



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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Announcements

USDA's D-SNAP Program

The Alabama Department of Human Resources has received approval from the U.S. government to provide food to people who otherwise might not qualify for the Food Assistance Program. Last week, eight counties accepted new D-SNAP applications. These counties included: Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marshall, Tuscaloosa, and Walker. **Twelve more counties will begin accepting applications this week.** These counties include: Calhoun, Cherokee, Elmore, Etowah, Hale, Jackson, Madison, Marion, Morgan, St. Clair, Tallapoosa, and Winston. The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) has scheduled Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (D-SNAP) to be operated the week of May 16 – 22 for these 12 additional Alabama counties. D-SNAP is designed to provide disaster food benefits to people who might not ordinarily qualify for the Food Assistance Program. Current food assistance recipients may not apply for benefits at the D-SNAP location. The remaining 22 counties that received a federal disaster declaration will operate a D-SNAP program in the upcoming weeks. To qualify for the benefits, residents must apply in person or have an authorized representative apply for them. For more information, please call the Alabama Department of Human Resources at (334) 242-1310.

Website: <http://www.dhr.state.al.us/>

Recent Grant Awards

May 6, 2011

\$10 Million Grant to Fund Temporary Jobs for Tornado Victims

MONTGOMERY—Alabama residents who lost their jobs because of the devastating April 27 tornadoes will be eligible for new employment helping their communities recover. Gov. Robert Bentley announced a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that will be used to hire temporary workers to help local governments in the hardest hit areas. The workers will clear debris and start the rebuilding process and also may staff shelters and food banks. “The April 27 tornadoes left a path of devastation that not only included lives and properties, but also jobs,” Bentley said. “This grant will give both communities and unemployed workers a much-needed helping hand.” County and municipal governments will work with Alabama Career Centers in their areas to find applicants who are eligible for the temporary jobs. First priority for employment will be given to workers whose employers are closed because of the tornadoes. The workers will assist with the demolition, repair, renovation and reconstruction of destroyed public facilities within the affected communities. Counties targeted for assistance in hiring temporary workers include Bibb, Calhoun, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, St. Clair, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa and Walker. Additional counties may be included at a later date.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs applied for the National Emergency Grant on April 29. Municipal and county governments should contact ADECA at (334) 242-5886 to request funding for the temporary worker program.

- **\$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

Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)

Program: **Alabama Public Assistance Portal**

Description: This site is for the online application and management of the Public Assistance grant in Alabama. Public Assistance (PA) is a federal grant program to aid State and local governments in returning a disaster area to pre-disaster conditions. A minimum of 75% of eligible costs is provided to primarily address the repair and restoration of public facilities, infrastructure, or services which have been damaged or destroyed. Eligible applicants include local and Tribal governments as well as certain Private Non-Profit organizations

Website: <http://www.alabamapa.org/index.cfm?>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Rural Community Facilities Program**

Description: Part of a broad mission directed by the agency's Rural Community Facilities Program, the mix of grants and loans is offering a lifeline to small communities across the country that are struggling in a difficult economy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, known for its drought and disaster assistance to farmers, is providing

hundreds of millions of dollars to cash-strapped towns and public safety agencies to buy police patrol cars, equip fire stations and renovate courthouses.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html

More Information: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2011-05-17-Agriculture-Department-funds-rural-towns-budget_n.htm?csp=34news

Program: **Farm Services Agency Disaster Programs**

Description: Damaged forest land should be reported to the landowner's county Farm Service Agency office. Farmers may visit their local Farm Services Agency office to learn more about disaster programs. Programs for assistance regarding damage at animal operations resulting in animal mortality are available. FSA administers several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths.

How to Apply: Call the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries EOC at 334-240-7278. A list of county FSA offices can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov or by calling (334) 279-3500.

Website: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=5957>

Programs: [USDA Rural Development Programs](#)

Description: Disaster programs are available such as funding to replace and repair single-family homes, shared community facilities and the water and wastewater systems in the damaged areas.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Grants.html

Program: **Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loans and Grants**

Description: The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

How to Apply: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RR Loans Grants.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RR_Loans_Grants.html)

Program: **Rural Community Development Initiative Grants**

Description: To develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas.

How to Apply: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RCDI Grants.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RCDI_Grants.html)

U.S. Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administration

Program: **The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge**

Description: The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge is an innovative initiative of 16 Federal agencies and bureaus to accelerate innovation-fueled job creation and economic prosperity through public private partnerships. It will leverage existing financial and technical resources from the 16 Federal agencies and bureau to support the development of approximately 20 competitively selected industry clusters in urban and rural regions across the national and across all sectors.

How to Apply: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-10231.pdf>.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW- Virtual Reality Technologies for Research and Education in Obesity and Diabetes (R01)**

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage submission of hypothesis-testing research

applications that capitalize on the unique capabilities of Virtual Reality (VR) technologies to visualize outcomes, teach, motivate, and to extend the health care and learning environments, in order to foster to foster desirable eating, physical activity, self-care, and other health-related behaviors necessary for prevention and management of obesity and diabetes.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdwy7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=92833&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant**

Description: The purpose of this program is to create healthier communities by 1) building capacity to implement broad evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes, as appropriate, in large counties, and in states, tribes and territories, including in rural and frontier areas and 2) supporting implementation of such interventions in five strategic areas (Strategic Directions) aligning with Healthy People 2020 focus areas and achieving demonstrated progress in the following five performance measures outlined in the Affordable Care Act: 1) changes in weight, 2) changes in proper nutrition, 3) changes in physical activity, 4) changes in tobacco use prevalence, and 5) changes in emotional well being and overall mental health, as well as other program-specific measures.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdwy7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=93873&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Grants to Support the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Health Services**

Description: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the availability of funds under its grant program to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in conducting health services research in Fiscal Year 2011.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94634>

Program: **NEW-Grants to Support the Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program**

Description: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the availability of funds under its Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program to inform researchers of funding opportunities to conduct health services research affecting Hispanics for 2011.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJevrky353bTdwy7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94633&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW-Community Economic Development (CED) Projects**

Description: An applicant must be a private, non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC) having a 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, experienced in planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities. For purposes of this grant program, the CDC must be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yH16NKzbQ6QTSyFPwT6Crv1kRdPJYGjgNzPXq498yvRdQqpyvySK!-1041731581?oppId=92773&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Homeland Security- Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)

NEW-FEMA's Local Hire Program

In every disaster, FEMA has implemented a Local Hire Program. The HR unit has partnered with the Alabama Career Center to receive resumes from registered applicants. All applicants interested in working for FEMA as a local hire must go to the Alabama Career Center's website, <https://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/default.cfm> and register. The Local Hire Program, located on the 4th floor, is a restricted area. Only authorized personnel and liaisons from the departments are allowed in this area. Anyone with questions regarding the local hire program should contact Kathy Davis, HR Unit Leader, 205-320-2754.

NEW - HELP US HELP YOU: VISIT A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

If you have been affected by the Alabama tornadoes and have questions, there is someone who will listen at a disaster recovery center. Twenty-eight disaster recovery centers are currently open in Alabama and staffed with recovery specialists from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies.

By visiting one of the centers, you can:

- Apply for disaster assistance with FEMA.
- Learn about federal assistance available for temporary housing and home repairs.
- Check on the progress of an application you've already submitted.
- Get information on how to replace lost documents.
- Ask questions regarding correspondence from FEMA.
- Find out more about SBA's low-interest disaster loans or what to do if you can't afford one.
- Get help completing your SBA loan application.
- Learn more about local and state agencies that may be able to provide assistance.

Locations of disaster recovery centers can be found at go.usa.gov/CDc. Or use your smartphone or tablet to access m.fema.gov.

You can also talk to someone at FEMA's helpline **800-621-FEMA (3362)** about how to register for disaster assistance or where to find a disaster recovery center. Operators are multilingual and available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For those with a speech or hearing impairment, there is a TTY line at **800-462-7585**.

If you still need to register, you can do it by:

- Smartphone or tablet at <http://m.fema.gov>.
- Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

NEW- Current Disaster Recovery Centers

RAINSVILLE	DEKALB	TOM BEVILL CENTER 115 MAIN STREET W. RAINSVILLE, AL 35986
CORDOVA	WALKER	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 3965 MASSACHUSETTS AVE N. CORDOVA, AL 35550
BESSEMER	JEFFERSON	UNION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH 7049 TAYLOR'S FERRY ROAD BESSEMER, AL 35023
TUSCALOOSA	TUSCALOSSA	AMERICAN LEGION POST 3120 UNIVERSITY BLVD. EAST TUSCALOOSA, AL 35404
RUSSELLVILLE	FRANKLIN	RUSSELLVILLE PARKS & REC BUILDING 204 ASH AVENUE RUSSELLVILLE, AL 35653
CULLMAN	CULLMAN	CULLMAN CIVIC CENTER 510 5TH STREET SW CULLMAN, AL 35055
MOULTON	LAWRENCE	MOULTON RECREATION CENTER 13550 COURT STREET MOULTON, AL 35650
GUNTERSVILLE	MARSHALL	GUNTERSVILLE RECREATION CENTER 1500 SUNSET DRIVE GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976
HACKLEBURG	MARION	OLD INDIES HOUSE PLANT 8741 STATE HWY 172 HACKLEBURG, AL 35564
ASHVILLE	ST. CLAIR	GREENSPORT BAPTIST CHURCH

		92060 SHOAL CREEK ROAD ASHVILLE, AL 35953
WELLINGTON	CALHOUN	WEBSTER'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH 1581 A.P. HOLLIINGSWORTH ROAD WELLINGTON, AL 36279
PRATT CITY	JEFFERSON	MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH 306 AVENUE U, PRATT CITY BIRMINGHAM, AL 35214
EUTAW	GREENE	EUTAW ACTIVITY CENTER 107 HARRIS AVENUE EUTAW, AL 35462
MADISON	MADISON	MONROVIA CHURCH OF CHRIST 595 NANCE ROAD MADISON, AL 35757
BUTLER	CHOCTAW	CHOCTAW COUNTY EMA 816 W. PUSHMATAHA STREET BUTLER, AL 36904
TUSCALOOSA	TUSCALOOSA	HOLT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1001 CRESCENT RIDGE ROAD TUSCALOOSA, AL 35404
ATHENS	LIMESTONE	LIMESTONE COUNTY EVENT CENTER 114 W. PRYOR STREET ATHENS, AL
TUSCALOOSA	TUSCALOOSA	SHELBY PARK 1613 15TH STREET TUSCALOOSA, 35401
TUSCALOOSA	TUSCALOOSA	McDONALD HUGHES CENTER 3101 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD TUSCALOOSA, AL
BERRY	FAYETTE	BERRY CIVIC CENTER 30 SCHOOL AVENUE BERRY, AL 35546
ARAB	MARSHALL	ARAB RECREATION CENTER 761 N. MAIN STREET ARAB, AL

MOODY	ST. CLAIR	CITY OF MOODY FACILITY 670 PARK AVENUE MOODY, AL 35004
GADSDEN	ETOWAH	FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER 821 EAST BROAD STREET GADSDEN, AL
JOPPA	MORGAN	TRI-COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT 12132 HWY 67 SOUTH JOPPA, AL 35087
TALLADEGA	TALLADEGA	HEPZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH 5329 RENFROE ROAD TALLADEGA, AL 35160
JACKSONVILLE	CALHOUN	JACKSONVILLE CIVIC CENTER 501-A ALEXANDRIA ROAD SW JACKSONVILLE, AL
CLEVELAND	BLOUNT	CLEVELAND TOWN HALL 62732 US HWY 231 CLEVELAND, AL 35049
CENTREVILLE	BIBB	157 SW DAVIDSON DRIVE CENTREVILLE, AL
PLEASANT GROVE	JEFFERSON	PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH 724 4TH STREET PLEASANT GROVE, AL 35127
HIGDON	JACKSON	HIGDON BAPTIST CHURCH ALABAMA HWY 71 HIGDON, AL 35979
DEER PARK	WASHINGTON	EPWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION 7230 VINEGAR BEND ROAD DEER PARK, AL 36529
CARROLLTON	PICKENS	PICKENS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER 155 REFORM STREET CARROLLTON, AL

Doing Business with FEMA

Program: Contracting Opportunities

Description: FEMA appreciates the interest from companies that have products and services that they feel would be helpful to states affected by disasters. Vendors interested in federal contracting opportunities, should refer to the information that follows:

How to Apply: Vendors can register online at www.FedBizOpps.gov - the single government point-of-entry for Federal Government procurement opportunities over \$25,000. Government buyers use this site to publicize their business opportunities. The FedBizOpps portal also allows commercial vendors that are seeking Federal markets for their products and services to search, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community. In addition to the business opportunities afforded at this site, special projects and funding opportunities are also posted.

www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=37.

This site will provide information on contracting procedures, subcontracting opportunities, and FEMA direct contracting opportunities.

Additionally, FEMA locates vendors through the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), www.ccr.gov, which is the primary vendor database for the U.S. Federal Government. FEMA also seeks small businesses through the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Schedule program, www.gsa.gov/regions.htm, which allows agencies to buy commonly used supplies and services. Registration for each is free. Vendors may also find the Small Business Administration's website (www.sba.gov) a useful resource.

NEW-FEMA Information for Survivors of Recent Tornadoes

May 17, 2011

- The Alabama Emergency Management Agency, FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are providing flyers to help people understand how to separate debris. The flyer is also available online:
 - ENGLISH: http://www.fema.gov/photolibrary/photo_details.do?id=47222
 - SPANISH: http://www.fema.gov/photolibrary/photo_details.do?id=47217

- Homeowners may be eligible for FEMA assistance even if they have insurance. Some insurance policies do not include coverage for additional living expenses. Survivors may be eligible for temporary housing assistance until they can rebuild. They may also qualify for low-interest disaster loans for losses that are not covered by insurance or other disaster assistance programs. FEMA may be able to help those who have agreed to a settlement from their insurance and still have an unmet disaster-related need. They may have exhausted the Additional Living Expenses (ALE) provided by their insurance company.

- Applicants are being asked to let FEMA know of any updates to their application information, such as change of address or phone numbers and any insurance settlements. Call 800-621-3362 and select the “help” option.

- To find the most convenient disaster recovery center, survivors may go to <http://go.usa.gov/CDC>. Or call the FEMA helpline. They may also get locations through mobile devices at m.fema.gov.

- Through the FEMA Housing Portal, individuals and families who have been displaced by a disaster can find a place to live. The website address is www.fema.gov, click on Apply for Assistance, and then click on Search for Available Housing.

- HUD also provides help finding housing. Go to the National Housing Locator Service at http://portal.hud.gov/app_nhls/. Other housing resources may be available on commercial websites.

- Alabama has **42** counties eligible for disaster assistance. They are: **Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington and Winston** counties.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW- Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly**

Deadline: June 21, 2011

Description: HUD provides capital advances and contracts for project rental assistance.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=76835>

Program: **NEW-Housing Assistance**

Description: Survivors of recent tornadoes:

How to Apply: For help finding housing, go to the National Housing Locator Service at: portal.hud.gov/app_nhls/, a site maintained by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FEMA helpline (800-621-FEMA) can also locate housing.

Program: **HUD Disaster Recovery Assistance**

Description: Foreclosure protection offered to displaced families - U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced HUD will speed federal disaster assistance to the State of Alabama and provide support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes following severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding.

How to Apply:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/news/HUDNo.2011-04-29>

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DisasterPrep.pdf>

HUD has established two toll free National Service Center hotlines to assist disaster victims. The first, 888-297-8685, is to assist any displaced individual. The second, 800-955-2232, provides specialized help to Section 8 voucher holders and Public Housing residents. A live operator answers these lines from 8 AM CT to 8 PM CT seven days a week.

Program: HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

Description: HUD has established a toll free number for displaced Public Housing residents and Section 8 voucher holders.

How to Apply: Call 1-800-955-2232 or visit www.hudclips.org

Program: HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Description: CPD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriation.

How to Apply: CPD programs – Phone: 202-708-2690.

Program: HUD's Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF)

Description: HUD's newest Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF) is to reward grantees who have dedicated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery funding toward activities that reduce risk from future disasters. DREF was established to support the long-term recovery following dozens of natural disasters. As a result of having received CDBG funds for those disasters, several states were eligible to receive additional allocations based on the significant investment they've made by targeting their CDBG funds to disaster mitigation.

How to Apply: CPD programs – Phone: 202-708-2690.

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: NEW- BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act State, Local, and Tribal Reentry Courts

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail into communities, including the

subsequent challenges communities face as ex-offenders attempt to reintegrate into society. A combination of trends in sentencing, incarceration, and post-release supervision has brought prisoner reentry to the forefront of discussion among policy makers, practitioners, and researchers

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdw7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94793&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Family-Based Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdw7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=93454&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Adult Offender Reentry Program for Planning and Demonstration Projects**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail into communities...

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdw7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94833&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- OJJDP FY 2011 National Juvenile Probation Census Project**

Description: Funding under this solicitation will support the implementation and ongoing development and maintenance of two complementary national data collection programs.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=94533>

Program: **NEW-OJJDP FY 2011 Family Drug Court Programs**

Description: The U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award funding to enhance the capacity of family drug courts.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92013>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants - SGA-DFA-PY-10-13**

Deadline: **June 2, 2011 and November 17, 2011**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$240 million in funds for an H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants program. This grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities necessary to support such training. Between the two types of grants awarded (OJT and other training strategies), DOL intends to fund at least \$45 million to applicants proposing to provide training for occupations in the health care industry and at least \$60 million to applicants that serve long-term unemployed individuals.

How to Apply: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Education and Enforcement Program**

Description: To provide program funding for Operation Lifesaver, Inc., using funds designed and provided under the approved budget for the Federal railroad Administration's Office of Safety for fiscal year 2011

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdwY7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94733&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Accessible Transit Services for All Populations**

Description: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is soliciting proposals that will examine ways to provide ADA complementary paratransit in a more efficient and cost-effective manner, while maintaining compliance with the DOT ADA regulations (49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38), and identify those factors that prevent persons with disabilities from using the regular accessible fixed-route system.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdwY7DXJZHMffbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94794&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **NEW-SBA Lending Initiatives for Underserved Communities**

Description: SBA Preferred Lenders can begin approving Small Loan Advantage loans; 'Mission-focused' lenders can start applying to participate in Community Advantage. Lenders who participate in the U.S. Small Business Administration's Preferred Lender Program can approve loans through the agency's new Small Loan

Advantage program beginning Feb. 15. At the same time, the agency will begin accepting applications from community-based, mission-focused lenders who are interested in making SBA-guaranteed loans through the new Community Advantage program. Both the Small Loan Advantage and Community Advantage programs were announced in December as part of the agency's efforts to increase the number of lower dollar loans being made to small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities.

How to Apply: Contact SBA office <http://www.sba.gov/content/sba-lending-initiatives-underserved-communities-launch-feb-15>

Program: **NEW- SBA Program Commercial Real Estate Refinancing**

Description: Small businesses can refinance mortgage debt with 504 Loan

How to Apply: Contact SBA office - <http://www.sba.gov/news>

Program: **NEW-Small Business Jobs Act of 2010**

Description: The new law is providing critical resources to help small businesses continue to drive economic recovery and create jobs. The new law extended the successful SBA enhanced loan provisions while offering billions more in lending support, tax cuts, and other opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

More Information: <http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-jobs-act-2010>

U.S. Small Business Administration – **FREE Disaster Assistance**

Whether you rent or own your own home, own your own business, or own a small agricultural cooperative located in a declared disaster area, and are the victim of a disaster, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). To obtain general program information or to receive a status update on your disaster loan request, please call our customer service line at **1-800-659-2955 from 6AM to 11PM, 7 days a week, or email us at atdisastercustomerservice@sba.gov.**

Website: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DisasterPrep.pdf>

SBA alerted survivors that the agency does not charge for assisting in the completion of the loan application process. Organizations claiming to offer this service are not part of the federal agency. Survivors may obtain free SBA assistance at a Disaster Recovery Center or by calling the SBA customer service center number at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY).

Description: **SBA - Disaster Loan Fact Sheets**

How to Apply: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans/disaster-loan-fact-sheets>

NEW - Key to rebuilding Alabama is low-interest disaster loans

Description: SBA provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, nonprofit organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery & equipment, inventory and business assets that have been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster.

How to Apply: To obtain general program information or to receive a status update on your disaster loan request, please call our customer service line at **1-800-659-2955 from 6AM to 11PM, 7 days a week, or email us atdisastercustomerservice@sba.gov**

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=55088>

Program: **NEW - Small Business Development Centers Portable Assistance Project**

Description: Applicants will develop portable assistance programs to support the start up and sustainability of small business concerns in communities that are economically challenged as a result of a business or government facility downsizing or closing, which has resulted in the loss of jobs or small business instability.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Cc67NJKLYTdmTVvJzhLhqhr1L2PfRWwwwD0YKw2PJZc4wZmWVwBq!1844419985?oppId=95053&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - Knight Foundation and Federal Communications Commission Launch Apps for Communities Challenge**

Description: The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Federal Communications Commission have launched a new initiative called the Apps for Communities Challenge, which aims to help bring useful public data to traditionally underserved populations through Web, mobile, or text/SMS- based applications.

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=339200048

Program: **NEW - Planet Dog Foundation Announces Fall 2011 Grantmaking Cycle for Service Dog Programs**

Description: The Planet Dog Foundation seeks to support nonprofit programs in the United States that train, place, and support dogs helping people in need. The foundation awards grants of up to \$7,500 to help fund service-oriented programs related to assistance dogs, therapy dogs, search and rescue dogs, or police, fire, and military dogs. The foundation will give priority to programs that creatively serve multiple populations or otherwise maximize the value of the grants awarded.

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=339500035

Program: **NEW - CVS Caremark Community Grants Program Offers Support for Organizations Serving Children With Disabilities and the Uninsured**

Description: An annual philanthropic initiative of CVS Caremark, the CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations working to help disabled individuals 21 and under lead full and independent lives, and to programs that help the uninsured receive quality health care.

How to Apply:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=339500038

Program: **NEW-Home Depot Foundation Announces 2011 Community Impact Grants Program**

Description: The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. In light of the current housing market, the foundation's 2011 funding will prioritize projects that help veterans, seniors, and the disabled stay in their homes comfortably, including home repair, modification, and weatherization projects.

How to Apply:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335100022

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Environmental Education Website for below grant opportunities:

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

NEW - Reader's Digest Foundation "Make It Matter" Grant

Tell Reader's Digest how you or someone you know is giving back to your community, and the editors may select your story to appear in Reader's Digest's "Make It Matter" column or on ReadersDigest.com. Reader's Digest will promote your cause to its community of 38 million readers and award a \$1,500 grant to a tax exempt organization in your name

NEW - Ways to Help

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the U.S. to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas, including the environment. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis. Grants up to \$500 are awarded.

NEW - Wal-mart State Giving Program

The Wal-mart State Giving Program seeks to support organizations with programs that align with its mission to create opportunities so people can live better. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Sustainability. Minimum grants are \$25,000. The submission deadlines are April 17 and September 18 each year.

NEW - NEA Learning & Leadership Grant

The National Education Association offers grants to public education teachers and support staff to participate in high-quality professional-development experiences. The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. Applications are reviewed three times per year.

NEW - Digital Wish Grant

Digital Wish offers 43 different grants for digital camera hardware and software. To apply, register your classroom at Digital Wish and enter a lesson plan. All teachers who submit a lesson plan will be automatically entered to win a mobile digital camera lab, plus as many as 43 technology grants. Grants are awarded the 28th of every month

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

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. 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.

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

Section V RESOURCES

The Governor's Recovery Response Line is 1-866-465-2241

Website: <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

The Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives

Website: <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Alabama's Statewide 2-1-1 Volunteer Call Center is a 24/7 volunteer and donations hotline that provides an opportunity for people to connect to available volunteer and donation options. By calling 2-1-1 (in the state of Alabama or toll free 1-888-421-1266) or visiting www.servealabama.gov, individuals can register to volunteer or provide a financial donation to the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund.

Alabama State Bar Association - Schedule of Free Tornado Disaster Clinics

Website: <http://www.alabar.org/public/tornado-disaster-clinics.cfm>

Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Unemployment Compensation

Website: <http://dir.alabama.gov/FAQ%20-%20Regular%20UC%20and%20DUA.pdf>

Alabama Department of Public Health – Health and Safety Concerns

Website: <http://www.adph.org/riskcommunication/Default.asp?id=5118>

Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Phone: 202-708-2404

www.hud.gov/offices/fbci

Email: Talk_to_us@hud.gov

Counseling If you or a loved one needs counseling services to help deal with the recent tornado tragedy, please contact your local mental health center. You can call **1-800-367-0955** or use the lists below to find to find mental health services near you:

[Intellectual Disabilities Service Providers](#)

[Mental Illness Service Providers](#)

[Substance Use Disorder Service Providers](#)

Deaf or HOH? Please use Phone/VP 334-239-3558 or fax 334-242-3025.

- Call 911 if you are in need of immediate medical attention, or go to the closest ER.
- Call 800-273-TALK (8255) for 24/7 suicide prevention services.
- Call 211 or 888-421-1266 for any type of assistance - housing, clothing, etc.
- Visit safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php to list yourself as safe and well or to search for your loved ones on the American Red Cross web site.

American Red Cross provides information on shelter locations, information on affected areas and disaster safety information. The Red Cross hotline is (866) 438-4636. You can register online for services from your local Red Cross Chapter.

The Salvation Army – visit website: www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org

Disaster and Weather Information

- [American Red Cross \(ARC\)](#)
- [DisasterAssistance.gov](#)
- [Disaster Contracting Assistance Center](#)
- [DisasterHelp.gov](#)
- [Disaster Safety.org](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Information Exchange](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)
- [HUD Disaster Recovery Assistance](#)
- [National Weather Service \(NWS, NOAA\)](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

Federal Government

- [Pay.gov](#)
- [IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses](#)
- Taxpayers may also call the IRS Disaster Hotline at 1-866-562-5227
- [U.S. Office of Personnel Management \(OPM\)](#)
- [USA.Gov](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)

Emergency Management Office

- [Alabama Emergency Management Agency \(AEMA\)](#)

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/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
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Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

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Decatur, Alabama 35601
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Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
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Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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Fax: 256.830.0843
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

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

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251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

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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
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