



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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Recent News

September 1, 2011

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that the Jefferson County Regional Commission and the West Alabama Regional Commission were awarded \$100,000 each to develop preparedness disaster recovery plans that will assist in the preparedness, recovery, rebuilding and regional collaboration efforts in response to the April 2011 tornadoes and heavy storms. The grants were awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration and will be implemented in communities throughout Jefferson, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa and other counties in Alabama.

“This funding will help in the recovery and rebuilding efforts in our communities that critically need assistance as a result of the April tornadoes, said Rep. Sewell. This grant will also allow our regional commissions to better prepare our communities for natural disasters. It is critically important that all communities receive the resources and funding they need to recover and rebuild from the devastation that struck the communities across the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama.”

“We appreciate everything that Congresswoman Sewell is doing to assist us in identifying funding sources for communities in need,” said Cory Jackson, Senior Economic Development Planner with the West Alabama Regional Planning Commission. “There are so many things that need attention in response to the tornadoes. We will use this funding to fill the gaps in our communities and within the business sector.

“We are delighted to have the support of Congresswoman Sewell in this endeavor,” said Charles Ball, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB). With the grant awarded by the Economic Development Administration, the RPCGB

will work with communities to formulate a Disaster Response and Preparedness Plan that will focus on protecting infrastructure and businesses and enable local governments to provide both proactive and reactive assistance to their citizens.”

According to the project description, the funding will be used to provide planning and technical assistance to impacted communities to promote economic recovery through coordination of resources, prioritization of rebuilding efforts, and regional collaboration. Analysis of the storm events will also help local governments develop a disaster response and preparedness plan to protect citizens, infrastructure, and businesses from future events.

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August 3, 2011

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

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the City of Birmingham will receive \$350,000 in emergency community development block grant disaster recovery funding from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD generally awards noncompetitive, nonrecurring Disaster Recovery grants by a formula that considers disaster recovery needs unmet by other Federal disaster assistance programs.

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.

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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).

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Recent Grant Awards

- **August 16, 2011** -- The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced Friday a grant program expected to create a ten-fold return on business investment in Alabama. Officials say the State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall.
<http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1278.aspx>
- **August 5, 2011 – University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa awarded \$218,345 for Nursing Research** for project, Advocates Role in Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions by Rural African Americans.
Website:
https://hhsgrants.econsys.com/apex/f?p=103:210:634442172109534::NO::P210_GRANT_ID:63986
- **August 3, 2011 - City of Birmingham - \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD** The City of Birmingham be able to use the funding for efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage to affected areas
- **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.
- **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 Beville 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 29, 2011 - Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport awarded \$ 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.
- **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.
- 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
- **Fiscal Year 2011 - University of Alabama** - Tuscaloosa — Grant Awards Totals -- \$4,535,242 to date
- **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

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Program:

Alabama Capital Access Program

Alabama Loan Guarantee Program

Alabama Loan Participation Program

Description:

Three new small business lending programs: a grant program expected to create a tenfold return on business investment in Alabama. Officials say the State Small Business Credit Initiative application process should turn \$31.3-million in available grant dollars into \$313 million in new private lending in that state. The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall. Alabama officials are expected to use the grant money to help create new private sector jobs and spur additional small-businesses lending in that state. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will manage the grants.

Website:

<http://www.examiner.com/political-buzz-in-birmingham/feds-offer-alabama-help-using-grants>

<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sb-programs/Pages/ssbci.aspx>

Program:

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. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. 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.

Website:

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>
www.alabamasaves.com

Alabama State Council on the Arts

Program:

Alabama State Council on the Arts

Description:

The deadline is fast approaching - September 15, 2011. Grants awarded from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following categories: Presenting Grants, Project Assistance, Operating Support, Technical Assistance, Collaborative Ventures, and Program Development.

Website:

<http://arts.state.al.us/grants/index-grants.html>

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program:

NEW-AmeriCorps State and National Planning 2012 Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity

Description:

The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118894&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - AmeriCorps State and National Indian Tribes Planning Grant Competitions**

Description: The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118913&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competitions**

Description: The purpose of CNCS is to maximize the power of service and volunteering to improve lives in communities across the country.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=119173&mode=VIEW>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW-Museums for America**

Description: Museums for America is IMLS' largest grant program for museums, supporting projects and ongoing activities that build museums capacity to serve their communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=117753&mode=VIEW>

NASA

Program: **NEW- ROSES 2011: Earth Science Applications: Disasters**

Description: This NASA Research Announcement (NRA) solicits proposals for supporting basic and applied research and technology across a broad range of Earth and space science programs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=119153&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant**

Description: The major focus of the Network Planning Grant is to support rural entities in the development of health care networks. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and assist health care networks in becoming operational.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=p6dlTpvbp1PJVC2Pvb9QnnNCHYpDhSHJpJgQryy7d5xtlTTvDywK!336881473?oppId=118833&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics**

Description: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites applications from institutions or organizations that propose adapting adult biomarkers to children.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-322.html>

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

- Program:** **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**
- Description:** FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. If your department or agency has critical needs, AFG can help.
- Website:** If you have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant opportunity please contact 1-866-274-0960
- <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QBtLTCrL3vcXYY5z9bB5z6g0J0SchN7svbq1cb9CLTbtyxY4VqKb!1014668544?oppId=112433&mode=VIEW>
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- Program:** **FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP)**
- Description:** **DEADLINE is EXTENDED!!** 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.
- Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/>
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Program:** **NEW - Continuum of Care (CoC)**
- Description:** The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.
- Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118353&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW -2012 Preservation Technology and Training Grants**

Description: NCPTT seeks innovative projects that advance science and technology for historic preservation. The PTT Grants program funds projects that develop new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=118473&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Habitat Conservation and Seed Collecting Intern Opportunity Utilizing Youth Groups**

Description: To provide youth a safe, educational job experience to better prepare them for entering the workforce and by exposing them to a variety of work experiences, basic skills training and a structured work environment about public land resources. This provides long-term benefits by providing academic and environmental education opportunities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=p6dlTpvbp1PJVC2Pvb9QnnNCHYpDhSHJpJgQryy7d5xtlTTvDywK!336881473?oppId=118693&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Native Seed Network**

Description: This project is to promote the conservation of native plants and to improve the supply and management of native plant materials for rehabilitation and restoration.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=p6dlTpvbp1PJVC2Pvb9QnnNCHYpDhSHJpJgQryy7d5xtlTTvDywK!336881473?oppId=118573&mode=VIEW>

U.S Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW- Highways for LIFE Technology Partnerships Program (Request for Information ONLY!)**

Description: The Highways for LIFE (HfL) Technology Partnerships Program intends to publish two different solicitations for proposals in 2011 to assist industry fill the gap between late-stage prototypes and commercialization.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=xw2BTfJWzjb8nfwXnpvJH7Mpx2JZnSvG62yfhNLGnn7psnD7TMsG!1014880958?oppId=119333&mode=VIEW>

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.”

The following Webinars have also been archived and are also available for your review over the next several months. (NO registration required)

[Benefit/Cost Analysis Practitioner's Workshop](#)
[How to Compete for TIGER Seminar](#)
["Talking Freight"](#)

- Pre-apps due Oct 3rd
- Final Apps open – Oct 4th
- Final Apps due – Oct. 31st
- 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/docs/TIGER_seminar%20(508).pdf)
<http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources.html>
Questions TIGERGrants@dot.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Small Loan Advantage and Community Advantage 7(a) Loan Initiatives**

Description: SBA is committed to expanding access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs in underserved communities so that we can help drive economic growth and job creation. SBA and U.S. Department of Commerce studies have shown the importance of lower dollar loans to small business formation and growth in underserved communities. With that in mind, and building on the agency's "Advantage" platform, both Small Loan Advantage **and** Community Advantage will offer a streamlined application process for SBA 7(a) loans up to \$250,000.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/advantage-loan-initiatives>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW -Target Field Trip Grants**

Description: Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private or charter school in the United States that maintains a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/171>

Program: **NEW -GreenWorks Grants Program**

Description: GreenWorks! Is A Grant Program managed by project learning tree. This service-learning, community action program partners educators, students, and communities.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/170>

Program: **NEW -Whole Kids Foundation Invites Applications for New Grant Program to Support School Gardens**

Description: The [Whole Kids Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization created by [Whole Foods Market](#) to support schools and inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness, is accepting grant applications for its first major initiative, the School Garden Grant Program. Grants are designed to help schools grow students' relationships with food through gardening.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=RL1RX05ANDINVLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=350700025

Program: **NEW - Grants Available for Families Struggling with Child Health-Related Costs**

Description: The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. Parents and legal guardians may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 each for child medical services and equipment by completing an online application at the UHCCF Web site.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

Program: **NEW - Lego Systems Establishes Lego Children's Fund to Support Youth Creativity Programs**

Description: Lego Systems Inc., the Americas has announced the formation of the Lego Children's Fund, a nonprofit foundation established to support organizations and programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity, thereby improving their quality of life and preparing them for the future.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=181800039

Program: **NEW - Southern Poverty Law Center Offers Youth Grants to Promote Tolerance**

Description: Tolerance.org and Teaching Tolerance, educational programs of the Southern Poverty Law Center, have joined with the Study Circles Resource Center to offer the national "Mix It Up" youth campaign. The "Mix it Up" campaign is designed to help young people understand and address the issue of social boundaries in their schools and communities. The Mix It Up Grants Program funds youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, questioning, and crossing social boundaries in schools and communities

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=22400008

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Websites:

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

Keep Good Records Now to Reduce Tax-Time Stress

IRS Summertime Tax Tip 2011-23, August 26, 2011

You may not be thinking about your tax return right now, but summer is a great time to start planning for next year. Organized records not only make preparing your return easier, but may also remind you of relevant transactions, help you prepare a response if you receive an IRS notice, or substantiate items on your return if you are selected for an audit. Here are a few things the IRS wants you to know about recordkeeping.

1. In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return. It's a good idea to have a designated place for tax documents and receipts.

2. Individual taxpayers should usually keep the following records supporting items on their tax returns for at least three years:

Bills

Credit card and other receipts

Invoices

Mileage logs

Canceled, imaged or substitute checks or any other proof of payment

Any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your return

You should normally keep records relating to property until at least three years after you sell or otherwise dispose of the property. Examples include:

A home purchase or improvement

Stocks and other investments

Individual Retirement Arrangement transactions

Rental property records

3. If you are a small business owner, you must keep all your employment tax records for at least four years after the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is later. Examples of important documents business owners should keep

Include:

Gross receipts: Cash register tapes, bank deposit slips, receipt books, invoices, credit card charge slips and Forms 1099-MISC

Proof of purchases: Canceled checks, cash register tape receipts, credit card sales slips and invoices

Expense documents: Canceled checks, cash register tapes, account statements, credit card sales slips, invoices and petty cash slips for small cash payments

Documents to verify your assets: Purchase and sales invoices, real estate closing statements and canceled checks

For more information about recordkeeping, check out IRS Publication 552, Recordkeeping for Individuals, Publication 583, Starting a Business and Keeping Records, and Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses. These publications are available at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Links:

Publications 552, Recordkeeping for Individuals (PDF)

Publications 583, Starting a Business and Keeping Records (PDF)

Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses (PDF)

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=172250,00.html>

National Weather Service: National Hurricane Center

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. People who live in hurricane prone communities should know their vulnerability, and what actions should be taken to reduce the effects of these devastating storms. The information on this page can be used to save lives at work, home, while on the road, or on the water.

- [Steps you can take to protect your family, property or business](#)
- [Recommended Training](#)
 - [Ensuring Your Safety After a Disaster](#)
 - [Returning Home After a Disaster](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)

Website: <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html>

Website: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml>

Earthquake Information

An earthquake is the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of subterranean rock. While earthquakes are sometimes believed to be a West Coast phenomenon, there are actually 45 states and territories throughout the United States that are at moderate to high risk for earthquakes including the New Madrid fault line in Central U.S. Since it is impossible to predict when an earthquake will occur, it is important that you and your family are prepared ahead of time.

[What to do before an earthquake](#)

[What to do during an earthquake](#)

[What to do after an earthquake](#)

Website: <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/earthquakes.html>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

For Storm Survivors, Permanent Housing Is The Goal

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – For Alabamians affected by the April storms and tornadoes, now is the time to work toward a permanent housing plan. The [Alabama Emergency Management Agency](#) and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) encourage you to consider all options available, including local resources, in making a long-term plan.

You can stay in touch with FEMA by contacting your caseworker or by calling the FEMA helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or TTY **800-462-7585**. Phone lines are available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time. Different situations call for different plans of action.

NEW -Voices for Alabama's Children

The 2011 National KIDS COUNT Data Book is now available online at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>. See how Alabama compares with other states based on these ten national measurements of child well-being.

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Rankings.aspx?ind=137>

Data Profile for Alabama, Congressional District 7 (Congressional District)

Website:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/stateprofile.aspx?state=AL&loc=8814>

**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***

Alabama Housing Finance Authority

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

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. 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.

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

<http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/faqsHHA.html>

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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/>

Alabama Open Grants: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
P.O. Box 2603
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell
Guide to Grants

Phone: 256.389.0500
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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
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Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
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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
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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/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
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
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
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North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
P.O. Box C
Decatur, Alabama 35601
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Fax: 256.351.1380
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5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
Phone: 256.830.0818

Fax: 256.830.0843

Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Montgomery, AL 36104
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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
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For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: 256-353-5312
Contact: Arthur W. Orr
Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Contact: Lynne Berry, President
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 578
Athens, AL 35612
Phone: 256-232-4200
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630

Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

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Website: www.sacinfo.org

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
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Walker Area Community Foundation
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