: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

Application Deadline: April 29, 2011

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

How to Apply: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

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

Section V RESOURCES

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.cacfinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.eccfinfo.org

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>