

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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The City of Birmingham will be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas. Earlier today, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan called Congresswoman Sewell and shared the news with her.

"I am pleased that HUD will provide this critically important funding to the City of Birmingham to rebuild its communities. As a result of the April tornadoes and heavy storms, communities and homes were destroyed and hundreds of lives were lost in the State of Alabama. The road to recovery will be long, but this desperately needed funding will assist Alabama in its effort to rebuild again," said Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07).

More details to come soon.

Sewell Votes to Prevent Default Crisis

Washington, D.C. –Today, Congresswoman Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement after voting for the Budget Control Act of 2011.

"Today, I voted in favor of the Budget Control Act of 2011. While it is not a perfect bill, this bipartisan measure prevents this nation from going into default and protects Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security – essential programs relied upon by our nation's seniors and middle class families. The bill that passed today removes the cloud of economic uncertainty from our global markets and ensures that this nation will meet its fiscal obligations. I voted in favor of this bill not because I am a Democrat, but because I believe in the Full Faith and Credit of the United States.

Legislation is the art of compromise and there are plenty of provisions in this bill that are unsettling. The drastic cuts coupled with no revenues I believe threatens our economic recovery. However, the bill does provide a significant down payment on our nation's debt and creates a process for reducing the deficit.

As we continue working toward strengthening the economy, the burden cannot simply fall on our seniors, students, middle class families and the most vulnerable. The solution must include shared sacrifice from us all.

Ultimately, allowing America to default on its obligations was simply not an option.

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell about Mercedes-Benz's Announcement to Strengthen Manufacturing in Alabama

Washington, DC- Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement about Mercedes-Benz's announcement that they will strengthen manufacturing and produce the redesigned 2012 ML-Class sport utility vehicle at its factory in Vance:

"For 18 years, Mercedes-Benz has maintained a strong manufacturing presence in Alabama and is a source of jobs for thousands of employees and suppliers within the 7th Congressional district and the state of Alabama. It is great news that Mercedes-Benz will continue to make critical investments in our local economy. The business community plays an important role in helping to create and grow jobs in the US and I applaud Mercedes-Benz's commitment to continuing that effort.

In order to expand our economy, it is important that more businesses like Mercedes-Benz make these strategic investments and create jobs right here in America. As a Member of Congress, I will continue to work hard to promote policies that will help businesses and workers succeed in this global economy."

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Opposition to H.R. 2560

Washington, D.C. –Today, Congresswoman Sewell (D-AL) issued the following statement after voting against H.R. 2560, "Cut, Cap and Balance" bill introduced by Republican lawmakers:

"Today I voted responsibly against a bill misleadingly named the "Cut, Cap and Balance" bill. It is absolutely necessary that this nation doesn't default on its obligations, and that we fulfill our country's fiscal commitments. The bill that I voted against today would undercut the Federal Government's ability to meet its core commitments to seniors, children, middle-class families and our vulnerable populations. The bill sets out a false and unacceptable choice between the federal government- defaulting on its obligations now or, alternatively, pass a Balanced Budget Amendment that, in the years ahead, will likely leave the nation unable to meet its core commitments. The bill would cap federal spending at a level not seen in over half a century, resulting in severe cuts to Medicare, Social Security, education and research and development. Cutting funding for programs that serve children, the elderly and working families is not the answer to our nation's deficit crisis.

I believe we must exercise fiscal discipline in our spending as well as fiscal responsibility in managing our debt. These types of political games that threaten the creditworthiness of our nation are reprehensible and cannot continue. America's economy is a stabilizing force in the global economic market. This stability is essential for our continued economic recovery and our ability to borrow necessary funds at low interest rates. Instead of pursuing an empty political statement and unrealistic policy goals, it is necessary to move beyond politics as usual and find common ground.

If Congress continues to delay an extension of the debt limit, a broad range of government payments will have to be stopped, limited or delayed. Those payments include retirement benefits, Social Security and Medicare payments, military salaries, unemployment benefits and tax refunds. This delay would impose additional hardship on hard-working American families during these already challenging economic times and will raise questions about our ability to defend our national security interests. The risk of allowing such a catastrophic default to occur is one that I am not willing to take.

Neither setting arbitrary spending levels nor amending the Constitution is necessary to restore fiscal responsibility. I look forward to supporting a comprehensive measure that minimizes our debt, balances the federal budget and creates jobs."

Congresswoman Sewell Announces that the City of Tuscaloosa Will Receive \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the City of Tuscaloosa will receive \$350,000 in community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Tuscaloosa be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas. HUD generally awards noncompetitive, nonrecurring Disaster Recovery grants by a formula that considers disaster recovery needs unmet by other Federal disaster assistance programs. Earlier today, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan called Congresswoman Sewell and shared the news with her. "I am pleased that HUD will provide this critically important funding to the City of Tuscaloosa to rebuild its communities. As a result of the April tornadoes and heavy storms, communities and homes were destroyed and hundreds of lives were lost in the State of Alabama. The road to recovery will be long, but this desperately needed funding will assist Alabama in its effort to rebuild again," said Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07).

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$ 4,565,580 in Funding for Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$4,565,580 was awarded to the Birmingham Airport Authority to improve two of the airport's terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"This funding will improve the current facilities and enhance safety at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport," said Rep. Sewell. "This funding opportunity will create jobs and ensure the safety of passengers. These are the types of funding opportunities that will make our 7th Congressional District stronger."

"We are grateful to Congresswoman Sewell and our congressional delegation for taking a strong interest in the projects that are being undertaken at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport," said Al Denson, President and CEO, Birmingham Airport Authority. "This grant will enable us to continue Phase 2 of taxiway A rehabilitation and to construct terminal apron pavement for aircraft using future concourses A and B."

According to the project description, the project will improve safety at the airport by constructing terminal apron pavement for aircraft using concourses A and B. Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport is a small-hub primary airport associated with Birmingham, Alabama.

Recent Grant Awards

- August 3, 2011 University of Alabama College of Community Health awarded \$160,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Hale County Health Department Partnership
- 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
- July 18, 2011 Pickens County Education Center Patient Simulation Laboratory awarded by Appalachian Regional Commission \$70,000 to Bevill State Community College State awards \$32,976 for a total of \$102, 976 for nursing simulation lab.
- July 14, 2011 HUD, VA to provide permanent housing and support to 150 homeless vets in Alabama HUD will provide \$703,893 to public housing agencies in Alabama to supply permanent housing and case management for 150 homeless veterans in Alabama. They are part of 6,790 homeless veterans in America that will receive housing for public and case management. http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=HUD-VASH2011Chart.pdf
- June 27, 2011 The Dannon Project Birmingham, AL Awarded amount of \$1,400,161 by Department of Labor for the Young Parents Demonstration to provide intensive mentoring services for low-income young parents or expectant parents, ages 16 to 24, in addition to the educational and occupational skills training available through existing workforce development programs.
- The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) will receive 25% of Section 324 State Management Costs, \$1,679,923. AEMA will apply these funds to salaries, benefits, equipment and training of staff and other management costs in implementing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- HUD Awards \$1.9 Billion to Improve, Preserve Nation's Public Housing Stock Alabama Award totals - \$60,538,409
 7th District Award totals - \$17,075,398

The funds will allow these public housing agencies to make major large-scale improvements to their public housing units. This annual funding to housing authorities is a down payment toward addressing \$25.6B backlog in large-scale repair, renovation costs.

- City of Tuscaloosa \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD The City of Tuscaloosa be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas.
 - **Fiscal Year 2011 University of Alabama -** Tuscaloosa Grant Awards Totals -- \$4,535,242 to date
- **Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport \$ 4,565,580-** to improve two of the airport's terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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 UA awarded July 5th -- \$ 285,745.00 Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research Genetic Basis of Genotype-by-Environment Interactions Underlying Physiological

- 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, 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
- **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
- Alabama Medicaid Agency Fiscal Year 2011- Totals to Date: \$4,150,272,622.00 Ranks in the Top 50 for Recipients with Health and Human Services (HHS) grants—
 http://taggs.hhs.gov/TopRecipients.cfm?FiscalYear=2011

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

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

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Program: ADECA's Alabama SAVES loan program

Description: Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama

Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make

upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs announced a reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. ADECA Director Jim Byard Jr. said the new \$50,000 minimum will open the program to smaller companies wishing to make energy-saving upgrades to their facilities. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements. The energy savings generated by the improvements will be greater than loan repayments, meaning extra cash flow to help businesses remain competitive, retain workers and create new jobs. Projects eligible for loans include upgrades to energy-efficient equipment such as heating and air conditioning systems, windows and doors, electrical systems, water heating systems, energy management systems, lighting and insulation. Installation of renewable energy systems, such as those powered by

biomass or solar energy, also are eligible.

Website: www.alabamasaves.com

Alabama Housing Finance Authority

Program: Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

Description: Due to the overwhelming response Hardest Hit has received,

please allow up to 6 weeks for Processing of your application. Storm victims who have been unable to return to work following the April tornadoes may be eligible for increased assistance of up to 18 consecutive monthly payments, or \$25,000, through Hardest Hit Alabama. Program providing \$162 million for the prevention of foreclosure in Alabama to provide assistance targeted at Alabama's unemployed homeowners. Eligible homeowners will receive assistance to pay their current mortgage payment and all other mortgage-related expenses, including payments on any subordinate liens, while unemployed. HHA will provide up to 12 monthly mortgage payments not to exceed \$15,000, per household. Alabama homeowners who have been declared eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits may apply. To qualify, applicants must have a total annual household income of less than

\$75,740, and the unpaid principal balance on their home's

mortgages must be less than \$258,690.

Website: http://www.hardesthitalabama.com/

http://www.hardesthitalabama.com/faqsHHA.html

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free

assistance

Alabama Catfish Association

Program: NEW -The Catfish Institute (TCI) is giving away free copies of

its cookbook, Fresh Ideas for U.S. Catfish

Description: To celebrate the month of August as National Catfish Month and

to showcase just how versatile U.S. farm-raised catfish can be. The book contains 28 recipes, from catfish chowder to catfish artichoke dip, giving home cooks the freedom to experiment with virtually any flavor. Alabama has nearly 200 catfish farmers who grow fish in 19,200 acres of water. The state ranks second in the nation in catfish production, and in 2010 produced 137 million pounds of

catfish valued at \$106 million.

Website: For a free copy of Fresh Ideas for U.S. Catfish, visit

UScatfish.com during the month of August. Supplies are limited!

Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Alabama Historical Commission

Program: NEW - Grants and Preservation Funding

New Historic Preservation Grants Program

Description: The Alabama Historical Commission is accepting applications to

support historic preservation programs and projects in FY 2012.

Grants will be awarded in five categories:

Operations

• Work on Historic Buildings

• Work on Historic Cemeteries

Archaeology

• Historic Building Survey

The AHC will award grants in amounts not to exceed

\$25,000. These grants are made possible by an

appropriation from the Alabama Legislature. Deadline

September 1, 2011

Website: http://preserveala.org/grantsprogram.aspx

Alabama Tourism Department

Program: NEW - The 2012 Tourism Grants Programs

These grants are designed to attract out-of-state tourists and generate revenues by promoting attendance at attractions and communitywide special events. Since out-of-state visitors spent more money than local attendees, the highest priorities will be given to attractions and events that bring tourists from other states. Grants will be capped at \$25,000. The deadline for is September 1,

2011.

Website:

http://www.alabama.travel/tourism-organizations/legislative-grants/

http://www.alabama.travel/tourism-organizations/matching-grants/

America the Beautiful Fund

Program: Operation Green Plant: Free Seeds!

Description: Vegetable, flower and herb seeds available

Website: http://america-the-beautiful.org/

http://america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/free_seeds_flyer_11.pdf

Appalachian Regional Commission of West Alabama

Program: Appalachian Regional Commission FY 2012

Description: The deadline for pre-applications for FY 2012 ARC projects is

August 31, 2011. An applicant for ARC funds can be a local government, an educational institution, a hospital, or a 501C3 non-profit organization. The maximum grant from ARC is generally limited to \$200,000. The maximum federal funds from all sources

in a project cannot exceed 80 percent of project costs.

Counties in Appalachia:

Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, De Kalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega,

Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston

Website: http://www.arc.gov/appalachian_region/Alabama.asp

If you have questions about a project's eligibility or anything else

about the program, call 205/333-2990 ext. 215 or email

jean.rosene@adss.alabama.gov

National Institute of Corrections

Program: NEW - Curriculum Development for Women Offenders:

Developing an Agency-Wide Approach

Description: Seeking applications from organizations, groups or individuals to

enter into a cooperative agreement for an 18-month period for the development and piloting of a curriculum specific to working with

justice involved women. NIC has developed and delivered a number of training programs specific to management of women

offenders.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Wvf1T24SY2vtv4kCyBjFgpHpvg5ndC5LWTB3Tcy4dTJIFRLK1PxJ!-

1724479261?oppId=109653&mode=VIEW

Program: Correctional Health Care Executive Curriculum Development.

Description: Seeking applications for the development of a competency-based

correctional health care executive curriculum to train two-person

teams comprised of a Warden, Associate Warden, or Jail Administrator and a Health Services Administrator.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=ryY1TwxYWqjR8VWGjNhLJTyTwhKT9MnbNBQPDPC0JS6HDwCfTbyV!751481409?oppId=108354&mode=VIEW

National Science Foundation

Program: NEW - Innovation Corps. Program

Description: Seeks to develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem that

builds upon fundamental research to guide the output of scientific discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products

and processes that benefit society.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Wvf1T24SY2vtv4kCyBjFgpHpvg5ndC5LWTB3Tcy4dTJIFRLK1PxJ!-1724479261?oppId=109833&mode=VIEW

U.S. Department of Agriculture

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES Intermediary Relending Program

July 28, 2011

This letter is to make you aware of a low interest green energy/economic development loan program through the Center for Alternative Fuels, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Start-up USDA funds were recently acquired to enable the Center to provide direct

funding and/or partner with other lenders to bring to fruition viable projects that meet broad program guidelines. Individual loan use expands beyond just fuel development and contributing to America's energy security to include minority-owned and women-owned businesses in high unemployment/low income areas.

The initial \$500,000 offering will enable individual loans in the \$25,000-\$125,000 range via the Center for projects based on need, compliance with program guidelines, evaluation of the project objectives, job creation, collateralization, and loan repayment capacity. Loan terms will likely be limited to a maximum of 5-7 years, depending on project scope.

Submitted projects are primarily solicited from counties in Alabama's Black Belt Region*, but other worthy statewide submissions are encouraged and will be awarded on a case by case basis. Typical project emphasis might address such areas as drought abatement, energy costs, food safety, industry growth, stabilization of local economics, and small business expansion. Again, please note that job creation will be a major factor in individual project evaluation.

For more information on the Intermediary Relending Program, please contact us via the following information:

US Mail: Alabama Department of Agriculture Industries
ATTN: Center for Alternative Fuels
1445 Federal Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109-0336
Email: caf@agi.alabama.gov
Facsimile: 334-240-7278

Phone: 1-800-642-7761

Sincerely, Glen Zorn

Assistant Commissioner & Director, Center for Alternative Fuels

* Counties include: Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Montgomery (not in city limits), Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox

Program: NEW - 2011 National Organic Certification Cost Share

Program

Description: The Program provides financial assistance to organic producers

and handlers certified to the USDA Organic Regulations (7 CFR 205). The National Organic Program is authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C.

6501 et seq.).

Website:

Program: NEW - People's Garden Grant Program

Description: Facilitate the creation of produce, recreation, and/or wildlife

gardens in urban and rural areas, which will provide opportunities for science-based informal education. This program is a joint initiative supported by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food and Nutritional Service, Forest Service, and Natural Resources Conservation

Service, in addition to NIFA.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9JpGT3PQgWzvGbnsLT1QxZ47211 nFYKqrbXgDbM61RgG42XxwKcP!-1724479261?oppId=108453&mode=VIEW

Program: NEW - Critical Agricultural Materials Program.

Description: The Critical Agricultural Materials Competitive Grants Program

supports product development, demonstration and validation of

product performance under operational field conditions,

specifically for paints, coatings, adhesives for composites, and aerial delivery systems or components which are manufactured from domestically produced agricultural materials and are of strategic and industrial importance to benefit the economy, defense

and general well-being of the Nation. Many such products replace petroleum-based products, and offer opportunities to create new

businesses and new markets for agricultural materials.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=BPL2T29KgXQ2xVxc9njQgvPyjv4h nKrvpfsLyvRMKRrnChn8wTBp!-1724479261?oppId=109613&mode=VIEW Program: Small Business Innovation Research: Biofuels and Biobased

Products

Description: Small business eligible to apply. Its objective is to promote the use

of biofuels and non-food bio-based products by developing new or improved technologies that will lead to increased production of industrial products from agricultural materials. This research will lead to new opportunities to diversify agriculture and enhance agriculture's role as a reliable supplier of raw industrial materials.

The due date is September 1, 2011.

Website:

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/biofuelsandbiobasedproductssbir.cfm

<u>U.S Department of Homeland Security- Federal Emergency Management</u> Administration (FEMA)

Call FEMA to Request New Inspection or Appeal Decision

Release Date: August 1, 2011 Release Number: 1971-147

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – If you think the FEMA inspector did not see all of the damages to your home or property after the Alabama tornadoes, you can ask the <u>Federal Emergency Management Agency</u> for another inspection.

If you want an inspector to take another look or if you have questions about your FEMA letter, you should call FEMA at **800-621-3362** from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585** directly; if you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call **800-621-3362**.

If your FEMA status cannot be cleared up by phone, then a <u>written appeal</u> should be postmarked to FEMA within 60 days of receiving your determination letter. In your letter:

- Explain why you think the decision you received is not correct.
- Include your full name, date, place of birth and address.
- Your letter must either be notarized, include a copy of a state-issued identification card or include the following statement: "I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."
- You must sign the letter.

<u>Appeal letters</u> should include your FEMA disaster identification registration number (found at the top of your decision letter) and the federal disaster declaration number (for the Alabama tornadoes, it is DR-1971-AL). Date your appeal letter and mail it to the following address:

FEMA - Appeals Officer National Processing Service Center P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055

You can also fax letters to **800-827-8112** with a cover sheet addressed to: Attention – FEMA Appeals Officer.

AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE – WHAT'S NEXT?

Even though registration for federal disaster aid has ended, that doesn't mean that the disaster assistance process has ended for survivors.

- 1. Survivors with questions about their FEMA application or with updated contact information, they should call FEMA's toll-free Helpline at **800-621-3362** (**TTY 800-462-7585**).
- 2. Insured applicants are encouraged to keep FEMA up-to-date about the status of their insurance settlement. Underinsured survivors may be eligible for additional federal assistance.
- 3. For survivors not receiving federal assistance but with disaster-related needs an assortment of programs and many community and faith-based volunteers are available through **2-1-1 Connects**Alabama to help storm survivors get back on their feet. Go online http://211connectsalabama.org or dial **2-1-1** at any time.
- 4. Free help for disaster-related legal problems is available from a team of volunteer lawyers of the Alabama State Bar. Call **800-354-6154** from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information and to download free publications, visit www.vlpbirmingham.org/disaster-legal-information.
- 5. Crisis counseling is available any time by calling the toll-free Alabama Department of Mental Health crisis counseling hotline at **800-639-REBOUND** (7326). The department's website www.mh.alabama.gov has free publications to help members of a community cope with stress.

Program: NEW - FY 2011 New State Emergency Management Director

Outreach and Education Program

Description: Through this award, NEMA will provide training, professional development, and resources for newly appointed and current state directors; Education and training are offered in conjunction with

NEMA national conferences, webinars, stand-alone workshops and joint FEMA/NEMA regional meetings.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=xQgfT21JxDYCvkkLK1hczwlLhDMrWFBhKXQ9yHG047CXJNhn0Mlh!-1724479261

Program: BEGINNING SOON: 2011 AFG – Firefighters Grants

Description: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is

to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations Prepare now to apply for FY 2011 AFG funding! Important changes have been made to the AFG Program, and you need to know about them before starting your application/ attend a

grant workshop in your area today.

Available Now:

• Get Ready Guide(PDF, 1.27 MB)

• Narrative Assistance Guide (PDF, 2.38 MB)

Website: 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

http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/docs/Get_Ready_Guide_Applicati

on_Information.pdf

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.

The deadline is September 1, 2011

Website: http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Pre-

Application

Description: The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

(Program) supports metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental

impact. The deadline is August 25, 2011.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fVNZTx6d4xb3qh1nvyLny7YQy1D T6JPMRw1pyGPVfkm82BhNSGz7!-

1176040633?oppId=109013&mode=VIEW

Program: Community Challenge Planning Grant Program

Description: The Department of Housing and Urban Development Community

Challenge Planning Grant Program fosters reform and reduces

barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and

sustainable communities. Such efforts may include amending or

replacing local master plans, zoning codes, and building codes, either on a jurisdiction-wide basis or in a specific neighborhood, district, corridor, or sector to promote mixed-use development, affordable housing, the reuse of older buildings and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with the goal of promoting sustainability at the local or neighborhood level.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fVNZTx6d4xb3qh1nvyLny7YQ y1DT6JPMRw1pyGPVfkm82BhNSGz7!-1176040633?oppId=108994&mode=VIEW

Program: Capacity Building for Community Development and

Affordable Housing Grants.

Description: Availability of approximately \$49.4 million in Fiscal Year (FY)

2011 funding to carry out the eligible activities related to

affordable housing and community development for the Section 4 Capacity Building program, of which at least \$5 million shall be

made available for rural capacity building activities.

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/grpcapbldg

Program: HOPE VI

Description: The purpose of the HOPE VI Main Street program is to provide

grants to small communities to assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or Main Street area by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of the program are to: Redevelop Main Street areas; Preserve historic or traditional architecture or

design features in Main Street areas; Enhance economic

development efforts in Main Street areas; and Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas. The deadline is August 22, 2011.

Website:

http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=100915

U. S. Department of the Interior

Program: NEW - Black Voices

Description: In order to remain relevant and sustainable in the twenty-first

century, the National Park Service must recognize and embrace the

diversity of America's people and embrace the creation of a multicultural workforce. As the stewards of our nation's natural and cultural treasures, the National Park Service recognizes the

importance of diversity in ecosystems and historic sites.

Website:

http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=BPL2T29KgXQ2xVxc9njQgvPyjv4h nKrvpfsLyvRMKRrnChn8wTBp!-1724479261?oppId=109373&mode=VIEW

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: FY 2011 TIGER Grants

Description: DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER+

Discretionary Grants pursuant to Div. B of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011). Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes,

DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure

Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as "TIGER Discretionary Grants."

- Opens August 22nd
- Pre-apps due Oct 3rd
- Final Apps open Oct 4th
- Final Apps due Oct. 31st
- Additional application help July 27th Talking Freight / August 17th – Benefit Cost Analysis / August 22nd – Project Readiness
- This is for transportation projects involving all forms rail, water, roads, air, ports, bridges
- Urban projects \$10 million minimum
- Rural projects \$1 million minimum

Website: http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/FY11_TIGER_IntNOFA.pdf

www.dot.gov/tiger

http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/TIGER_seminar%20(508).pdf

http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources.html

Questions TIGERGrants@dot.gov

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: Bikes Belong Announces Special Grant Round for Community

Collaborations to Promote Bicycling

Description: Bikes Belong, which provides grants to organizations and agencies

within the United States that are "committed to putting more people on bicycles more often," is accepting applications for Community Partnership Grants, which are designed to foster and

support partnerships between city or county governments,

nonprofit organizations, and local businesses working to improve

the environment for bicycling.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=347200006

Program: Reeve Foundation Individual Research Grants Program to

Support Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Projects

Description: The <u>Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation</u> Individual Grants

Program seeks to fund meritorious science that is targeted at developing effective therapies for paralysis and dysfunctions caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system

disorders.

Website:

Program: Soros Justice Advocacy and Media Fellowships

Description: Funds outstanding individuals seeking to implement innovative

projects that advance the efforts of the Open Society Foundations to reform the U.S. criminal justice system. Among other things, OSF seeks to reduce the destructive impact of current criminal justice policies on the lives of individuals, families, and communities in the U.S. by challenging the overreliance on incarceration and harsh punishment and ensuring a fair and

equitable system of justice.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=346400008

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Program: Home Depot Community Impact Grants

Description: The Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program provides

support to nonprofit organizations, public schools and public service agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Funds may be used for planting trees or community gardens, landscaping community facilities, and development of community parks or green spaces.

Apply by October 31, 2011.

Website:

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

Program: State Farm Grants

Description: State Farm awards grants for safety, community development and

education. Charitable contributions are awarded to nonprofit, tax-

exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, educational institutions and governmental entities. Applications due October 31, 2011

Program: Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program Grant

Description: Now in its 6th year of helping build better schools and

communities, the Lowe's Toolbox for Education program has provided nearly \$25 million to more than 5,000 schools across the

country.

Website: http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW - ALFA AG/FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE IS DEC. 1

August 3, 2011 - MONTGOMERY, Ala. --- Students planning to pursue agriculture or forestry degrees at Auburn University have until Dec. 1 to apply for scholarships from Alfa and the Alabama Farmers Federation. The scholarships, valued up to \$1,750 per student per year, will be awarded to students who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled in Auburn's College of Agriculture or School of Forestry. Students majoring in agricultural engineering or ag education are also eligible. Ag and forestry scholarships are renewable yearly to students who maintain a 2.5 grade point average and exhibit good moral character and citizenship. Students are urged to apply early for admission, as enrollment at Auburn University is limited. Three letters of reference including an evaluation of your background and character are required in addition to the application.

Scholarship applications are available in all county Farmers Federation offices, local Alfa service centers, or by writing to the dean of the College of Agriculture at 107 Comer Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849.

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

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

Student Aid Programs

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

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

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

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

Alabama Sales Tax Holiday – August 5th – 7th, 2011 Begins August 5th at 12:01 am http://www.ador.state.al.us/salestax/STholiday.htm

Daniel Foundation The Daniel Foundation offers grants in four program areas: Civic and Community Improvement, Education, Health, and Arts and Culture. Applications are limited to 501 (c) (3) organizations that are located in Alabama. http://danielfoundationofalabama.com

Alabama Power Foundation The Alabama Power Foundation allocates funding in four categories: Improving Education, Strengthening Communities, Promoting Arts and Culture, and Restoring and Enhancing the Environment.

http://www.alabamapower.com/foundation/grantsandinitiatives.asp

Alabama Humanities Foundation The AHF awards grants solely to support public humanities projects. Active public participation, involvement of humanities scholars, and strong humanities content are the three essential components of AHF-funded projects. http://www.ahf.net/programs/grantsProgram.html

Gwyn Turner Endowed Fund The fund is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Nonprofits and

governmental agencies can obtain funding for preservation planning, heritage education, workshops, conferences and special interventions. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and require a 1:1 cash match. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the National Trust Southern Office before submitting an application. Contact the Southern Office at 843.722.8552, or e-mail soro@nthp.org. www.PreservationNation.org/resources/find-funding

PUBLIC SOURCES

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Community Development Block Grant program can be used to invest in the revitalization of downtowns.

http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Community%20Development%20Block%20Gr/default.aspx

Alabama State Council on the Arts Grants awarded to nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following categories: Presenting Grants, Project Assistance, Operating Support, Technical Assistance, Collaborative Ventures, and Program Development. http://arts.state.al.us/grants/index-grants.html

Senior Resource

Did you know that there is an 800 number for any and all senior concerns in Alabama? The number is 1-800-AGE-LINE.

Police Grants Help 101 -- Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project. Most grant programs have specific eligibility requirements and are often intended to provide funding for a particular operational area of your department. Careful grant planning and research will ensure that your police department's project meets any program requirements.

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500 Fax: 256.389.0599

Executive Director: Keith Jones

Visit the Web site of Region 1 - http://nacolg.com/

West Alabama Regional Commission 4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990 Fax: 205.333.2713

Executive Director: Robert B. Lake

Visit the Web site of Region 2 - http://www.warc.info/index.php

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200 Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139 Fax: 205.328.3304

Executive Director: Charles Ball

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - http://www.rpcgb.org/

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202 Phone: 256.237.6741

Fax: 256.237.6763

Executive Director: Bill Curtis

Visit the Web site of Region 4 - http://www.earpdc.org/

South Central Alabama Development Commission

5900 Carmichael Place

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Phone: 334.244.6903 Fax: 334.270.0038

Executive Director: Tyson Howard

Visit the Web site of Region 5 - http://scadc.state.al.us/

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

107 Broad Street

Camden, Alabama 36726 Phone: 334.682.4234 Fax: 334.682.4205

Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs

Visit the Web site of Region 6 - http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 1406

Dothan, Alabama 36302 Phone: 334.794.4093 Fax: 334.794.3288

Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon

Visit the Web site of Region 7 - http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

P.O. Box 1665

Mobile, Alabama 36633 Phone: 251.433.6541 Fax: 251.433.6009

Executive Director: Russ Wimberly

Visit the Web site of Region 8 - http://www.sarpc.org/

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission

125 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Phone: 334.262.4300 Fax: 334.262.6976

Visit the Web site of Region 9 - http://www.carpdc.com/

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive

Opelika, Alabama 36801

Phone: 334.749.5264 Fax: 334.749.6582

Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette

Visit the Web site of Region 10 - http://www.lrcog.com/

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments

P.O. Box C

Decatur, Alabama 35601 Phone: 256.355.4515 Fax: 256.351.1380

Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews

Visit the Web site of Region 11 - http://www.narcog.org/

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments

5075 Research Drive, NW

Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912

Phone: 256.830.0818 Fax: 256.830.0843

Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation

c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street Montgomery, AL 36104 Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President

Website: www.aacfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990 Mobile, AL 36601 Phone: 251-438-5591

Contact: Linnette Clausman

Website: www.communityendowment.com

Black Belt Community Foundation

609 Lauderdale Street Selma, AL 36701-4555

Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131 Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director

Website: http://blackbeltfound.org/

The Greater Brewton Foundation

P.O. Box 87

Brewton, AL 36427 Phone: (251) 867-4881

Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

P. O. Box 36202

Anniston, Alabama 36202

Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161 Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO

Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org

For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org

Website: http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street Montgomery, AL 36104

Telephone:334-264-6223 Fax:334-263-6225

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President Website: http://www.cacfinfo.org

Elmore County Community Foundation

c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President

Website: www.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham

2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700 Birmingham, AL 35203

Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576

Contact: Kate Nielsen, President

Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org

For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org

Website: http://www.foundationbirmingham.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur

P.O. Box 2003 Decatur, AL 35602

Phone: 256-353-5312 Contact: Arthur W. Orr Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville

659 Gallatin Street Huntsville, AL 35801 Phone: 256-564-7430

Contact: Lynne Berry, President

Website: http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 578 Athens, AL 35612 Phone: 256-232-4200

Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation

635 West College Street Florence, AL 35630

Phone: 256-764-3431

Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation

Shelby Baptist Medical Center

1000 First Street N.

Alabaster, AL 35007

Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737

Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990

Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990 251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax

Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer Website: http://www.communityendowment.com

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation

P.O. Box 1422

Dothan, AL 36302-1422

Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627 Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director

Website: www.sacfinfo.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: <u>CFOWA@bellsouth.net</u>
Website: <u>http://thecfwa.org/</u>

Walker Area Community Foundation

P.O. Box 171

Jasper, AL 35502-0171

Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424 Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director

Website: http://www.wacf.org