



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*.

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Recent News

SOUTHEASTERN DISASTER TAX RELIEF ACT INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON – Legislation to help promote the recovery of families, businesses, and local governments affected by tornadoes and severe flooding in the Southeast has been introduced in the House by a bipartisan group of 27 members from nine states.

The Southeastern Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2011 would provide temporary tax relief to assist rebuilding efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. The bill is modeled on tax relief offered after previous natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and is a companion to legislation introduced by Senator Richard Shelby (AL) in the U.S. Senate.

Lead House Democratic sponsor Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7) said, “In April, tornadoes and heavy storms devastated the State of Alabama. And over the past several months, several states across this nation experienced similar devastation. Many families lost their homes and jobs while communities were devastated and even wiped out. As we continue down the long road to recovery, it is critical that we provide communities with the resources and opportunities they need to repair, rebuild, and move forward. The bipartisan disaster relief legislation that my colleagues and I introduced yesterday will help provide tax incentives for homeowners, businesses and the agriculture industry so that they can rebuild. The bill will aid communities in their effort to rebuild and strengthen infrastructure, and it will spur investment. In conjunction with the federal assistance already provided by FEMA, the Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration, this legislation will help our communities recover and come out stronger than before.”

Lead House Republican sponsor Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) said, “After meeting the emergency needs of our citizens, our next step must be to plan for economic recovery. The targeted tax relief contained in this legislation will help our families, businesses, and communities to help themselves as they rebuild after these devastating storms. We have seen a spirit of resiliency in Alabama and across the Southeast, and this is an additional way to give our citizens confidence about the future.”

The legislation would establish a temporary Southeastern disaster area in the Internal Revenue Code to designate regions affected by the severe weather. Individuals, businesses, and communities in disaster areas would be eligible for tax relief including personal losses to home property, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans, housing of displaced individuals, a low

income housing credit, education tax benefits, an employee retention credit, expensing for demolition and cleanup costs, and tax exempt bond financing.

The provisions in the legislation would be fully paid for by rescinding federal funds that are either unspent or uncommitted, and would not increase the national debt.

Original cosponsors of the legislation are: Spencer Bachus (AL-6), Jo Bonner (AL-1), Mo Brooks (AL-5), Russ Carnahan (MO-3), William Lacy Clay (MO-1), Tom Cole (OK-4), Rick Crawford (AZ-1), Scott DesJarlais (TN-4), John Duncan (TN-2), Steven Fincher (TN-8), Tim Griffin (AR-2), Brett Guthrie (KY-2), Gregg Harper (MS-3), Vicki Hartzler (MO-4), Walter Jones (NC-3), Billy Long (MO-7), Frank Lucas (OK-3), Alan Nunnelee (MS-1), Steven Palazzo (MS-4), Martha Roby (AL-2), Phil Roe (TN-1), Mike Rogers (AL-3), Mike Ross (AR-4), Austin Scott (GA-8), Terri Sewell (AL-7), Lynn Westmoreland (GA-4), Steve Womack (AR-3).

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Visits with the 2011 Seventh Congressional District Art Competition Winner Rashia Martin in Washington, DC

Washington, DC— Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) visited with Rashia Martin, the winner of this year’s Seventh Congressional District Art Competition. Martin was visiting Washington, DC to attend the annual Congressional Art Competition Reception in the U.S. Capitol and to meet with Congresswoman Sewell, her Member of Congress.

“Rashia is a very talented young woman,” said Rep. Sewell (D-AL). “I am proud to call her a constituent and I am sure that we will see more great things from her in the future.”

“It is very exciting to get to visit Washington and meet Congresswoman Sewell and the other winners of the competition,” said Martin. “Everyone has been great and I have had a really good time.”

Martin graduated from Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama this year. As the first place winner, Martin received two round-trip tickets to Washington, DC to attend the National Congressional Art Competition Reception, and is eligible for a scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. Her winning piece, “Carnival,” will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

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Why You Should Return the SBA Disaster Loan Application by June 27

Release Date: June 22, 2011

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Tornado survivors not returning their loan application from the [U. S. Small Business Administration](#) may be saying no to potential federal assistance. Some survivors may be counting on a future insurance settlement to cover all the costs of rebuilding. Maybe they don't want a disaster loan or fear they can't afford one. Or maybe they don't know how to get help with the paperwork the SBA sent them. But there are good reasons to submit a completed [SBA loan application](#) by the **June 27** deadline. SBA offers the disaster loans to tornado-affected homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations in the 43 Alabama counties with a federal disaster designation for Individual Assistance. Some of the top reasons for submitting an SBA application by the deadline include:

- **A future insurance settlement may fall short.** You may find out that you were underinsured for the amount of work it takes to repair or replace a damaged home. An SBA low-interest loan can cover the uninsured costs. By submitting the loan application on time, you may have loan money available when it is needed. SBA can approve a loan for the repair or replacement of your home up to \$200,000. Once your insurance settles, you may apply those funds to your disaster loan. However, the opportunity for an SBA disaster loan may be lost if you wait until after the application deadline.
- **SBA can work with a homeowner to shape a loan that fits your personal budget.** If you already have a mortgage on the damaged property, SBA specialists can work with you to come up with a low-interest loan package you can afford. In some cases, SBA can refinance all or part of an existing mortgage when the applicant may not qualify for a loan from commercial lenders, has suffered substantial uninsured or underinsured damage and intends to repair the property.
- **SBA can help renters replace their essential items.** Renters, as well as homeowners, may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace clothing, furniture, cars or appliances damaged or destroyed in the disaster.
- **By submitting your SBA loan application, you keep the full range of disaster assistance available as an option.** If SBA does not approve a loan for you – or approves a small loan that doesn't cover all of your needs – you may be referred to other programs that can provide grants to replace essential household items replace or repair a damaged vehicle or cover storage expenses, among other serious disaster-related needs. But if you do not submit the loan application you received from SBA, the assistance process may stop.
- For more information, homeowners and renters may call the SBA at **800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY)**. Applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Or homeowners and renters may visit SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> to apply online for disaster loans. Survivors should also register with FEMA; call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **(TTY) 800-462-7585** for the deaf or hard of hearing. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Churches and Other Nonprofits May Rebuild with SBA Loans

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Churches, temples, mosques and other religious centers, as well as other private nonprofit organizations in Alabama’s storm-damaged designated counties, are eligible to apply for U.S. Small Business Administration loans to help rebuild. Applications must be received by **June 27**. Private nonprofits of any size may borrow up to \$2 million at interest rates as low as 3 percent to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, furniture, fixtures, appliances, equipment, vehicles, other assets and leasehold improvements. (Leasehold improvements could include items such as paint, carpeting, lighting, office partitions or other items attached to the leased structure but owned by the renter.)

The terms of the loans may be up to 30 years, making payments affordable. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition. Interested organizations may apply before their insurance claims are settled. The SBA may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements so that you can make changes while repairing or rebuilding that reduce the risk of property damage by future disasters of the same kind.

For more information, nonprofits may call the SBA at **800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY)** or visit a disaster recovery center. Applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Or nonprofits may visit SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> to apply online for disaster loans. Registration with FEMA is also recommended; call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or (TTY) **800-462-7585** for the deaf or hard of hearing. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Churches and other nonprofits should also investigate sources of aid from charitable agencies, volunteer groups and private donors.

Recent Grant Awards

- **Whatley Health Services** – Tuscaloosa – to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA awards total - \$ 7,320,539
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJOQlxHVINaOEsK>
- **Rural Health Medical Program** – Selma, Alabama –to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA award total - \$1,828,380
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJPQlw%2FWFFKOEsk>
- **University of Alabama** - Tuscaloosa – To date for Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3,488, 683.00. Grants are awarded from the Administration of Children & Families; CDC, HRSA, NIH, & SAMHSA – For a complete listing of award projects go to weblink:
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQzxfXVFKOEsk>

- **University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies** - Tuscaloosa, AL Award Amount: \$24,007; Matching Amount: \$21,200
Grant Category: Planning - Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program -The University of Alabama School of Library & Information Studies, unique among library schools in offering a self-contained book arts program, will join with the Alabama Center for the Book and academic experts in a one-year planning process to explore a dual master's degree in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) and Book Arts (MFA). <http://imls.gov/news/2011/062111a.shtm>
- **University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa** - Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship-DHHS/ HRSA award - \$38,028.00
- **Aletheia House of Birmingham, Alabama** awarded \$300,000 for the Department of Labor's Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) Second Year Funding
- **University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB)** awarded \$4,523,521 to date for Fiscal Year 2011 by the Department of Health and Human Services
Website:
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQjxXV1IqOEwK>
- **Jefferson County Child Development Council, Inc** awarded \$1,462,668.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Commission** awarded \$1,001,509 for Fiscal Year 2011 for Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS PROGRAM – HIV/AIDS
- **Sumter County Opportunity, Inc.** awarded \$1,784,939.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity** awarded \$5,505,850.00 for Head Start Projects
- **Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.** awarded \$2,536,867.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **HUD announces over \$49 million for community development and affordable HOUSING IN ALABAMA FOR REMAINDER OF FY2011**
Auburn, Decatur, Florence, Mobile, Mobile County, and **Tuscaloosa** will receive more than \$49 million to support community development and produce more affordable housing in Alabama. HUD's annual funding will also help find homes for individuals and families living on the streets and provide permanent housing for individuals living HIV/AIDS.
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/news/HUDNo.2011-06-13>

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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

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: **NEW- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grants FY 2011**

Description: Service activities on the 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend- Activities in your portfolio maybe part of a continuum of year round service and contribute to advancing overall programmatic impact and organizational capacity.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=100153&mode=VIEW>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW- Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums.**

Description: These grants will support the planning and designing of up to 30 Learning Labs in libraries and museums throughout the country. The Labs are intended to engage middle- and high-school youth in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered, collaborative learning using digital and traditional media.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLpJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=100113&mode=VIEW>

Internal Revenue Service

NEW- IRS Increases Mileage Rate to 55.5 Cents per Mile

IR-2011-69, June 23, 2011

WASHINGTON —The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes. The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011, as set forth in Revenue Procedure 2010-51. In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2011. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

Mileage Rate Changes

Purpose	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/11	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/11
Business	51	55.5
Medical/Moving	19	23.5
Charitable	14	14

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW - Water Sustainability and Climate**

Description: Understand and predict the interactions between the water system and climate change, land use (including agriculture, managed forest and rangeland systems), the built environment, and ecosystem function and services through place-based research and integrative models.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=mHLVTCcWFF53hvTQC48bhn1Jc3pY29nKnyTd2dwqJGQD1jvlvS63!198841013?oppId=100076&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW -Environmental Sustainability**

Description: Engineering research grant

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=mHLVTCcWFF53hvTQC48bhnJc3pY29nKnyTd2dwqJGQD1jvlvS63!198841013?oppId=98373&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Energy for Sustainability**

Description: Research for production of electricity and transportation fuels

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=mHLVTCcWFF53hvTQC48bhnJc3pY29nKnyTd2dwqJGQD1jvlvS63!198841013?oppId=98374&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW- 2012 Summer EBT Wic Demonstration Grant Model**

Description: The 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-80) provided authority and funding for USDA to demonstrate and rigorously evaluate methods of reducing or preventing food insecurity and hunger among children in the summer months. In response, the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC) demonstrations is testing a household-based method of delivering nutrition assistance to low-income children during the summer.

How To apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhpZ3n13xdMnXGWLPIJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=100056&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - 2012 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC) SNAP Model Demonstration Grant**

Description: The 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-80) provided authority and funding for USDA to demonstrate and rigorously

evaluate methods of reducing or preventing food insecurity and hunger among children in the summer months. In response, the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC) demonstrations is testing a household-based method of delivering nutrition assistance to low-income children during the summer.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLPLJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=100055&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Revolving Loan Fund**

Description: Drinking water systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. With dependable water facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zy72N6bGIC5RdFBq12ZfhlTkphMJx4r6rFvqnG6GpVqYnxpwHf6!2057934305?oppId=99314&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Rural Cooperative Development Grant program**

Description: USDA Offers Job Creation Grants - Initiative focuses on cooperative development centers under the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program, colleges, universities and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of as much as \$225,000 to create and operate centers that establish or expand rural businesses, with an emphasis on cooperatives. “Cooperative development centers are business and job incubators,” Vilsack said. “They support President Obama’s goal to bring increased economic opportunities to rural communities by assisting new businesses as they create sustainable jobs.”

More Info: <http://www.ect.coop/newsmakers/co-op-news-newsmakers/usda-offers-job-creation-grants/30423>

How to apply: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-07/pdf/2011-13927.pdf>

Program: **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)**

Description: USDA Rural Development Agency has funding available for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program (REDLG). REDLG supports rural small businesses that create or retain jobs. **The deadline to apply is June 30, 2011.**

How to apply: <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/02/14/2011-3198/inviting-applications-for-the-rural-economic-development-loan-and-grant-program-for-fiscal-year-2011>

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW- Research and Demonstration of Innovative Drinking Water Treatment Technologies in Small Systems**

Description: EPA seeking applications proposing to conduct research necessary to identify, develop and demonstrate novel and innovative treatment technologies and approaches for small public drinking water systems.

How to apply:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllC_LJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlxcV1NBxv9!301391617?oppId=101273&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - \$10 Million in Affordable Care Act funds to help create workplace health programs - Comprehensive Health Programs to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco Use in the Workplace**

Description: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced today June 23rd the availability of \$10 million to establish and evaluate comprehensive workplace health promotion programs across the nation to improve the health of American workers and their families. The initiative, with funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, is aimed at improving workplace environments so that they support healthy lifestyles and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes.

How to apply: Organizations interested in submitting proposals for the can find more information at www.fbo.gov. The application deadline is August 8, 2011. A separate funding opportunity is available for a national evaluation of the initiative and can also be found at www.fbo.gov Weblink: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/06/20110623a.html>

Program: **NEW- Innovative Social Media Strategies to Reach Open to Smoking Youth**

Description: The purpose of this initiative is to identify and counter pro-tobacco messages and related online youth influences by creating and implementing innovative social media strategies to target and influence open-to-smoking youth ages 12-17

How to apply:
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllCLJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlxpcVINBxv9!301391617?oppId=101353&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Supplemental Funds to Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) PS08-862, Networking, Training & Education**

Description: The purpose of the program is to develop strategies that will result in a U.S. health care workforce prepared to screen and diagnose viral hepatitis and provide care and treatment to infected persons.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllC LJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlXpcV1NBxv9!301391617?oppId=101095&mode=VIEW>

Program: Residency Training in Primary Care Program

Description: The purposes of the Residency Training in Primary Care are to: 1. Plan, develop, and operate or participate in an accredited residency or internship program in the field of family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics and/or combined internal medicine and pediatrics ("med-peds") for medical students, interns, residents, or practicing physicians as defined by the Secretary

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zv72N6bGIC5RdFBq12Z fhbLTkphMJx4r6rFvqnG6GpVqYnxpwHf6!2057934305?oppId=98973&mode=VIEW>

Program: Pre-Doctoral Training in Primary Care

Description: The purpose of the program is to support projects that plan, develop, and operate a program to train medical students for careers in family medicine, general internal medicine, and general pediatrics, including combined internal medicine and pediatrics ("med-peds").

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yBhhN4HC2MR2bpdt5CWQY5FfQ FzQ2J2YJvftpW78Gv4N1h1RKJGf!-1176040633?oppId=98953&mode=VIEW>

Program: HHS Announces Community Health Center Grant Opportunity

Description: Medicare officials announced that under a new demonstration project they will hand out \$42 million over three years to as many as 500 community health centers to help them coordinate patient care. To be eligible for a grant, Federally Qualified Health Centers must have provided primary care medical services to at least 200 Medicare beneficiaries in the most recent year. This could include people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The application deadline is Aug. 12. The goal of the grants project is to improve the quality of care and lower costs for patients by having teams of doctors and other professionals coordinate the treatments of patients.

How to apply: <http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/>

Program: HHS Announces Health Care Law Grants for Chronic Disease Prevention

Description: HHS announced Tuesday the availability of about \$40 million in first-year grants under a three-year program to prevent heart disease, cancer, stroke, arthritis and diabetes, among other conditions.

How to apply: The application deadline is July 22. Congress made the money available under the health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)). More information can be found at www.grants.gov

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

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR ALABAMIANS TOPS \$100 MILLION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — More than \$100 million in federal disaster assistance has been approved for survivors of the spring storms and tornadoes. This amount includes funds from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) and the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) to assist survivors who had storm-related losses between April 15 and May 31. There is still time

for survivors to register for possible federal disaster assistance. The deadline to register is **Monday, June 27**. People can register by calling **800-621-FEMA** (3362), TTY 800-462-7585, or by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov. “The funding that FEMA has approved so far is an incredible asset to assist survivors in our state,” said [Alabama Emergency Management Agency](#) Director Art Faulkner. “I strongly encourage all Alabamians who had storm damages to register with FEMA and return their SBA applications before next Monday’s deadline so we can be better assured of a full recovery.”

Program: **NEW - 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshops Now Underway**

Description: Attend a grant workshop in your area today! Important changes have been made to the 2011 AFG Program, make sure you’re prepared to submit a good application for grant funding this year.

More Information: If you have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant opportunity please contact 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov and see schedule for workshops at: www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/workshop_schedule.shtm

Program: FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Grants Program](#) (HMGP)

Description: Provides grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribal governments to retrofit public or private structures and facilities to minimize damages from high winds, earthquake, flood, wildfire, or other natural hazards. Funding for safe rooms is initiated through local officials, such as emergency manager, mayor or building code/enforcement office. Local officials send requests for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grants Program through the state.

1. FEMA reimburses up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of each approved project. The state or local match does not have to be cash; in-kind services or materials may be used. Approximately \$33 million has been allocated so far.
2. Federal funding under the HMGP is based on 15 percent of the federal funds spent on the Public and Individual Assistance programs (minus administrative expenses) for each disaster.
3. The HMGP program is managed by the state once the application is approved.

How to apply: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - Notice of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Competition**

Description: To provide CoC applicants with an outline of the functions and requirements of the annual registration in e-snaps; to provide CoC applicants and project applicants with the major changes that HUD will make under the CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2011.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QD72TGSShITn0MbTphcmllCLJ6F2nd12hLdGJ22YYlXpcV1NBxv9!301391617?oppId=101213&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)**

Description: BEDI funds are used to enhance the security of a loan guaranteed by HUD under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same brownfields economic development project, or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive economic use.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zy72N6bGIC5RdFBq12ZfhlTkpMjx4r6rFvqnG6GpVqYnxpwHf6!2057934305?oppId=99195&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant**

Description: Grants to support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which will transform these communities into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods by linking housing improvements with appropriate services, schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9QnyNn4NsdhSLQ7LXQTMWsC7v0074YBJ86SbhMQ6c111yTL1hkG6!1762745116?oppId=98093&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities**

Description: Grants for organizations that can provide capacity building support for communities engaged in planning efforts that support community involvement and integrate housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9QnyNn4NsdhSLQ7LXQTMWsC7v0074YBJ86SbhMQ6c111yTL1hkG6!1762745116?oppId=98173&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - Development of Water Rights Inventory & Assessments**

Description: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) desires to work with a vendor able to assist with the development of water resources inventories and assessments related to National Wildlife Refuges.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLPIJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=100094&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Youth Environmental Outdoor Education and Camps**

Description: To increase opportunities to expose youth in the local area to natural resources while at the same time supporting community organizations.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLpJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=99913&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Fiscal Year 11 (FY) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation**

Description: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Bp0vNwYX1ysVygWGf4Ps3jhyN1XrnbMWSZTwbNTpg6zYICq2WpLk!-1156965661?oppId=98213&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Susan Harwood Training Grant Program FY 2011**

Description: Training and educational programs

How to apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=99553>

Program: **Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)**

Description: To provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless Veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and To stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless Veterans.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=S6QKNw4b7QbCV1JzGpZ8VR2GJ6CjKJ8CZQrvwFxSy9QQ2c5J82yQ!756542808?oppId=98673&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Low Interest Disaster Loans**

Description: **Monday, June 27**, is the deadline for filing an application for a low-interest disaster loan with the Small Business Administration. While survivors are not required to accept a disaster loan, completing the SBA application is essential to receiving other assistance from FEMA.

How to apply: Anyone who has not registered with FEMA for disaster aid, has questions about an application or seeks more information about recovery programs should call FEMA's toll-free helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can call (TTY) **800-462-7585**. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and multilingual assistance is available. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through a smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov.

Program: **NEW - Small Business Development Centers**

Description: The SBDC program is the SBA'S largest matching grant-funded service delivery network providing high quality business and economic development assistance to small businesses and nascent entrepreneurs in order to promote growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity and management improvement.

How to apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LXfjTDWT4Qy7KWRv9BTHNhvPz3n13xdMnXGWLpJSN2XsR1QQCLFG!-743363?oppId=100335&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

Description: Communities make the program accessible to all preschool children in their area. The community pays for the books and mailing, promotes the program, registers the children, and enters the information into the database. From there The Dollywood Foundation takes over and manages the system to deliver the books to the home.

How to apply: <http://www.imaginationlibrary.com/usa/howworks.php>

Program: **Open Meadows**

Description: Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities.

How to apply: <http://www.openmeadows.org/>

Program: **Coca – Cola Foundation**

Description: Water Stewardship: To support access to clean water and sanitation, watershed protection in water-stressed regions, utilization of water for production and or multiple use systems that do more than provide clean drinking water, education and awareness programs that promote water conservation within communities and industry

How to apply:

http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html

Program: **Verizon Foundation**

Description: Areas of support are for education and literacy, and safety and health. We participate in innovative programs to improve literacy and strengthen education achievement for children and adults. We support initiatives that help prevent domestic violence and improve access to healthcare information and services.

How to apply: <http://www.verizonfoundation.org/core/index.shtml>

Program: **Home Depot Foundation 2011 Community Impact Grant Program**

Description: 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

Program: **CVS Caremark Community Grants Program: Support for Organizations Serving Children with Disabilities and the Uninsured**

Description: 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

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

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

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

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

MeritAid.com

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

Student Aid Programs

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Fast Web

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

Scholarship Experts

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

Harvard University Announcement

No tuition and no student loans

Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

Alabama Student Assistance Program

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

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

Section V RESOURCES

Legal Services Alabama at 1-866-456-4995 or Apply ONLINE at

<http://alabamalegalhelp.org/AL/index.cfm>

Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance at a Disaster Recovery Center is available or call 1-800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY). SBA - Disaster Loan Fact

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

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 Department of Industrial Relations

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Unemployment Compensation

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

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** -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

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 \(OPM\)](http://U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM))
- USA.Gov
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](http://U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA))

Emergency Management Office

- [Alabama Emergency Management Agency \(AEMA\)](http://Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA))

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
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1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
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Montgomery, Alabama 36117
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Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

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107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
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Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

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P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
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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
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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
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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
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Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
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Elmore County Community Foundation
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Website: www.eccfinfo.org

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Birmingham, AL 35203
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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
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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
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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