



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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## **Congresswoman Terri Sewell to Host Veterans Resource Fair in Montgomery**

MONTGOMERY, AL –On Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) will host a Veterans Resource Fair at Fresh Anointing Church in Montgomery. The resource fair will open at 3 p.m. with a “Congressional Update” from Rep. Sewell on current federal initiatives regarding the VA. Immediately following the ‘Congressional Update,’ veterans and their families will have the opportunity to speak with entities providing assistance with issues unique to veterans including VA benefits, transportation resources, health screenings, housing options, mental health services, caregiver support, women’s services, career services and so much more.

“As we seek solutions to the various challenges facing the VA, I am committed to ensuring that we never forget the brave men and women who have served our country,” Rep. Sewell said. “Meeting the needs of our veterans remains one of my top priorities as representative of Alabama’s 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I look forward to bring together vendors that will adequately address the various challenges facing our service men and women when they return home.”

**Who:** Congresswoman Terri Sewell

**What:** Veterans Resource Fair and “Congressional Update”

**When:** Tuesday October 14, 2014

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Location:** Fresh Anointing Church  
150 E. Fleming Rd.  
Montgomery, AL 36105

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on Leadership Changes at the Central Alabama VA Healthcare System (CAVHCS)**

Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement after the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sloan Gibson's proposed removal of the Director of the Central Alabama VA Healthcare System (CAVHCS) James Talton in response to the investigation by the Office of Accountability Review (OAR) in which allegations of administrative neglect were verified:

“The VA must be held accountable for the administrative and institutional failures at CAVHCS. The swift and decisive action taken by Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson following the OAR investigation signifies the administration's commitment to making the needed reforms to ensure that no veteran is denied timely and quality care by the VA. The planned visit by Deputy Secretary Gibson to Montgomery this Friday, October 10, further signifies the priority being placed on making the needed reforms at CAVHCS. The installation of new leadership is the first step in ensuring our veterans receive timely and quality care at CAVHCS. My office will remain vigilant in our demand for accountability and excellence in healthcare for our veterans. Our brave men and women who serve our country deserve nothing less. I look forward to working with acting CAVHCS director Robin Jackson to ensure that the much needed reforms are implemented at CAVHCS.”

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Awarded to the Alabama State Association of Cooperatives**

WASHINGTON, DC –Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-AL) announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is awarding \$200,000 in grant funding to the Alabama State Association of Cooperatives. The funding will be used to expand support to cooperatives in the Black Belt and is part of the Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant (SSDPG) program.

“I am pleased that the Alabama State Association of Cooperatives will receive this funding to continue its initiatives to create new opportunities for disadvantaged farmers in Alabama’s Black Belt Region,” said Rep. Sewell. “The funding will also allow the association to provide continuous support to the farming industry by serving as a means of sustainability and survival for many communities in the Black Belt.

John Zippert of the Alabama State Association of Cooperatives expressed his appreciation for the funding and highlighted the economic impact of assisting socially disadvantaged producers.

“We will work to improve marketing and business practices for participants so we can raise the income of these producers,” Zippert said. “We welcome the producers in the 7th Congressional District to contact us for assistance because the goal is to help as many people as possible.”

### **Cooperatives that will benefit include:**

Greene-Sumter Farmer’s Market

Southeast Goat Producers

St. John’s Farmer’s Market

Marengo County Farmers Co-op

Black Belt Fruit and Vegetable Marketing and Innovation Center (scheduled to open in 2015)

**Farmers interested in the program should contact John Zippert at [jzippert@aol.com](mailto:jzippert@aol.com) or by calling 205-652-9676**

## **USDA SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS**

Washington, DC - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants that will be awarded to organizations to provide critical financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop and strengthen their capacity to carry out housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects.

"Many rural nonprofits often need capital and technical assistance to carry out their missions," Vilsack said. "These grants will provide both of these components through local and regional organizations that are experts at delivering such services."

USDA is making nearly \$6 million available to qualified organizations under the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI).

Recipients must be non-profit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes. Intermediary organizations are required to provide matching funds at least equal to the RCDI grant. The grants do not go directly to business recipients but rather through qualified intermediaries.

The deadline for submitting RCDI applications is November 12, 2014. Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development state office where the applicant's headquarters are located. More information about the program and how to apply is available on page 47427 of the August 13, 2014 Federal Register.

Here is an example of how the RCDI program is helping rural communities. The Western Maine Community Action Program (WMCAP) has received several RCDI grants in recent years to help low-and very-low-income seniors maintain their independence and remain in their homes through the Keeping Seniors Home Program. Started in 2004, this program has served nearly 3,000 low-income senior homeowners in Maine. WMCAP is also working on a regional job creation plan to train energy auditors, private contractors, and other community partners to provide additional support services to Maine's elderly rural citizens.

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

## Promise Zone Initiative

HUD is pleased to announce the application for the second round of Promise Zone Initiative designations. The Promise Zone Initiative is part of President Obama's plan to revitalize high-poverty urban, rural and tribal communities. Promise Zones is a locally driven strategy that can create jobs, increase economic activity, expand education opportunities, reduce serious and violent crime, leverage private capital and assist local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape.

All communities will be eligible for a Promise Zone designation. HUD will designate six urban Promise Zones and USDA will designate at least one rural and one tribal community. **Applications are due by November 21, 2014 by 5:00pm EST** with announcements expected in 2015.

HUD in close collaboration with USDA will convene three distinct webcasts for urban, rural, and tribal to discuss the second round of the Promise Zone Initiative with interested communities. Please share these webcasts with your constituents.

- Tribal Webcast            September 29<sup>th</sup>            1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Rural Webcast            September 29<sup>th</sup>            3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Urban Webcast            October 1, 2014            3:00pm – 4:00pm

To learn more please visit our Promise Zones website. The website will have links to RSVP to the webcast, the application, a fact sheet, FAQs and other important information.

Link: [Promise Zone](#)

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Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/grant-information/>
- A federal grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. Federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. A federal grant may not be used to acquire property or services for the federal government's direct benefit. [The 26 federal agencies](#) offer over 1,000 grant programs annually in various categories. Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants.jsp>
- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://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](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- [Grants.gov Applicant Training Video](#) - Need a quick lesson on how to Register, Find and Apply? Watch this short video to get tips on registering with Grants.gov; finding grant opportunities; understanding your search results; and, applying for opportunities.
- 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.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### Environmental Protection Agency

**Program:** **NEW- Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant**

**Description:** The objective of the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant is to accelerate and expand the strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

**Website:**

[http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/upload/hw\\_consor\\_tium\\_grant\\_rfp.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/upload/hw_consor_tium_grant_rfp.pdf)

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**Program:** **NEW-Environmental Justice Small Grants Program - Application Guidance FY2015**

**Description:** The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:**

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<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/publications/grants/ej-smgrants-rfp-2015.pdf>

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**Program:** **NEW-Fiscal Year 2015 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice**

**Description:** The Exchange Network is a partnership that supports better decision-making through improved access to environmental information. EPA and agencies from states, tribes, and territories are collaboratively building the Network to improve the nation's ability to understand, protect, and preserve human health and the environment. Deadline is November 24, 2014.

**Website:** <http://epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/>

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**Program:** **NEW-Air Pollution Monitoring for Communities**

**Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research on empowering communities and individuals to take action to avoid air pollution exposure, using low-cost portable air pollution sensors. Specifically of interest is research on using low-cost portable sensors to understand and avoid air pollution exposure, on the ways communities and individuals interact with air pollution sensors and their data, on methods for understanding and managing the quality of data from air pollution sensors, and on how sensors and sensor networks compare to existing state-of-the-art air quality monitoring methods. Deadline is October 7, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2014/2014-star-air-pollution-monitoring.html>

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## **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**Program:** **NEW-Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**

**Description:** Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) support projects that improve the operations, care of collections, and development of professional management at African American museums. AAHC grants can fund both new and ongoing museum activities and programs. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=12>

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**Program:** **NEW- National Leadership Grants Program**

**Description:** National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Deadline is Preliminary Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on October 13, 2014 Full Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on January 15, 2015 (by invitation only)

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>

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## **National Archives and Records Administration**

**Program:** **NEW-Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records**  
**Description:** The Literacy and Engagement grant program offers support for projects that will result in archives reaching audiences through digital literacy programs and workshops, new tools and applications, and citizen engagement in archival processes. Deadline is December 14, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/literacy.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions**  
**Description:** The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. These editions publish historical records of national significance and may focus on the papers of major figures from American life or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. Closing Date is December 4, 2014  
**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/editions.html>

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### **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Program:** **NEW- NEA Our Town, FY 2015**  
**Description:** DescriptionArt works to support creative, economically-competitive, healthy, resilient, and opportunity-rich communities. Deadline is December 15, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town>

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**Program:** **NEW-NEA Research: Art Works, FY 2015**  
**Description:** “The Arts Endowment’s support of a project may start on May 1, 2015, or any time thereafter.” In September 2012, the NEA's Office of Research & Analysis published its five-year research agenda, supported by a system map and measurement model. Titled How Art Works, the report offers a framework for studying research topics critical to a broader public understanding of the arts' value and/or impact for individuals and communities. Deadline is October 21, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/research-art-works>

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### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **NEW- Collaborative Research Grants**  
**Description:** Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. Deadline is December 9, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants>

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**Program:** **NEW- Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants**  
**Description:** Scholarly Editions and Translations grants support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents of value to the humanities that

are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Deadline is December 9, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/scholarly-editions-and-translations-grants>

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## **National Science Foundation**

**Program:** **NEW-Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research-Research Alliance**

**Description:** The NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) is an umbrella for two complementary subprograms, Accelerating Innovation Research (AIR) and Building Innovation Capacity (BIC).

**Deadline:**

Feb 18, 2015 Letter of Intent Due Date(s): January 12, 2015 Full Proposal Deadline(s): February 18, 2015

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14612](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14612)

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**Program:** **NEW-CISE Research Infrastructure**

**Description:** The CISE Research Infrastructure (CRI) program drives discovery and learning in the core CISE disciplines of the three participating CISE divisions by supporting the creation and enhancement of world-class research infrastructure that will support focused research agendas in computer and information science and engineering. Deadline is November 6, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14593](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14593)

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**Program:** **NEW-Improving Undergraduate STEM Education**

**Description:** Priorities include educating students to be leaders and innovators in emerging and rapidly changing STEM fields as well as educating a scientifically literate populace. Deadline is October 24, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14588](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14588)

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**Program:** **NEW- Advanced Technological Education**

**Description:** The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and industry to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. Deadline is October 9, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14577](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14577)

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**Program:** **NEW - Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP)**

**Description:** Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) is committed to enhancing the quality of undergraduate STEM education and research at HBCUs as a means to broaden participation in the nation's STEM workforce.

**Letter of Intent Deadline Date:** August 25, 2014

**Letters of Intent are due for Research Initiation Awards**

**Full Proposal Deadline Date:** October 27, 2014

**Proposals are due for Research Initiation Awards**  
**Letter of Intent Deadline Date:** November 24, 2014

**Letters of Intent are due for Targeted Infusion Projects, Broadening Participation Research Projects, Achieving Competitive Excellence Implementation Projects and Implementation Projects**  
**Full Proposal Deadline Date:** January 26, 2015

Proposals are due for Targeted Infusion Projects, Broadening Participation Research Projects, Achieving Competitive Excellence Implementation Projects and Implementation Projects

**Website:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09512/nsf09512.pdf>

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### **Office of National Drug Control Policy**

**Program:** **NEW-ONDCP Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative**

**Description:** This purpose of this grant is to: educate, train, and produce materials for law enforcement, criminal justice practitioners, and treatment providers to reduce justice costs, reduce recidivism, improve access to services and service delivery, and reduce disproportionality of punishment in the criminal justice system. Deadline is November 16, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=ONDCP-DRUGCOURTTTA-2014>

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### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **NEW- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program**

**Description:** To support projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/fini.html>

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**Program:** **NEW- TAT Grant Program FY15**

**Description:** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a pre-application with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Deadline is December 31, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-wwtat.htm>

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**Program:** **NEW- Rural Community Development Initiative**

**Description:** Qualified private, nonprofit and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The intermediary will be

required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant. Deadline is November 12, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-13/pdf/2014-19132.pdf>

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**Program:** **NEW-Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Loan Guarantees Under Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2014**

**Description:** Eligible lenders are invited to submit responses for new construction and acquisition with rehabilitation of affordable rural rental housing. Deadline: Eligible responses to this Notice will be accepted until December 31, 2015, 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Selected responses that develop into complete applications and meet all Federal eligibility requirements prior to September 30, 2014 will receive conditional commitments until all FY 2014 funds are expended.

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-21/pdf/2014-11733.pdf>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **NEW- FY 2014 Regional Innovation Grants**

**Description:** As part of this strategy, funding is available for capacity-building activities that include Proof of Concept Centers and Commercialization Centers as well as scaling of existing commercialization programs and centers; feasibility studies for the creation and expansion of facilities such as science and research parks; and supporting opportunities to close the funding gap for early-stage companies. Deadline is November 3, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.eda.gov/oie/>

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## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW-Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Preschool Development Grants: Development Grants CFDA Number 84.419A**

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Preschool Development Grants program, which is jointly administered by the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services (Departments), is to support State and local efforts to build, develop, and expand High-Quality Preschool Programs \1\ so that more children from low- and moderate-income families enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and in life. Deadline is October 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-18/pdf/2014-19426.pdf>

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## **U.S. Department of Energy**

**Program:** **NEW\_Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001167 Buildings University Innovators and Leaders Development (BUILD) - 2015**

**Description:** The BUILD FOA will have the following objectives: (i) Improving the competitiveness of American universities to conduct building energy-efficiency R&D (ii) Enabling American universities to develop stronger partnerships with industry (iii) Improving manufacturing education in American universities EERE envisions awarding multiple competitive financial assistance awards in the form of cooperative agreements with an estimated period of performance of

approximately 2 years to USA-based university teams to research and develop innovative building energy efficiency technologies. Deadline not required.

**Website:** <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>

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**Program:** **NEW- Transportation Energy Resources From Renewable Agriculture (TERRA)**

**Description:** Program Overview: There is an urgent need to accelerate energy crop development for the production of renewable transportation fuels from biomass. Deadline is November 17, 2014.

**Website:** <https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/>

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## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW- NIMHD Academic Research Enhancement Award: Enhancing Health Disparities Research at Undergraduate Institutions (R15)**

**Description:** The NIMHD encourages institutions that are eligible to apply for support through the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) program to submit applications for innovative research projects focused on minority health and health disparities. Deadline is January 12, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-002.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 27, 2014.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-004.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-003.html>

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**Program:** **NEW- Service Area Competition**

**Description:** Health centers improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by ensuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications for the Health Center Program's Service Area Competition (SAC). Deadline is November 19, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=268228>

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**Program:** **NEW-Head Start and/or Early Head Start - Jefferson County, Alabama**

**Description:** Through this announcement, the Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including

community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit organizations that seek to provide a high-quality, comprehensive birth-to-five program incorporating both Head Start and Early Head Start funding, or to provide for Head Start only or Early Head Start only, to children and families residing in Jefferson County, Alabama. Deadline is November 24, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-CH-R04-0859>

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**Program:** **NEW-Head Start and/or Early Head Start - Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama**

**Description:** Through this announcement, the Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit organizations that seek to provide a high-quality, comprehensive birth-to-five program incorporating both Head Start and Early Head Start funding, or to provide for Head Start only or Early Head Start only, to children and families residing in Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama. Deadline is November 24, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-CH-R04-0906>

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**Program:** **NEW-Service Area Competition**

**Description:** Health Center Program grants support a variety of community-based and patient-directed public and private nonprofit organizations that serve an increasing number of the Nation's underserved. Deadline is October 22, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-012>

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**Program:** **NEW- Strengthen Evidence Base for Maternal and Child Health Programs**

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to provide support and resources to assist State Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs. Deadline is November 10, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-035>

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**Program:** **NEW- Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program**

**Description:** ORHP's Outreach Program is a community-based program targeted to improve outreach and service delivery in local and regional rural communities. This includes projects focused on the full range of needs in rural communities from workforce, post-acute care services, long-term care services, public health enhancement, and care coordination. Deadline is November 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-039>

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**Program:** **NEW-Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations**

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to implement comprehensive HIV prevention programs to reduce morbidity, mortality, and related health disparities. Deadline is November 14, 2014.



**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-PS15-1502>

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**Program:** **NEW-Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)**

**Description:** The goal of this program is to promote access to health care for children, youth and their families nationwide, and employ preventive health strategies through innovative community driven programs. Deadline is October 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-034>

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**Program:** **NEW-Enhancing Public Health Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities through the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network**

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to enhance the capacity of surveillance programs to implement or enhance a population-based, multiple-source surveillance program for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities (DDs) that co-occur with ASD (cerebral palsy (CP) and intellectual disability (ID)). Deadline is October 10, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-DD15-1501>

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**Program:** **NEW- Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes (DP3)**

**Description:** The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). Deadline is March 18, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-14-022.html>

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## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

**Program:** **NEW-DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH**

**Description:** The BioWatch Program is a cornerstone of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) comprehensive strategy for countering biological terrorism. The BioWatch Program is an early warning system that is designed to detect the intentional release of select aerosolized biological agents. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH>

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## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**Program:** **NEW- Jobs Plus Pilot Program**

**Description:** Purpose of the Program. The purpose of Jobs Plus Pilot program is to develop locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes such as work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement and financial literacy. Deadline is December 17, 2014.

Website:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

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**Program:** **NEW-Promise Zone Initiative**

**Description:** Promise Zones is a locally driven strategy that can create jobs, increase economic activity, expand education opportunities, reduce serious and violent crime, leverage private capital and assist local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape. Deadline is November 21, 2014.

WebCast for interested parties:

Tribal Webcast	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm – 2:00pm
Rural Webcast	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Urban Webcast	October 1, 2014	3:00pm – 4:00pm

Website:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PZ\\_R2\\_FR\\_Notice.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PZ_R2_FR_Notice.pdf)

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**Program:** **NEW-National Disaster Resilience Competition**

**Description:** The goal of the competition is to make Community Development Block Grant; Resilient Disaster Recovery (CDBG-RDR) funds available for compelling resilient recovery projects. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

Website:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

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**Program:** **NEW-Continuum of Care (CoC)**

**Description:** The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house the homeless while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. Deadline is October 30, 2014.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/esnaps>

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## **U.S. Department of Interior**

**Program:** **NEW-2015 Preservation Technology and Training Grants**

**Description:** The Preservation Technology and Training (PTT) Grants program provides funding for innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. NCPTT does not fund "Bricks and Mortar" grants. Deadline is November 5, 2014.

Website: <http://ncptt.nps.gov/grants/>

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## U.S. Department of State

**Program:** **NEW-FY 2015 Youth Leadership Program: TechGirls**  
**Description:** Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a three- to four-week exchange program in the United States in summer 2015 for high school girls from the Middle East and North Africa focused on promoting high-level study of technology. Deadline is December 2, 2014.  
**Website:** <http://eca.state.gov/>

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## U.S. Department of Transportation

**Program:** **NEW-FY 2015 MCSAP High Priority Notice of Funding Availability**  
**Description:** This program supports commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety programs that: 1) Carry out high priority activities and projects that improve CMV safety; 2) Increase compliance with CMV safety regulations; 3) Increase public awareness about CMV safety; 4) Provide education on CMV safety and related issues; 5) Demonstrate new safety related technologies; and 6) Reduce the number and rate of crashes involving CMVs. Deadline is November 17, 2014.  
**Website:** <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50030>

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**Program:** **NEW-FY 2015 SaDIP Notice of Funding Availability**  
**Description:** The Safety Data Improvement Program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial and technical assistance to States to facilitate the collection of accurate, complete, and timely data on all large commercial truck and bus crashes and roadside inspections. Deadline is November 17, 2014.  
**Website:** <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50033>

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**Program:** **NEW-Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning**  
**Description:** The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a New Starts, Core Capacity or fixed-guideway Small Starts project that will seek funding through the CIG Program. Deadline is November 3, 2014.  
**Website:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077\\_16135.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16135.html)

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## U.S. Department of Treasury

**Program:** **NEW-Fiscal Year 2015 CDFI Program**  
**Description:** Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides (i) FA awards of up to \$2 million to Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to build their financial capacity to lend to their Target Markets, and (ii) TA grants of up to \$125,000 to build Certified, Certifiable, and Emerging CDFIs'

organizational capacity to serve their Target Markets. Deadline is November 24, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7)

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**Program:** **NEW-RESTORE Act Direct Component - Construction Activities**

**Description:** The RESTORE Act created five components through which funds will be disbursed. Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity notices as part of the RESTORE Act. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component, and is only for applications for eligible construction activities. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

**Website:**

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50000>

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### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Program:** **NEW-Veterans Cemetery Grants**

**Description:** Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/>

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### **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **NEW- Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Accepting School Library Grant Applications**

**Description:** The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, a fund of the George W. Bush Foundation, is to help school libraries encourage and foster a love of reading, support student learning, and make books and reading materials available to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to them. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/lbf-grant-application>

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**Program:** **NEW- American College Health Foundation Accepting Applications for Annual College Mental/Behavioral Health Award**

**Description:** The annual award is designed to fund the development of creative initiatives that address prevention, early intervention, and/or treatment for mental and behavioral health disorders among college students. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.acha.org/ACHF/first\\_risk\\_advisors.cfm](http://www.acha.org/ACHF/first_risk_advisors.cfm)

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**Program:** **NEW- Rivkin Center Accepting Applications for Pilot Studies in Ovarian Cancer Research**

**Description:** Founded in 1996, the Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research provides funding and grants to encourage up-and-coming investigators to pursue careers in ovarian cancer research, as well as funding for early detection screening and national and international research symposia. December 2, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.marsharivkin.org/research/apply.html>

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**Program:** **NEW- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Invites Applications for Young Investigator Grants**

**Description:** Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that has evolved from a young cancer patient's front-yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer, awards grants designed to fill critical voids in current pediatric cancer research. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** [https://www.alexlemonade.org/files/via\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.alexlemonade.org/files/via_guidelines.pdf)

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**Program:** **NEW-Black Rock Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for Civic Art Projects**

**Description:** Black Rock Arts Foundation (BRAAF) works with communities in the Bay Area and around the world to collaboratively produce innovative, relevant, and pioneering works of public art that build community and empower individuals. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://blackrockarts.org/grants/grant-criteria>

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**Program:** **NEW-Steinger, Iscoe & Greene Invites Applications for Child Advocates Law Scholarship**

**Description:** To that end, the firm is accepting applications from child advocates or abuse survivors seeking a law degree and, through the semi-annual Steinger, Iscoe & Greene Law Scholarship for Child Advocates, will award a \$1,000 scholarship to an applicant of its choice. Deadline is November 30, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.injurylawyers.com/child-advocate-scholarship/>

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**Program:** **NEW- Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards**

**Description:** The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

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**Program:** **NEW- The Office Depot Foundation Grants**

**Description:** The Office Depot Foundation awards grants to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families, and to support civic organizations and activities that serve community needs.

**Website:** [http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page\\_id=237](http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page_id=237)

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**Program:** **NEW-Environmental Competitive Grant**

**Description:** Legacy provides environmental education grants annually through the Competitive Grants Program. Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education.

**Website:** [www.legacyenvd.org](http://www.legacyenvd.org)

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**Program:** **NEW- Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant**

**Description:** The Cornell Douglas Foundation provides grants to organizations that advocate for environmental health and justice, encourage stewardship of the environment, and further respect for sustainability of resources. The average grant amount is \$10,000. Deadline is accepted all year.

**Website:** <http://www.cornelldouglas.org/apply/>

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**Program:** **NEW- The RGK Foundation awards grants**

**Description:** The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of education, community and health/medicine. The average grant is \$25,000.

Grants Committee Meeting Dates for 2015 (only relevant to requests over \$100,000)

March 6, 2015

June 12, 2015

September 16, 2015

**Website:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

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**Program:** **NEW- Griswold Cares Foundation Accepting Applications for Respite and Short-Term Home Care Programs**

**Description:** Established in 2010 as the charitable arm of Griswold Home Care, the Griswold Cares Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations working to enhance the quality of life for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities who choose to age in place. Deadline is October 31, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.griswoldcares.org/Priorities.html>

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**Program:** **NEW- Whole Kids Foundation Accepting Applications for School Garden Grant Program**

**Description:** The annual program supports school garden projects designed to help students learn about complex topics such as nutrition and health, sustainability and conservation, food systems, and community awareness. Deadline is October 31, 2014.

**Website:** <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/programs/school-garden-grant-program>

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**Program:** **NEW- Surdna Foundation Accepting Proposals for Artist-Led Social Change Projects**

**Description:** The Surdna Foundation is accepting proposals through its Artists Engaging in Social Change funding area for one- or two-year support for extraordinary artist-driven projects. Deadline is November 12, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.surdna.org/rfp>

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**Program:** **NEW- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Invites Applications for Undergraduate Scholarships**

**Description:** The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which helps high-achieving low-income students reach their full potential through education, is inviting applications for its College Scholarship Program.

Scholarship recipients will be awarded as much as \$40,000 each year for four years for tuition, books, living expenses, and other required fees. Deadline is November 4, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

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**Program:** **NEW- Digital Media and Learning Competition Accepting Entries for Trust Challenge Grants**

**Description:** The Digital Media and Learning Competition aims to find and inspire the most novel uses of new media in support of connected learning. Deadline is November 3, 2014.

**Website:** <http://dmlcompetition.net/building-trust/>

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**Program:** **NEW- American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects**

**Description:** The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for its AASL Innovative Reading Grant program. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

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**Program:** **NEW-ArtPlace America Invites Letters of Inquiry for Creative Placemaking Projects**

**Description:** ArtPlace America, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization through the arts, is inviting Letters of Inquiry for the fifth round of its National Grants program. Grants of up to \$500,000 will be awarded to projects that involve arts organizations, artists, and designers working in partnership with local and national partners to have a transformative impact on their community. Deadline is November 3, 2014 (Letter of Inquiry)

**Website:** <http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/>

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**Program:** **NEW- Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program**

**Description:** Through the program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart stores in support of initiatives in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. Deadline is December 31, 2014.

**Website:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

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**Program:** **NEW-YMCA Announces Third Annual My Fresh Page Project Competition**

**Description:** Through the competition, the Y will award a total of \$20,000 in support of small ideas that impact communities in big ways. Deadline is October 24, 2014.

**Website:** <http://mfpp.ymca.net/>

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**Program:** **NEW- Asian Cultural Council Invites Applications for 2015 Grants**

**Description:** The Asian Cultural Council is inviting proposals from individuals who exhibit an abiding passion and interest in cultural exchange between the United States and



the countries of Asia, as well as among countries in Asia. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org/apply/general-guidelines>

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**Program:** **NEW- Broward Education Foundation Accepting Applications for Teacher Innovation Grants**

**Description:** Grants of up to \$1,200 will be awarded in support of classroom projects that enrich the standard curriculum and explore new alternatives to traditional methods of learning. Deadline is November 28, 2014

**Website:** <http://browardedfoundation.org/what-we-do/educators/teacher-innovation-grants>

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**Program:** **NEW- Gates Foundation Issues Call for Applications for Round 14 of Grand Challenges Initiative**

**Description:** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is accepting applications for Round 14 of its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative, an accelerated grant program that encourages bold approaches aimed at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. Anyone — students, scientists, entrepreneurs — with a transformative idea is invited to apply. Deadline is November 12, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases/2014/09/Fourteenth-Round-of-Grand-Challenges-Explorations>

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**Program:** **NEW-Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs**

**Description:** The Public Welfare Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent from organizations and programs working to end the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the United States. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/FullProposal.aspx>

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**Program:** **NEW- Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program**

**Description:** To help accomplish this goal, the foundation is seeking applications from nonprofit organizations for programs that provide youth with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills that better prepare them for future education and career success. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://corporate.bestbuy.com/best-buy-foundation-national-partnership-request-for-proposals/>

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**Program:** **NEW-William T. Grant Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Distinguished Fellows Program**

**Description:** The William T. Grant Foundation's Distinguished Fellows Program is designed to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To accomplish its goals, the program gives influential mid-career researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings and gives influential practitioners and policy makers the opportunity to work in research settings. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

**Website:** <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#faq-distinguished-fellows>

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**Program:** **NEW-AAUW Accepting Applications for Community Action Grants**

**Description:** AAUW is accepting applications for its Community Action Grants Program, an annual program that provides funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs and non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>

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**Program:** **NEW-YoungArts Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Young Artists Prize**

**Description:** The National YoungArts Foundation provides emerging artists (age 15-18 or grades 10-12) with opportunities to work with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. Deadline is October 17, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.youngarts.org/apply>

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**Program:** **NEW-Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for USArtists International Grants**

**Description:** Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international festivals and/or for performance engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities abroad. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

**Website:**

[http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat\\_presentation/us\\_artists/index.html](http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html)

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**Program:**

**NEW-RedRover Seeks Applications From Emergency Shelter Groups to Help Victims of Domestic Abuse and Their Pets**

**Description:**

RedRover is accepting applications from emergency shelter organizations to help victims of domestic violence and their animal companions stay together during times of crisis. Deadline is October 15, 2014.

**Website:**

<http://www.redrover.org/node/1099>

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**Program:**

**NEW- Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation Invites Applications for Anti-Bullying Programs**

**Description:**

The Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation, the charitable foundation of rugby star Ben Cohen, works to raise awareness of the damaging long-term effects of bullying and raise funds to support those doing real-world work to stop it.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects designed to stop bullying, help those hurt by bullying, and/or help increase equality and diversity in sports. Deadline is November 30, 2014.

**Website:**

<http://www.standupfoundation.com/grants/requesting-funding/>

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**Program:**

**NEW- AG Bell Association Invites Applications for Parent-Infant Financial Aid Program**

**Description:**

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is accepting applications for its 2014 Parent-Infant Financial Aid Program for families of infants and toddlers diagnosed with a moderately severe to profound hearing loss who are in pursuit of a spoken language outcome for their child. Deadline is October 7, 2014.

**Website:**

<http://listeningandspokenlanguage.org/Document.aspx?id=269>

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**Program:**

**NEW-Economic Development Assistance Programs**

**Description:**

These funds will be provided to rural and urban communities in distressed regions to support the implementation of regional economic development.

Funding is available for:

- **Public Works Projects:**
  - Water and sewer system improvements
  - Industrial parks
  - Shipping and logistics facilities
  - Brownfield development
  - Telecommunications infrastructure and development facilities
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance:**  
Awards funding to projects that have specific solutions for regional economic development. Projects must foster collaboration, create jobs, and attract investment.

Deadline is October 17, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.raconline.org/funding/2932>

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**Program:** **NEW-Applications Invited for Soros Justice Fellowships in Advocacy and Media**

**Description:** The fellowship program is part of a larger effort by the Open Society Foundations' Criminal Justice Fund 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 by ensuring a fair and equitable system of justice for all. Deadline is October 22, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/soros-justice-fellowships>

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**Program:** **NEW-Finish Line Youth Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Athletic Programs and Camps**

**Description:** Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for community-based athletic programs and to establish camps that teach active-lifestyle and team-building skills. Preference will be given to organizations that provide opportunities for participation for individuals age 18 and under and whose activities provide direct services and produce tangible results.

Pre-Applications Schedule	Full Proposal Deadlines
<b>Summer:</b> Opens Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 – <b>Deadline Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 5pm ET.</b>	<b>Summer:</b> Jun. 16 <sup>th</sup> , <b>4pm EST</b>
<b>Winter 2015:</b> Opens Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> – <b>Deadline Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm ET</b> If invited, see Full Proposal Deadline in next column.	<b>Winter 2015:</b> on or about Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Renewals 2015:</b> Opens July 1 <sup>st</sup> , with ongoing basis through Feb. 2015	<b>Renewals:</b> Based on invitation date.

Grants Application Period	Review Period	Grant Awarded By *
January 1 – March 31	April – May	June 1
April 1 – June 30	July – August	September 1
July 1 – September 30	Oct – Nov	December 1
<b>Oct 1 – December 31</b>	<b>Jan – Feb</b>	<b>March 1</b>

**Website:** <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/review.jsp>

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**Program:** **NEW- Ben & Jerry's Foundation Seeks Proposals for Social and Environmental Justice Projects**

**Description:** One-year grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofit grassroots community-organizing groups in the United States working to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just-food systems. Grants can be used to support both program and operational costs.

**Website:** <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/>

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**Program:** **NEW-KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants**

**Description:** KaBOOM!, a program that provides eligible communities with most of the funds, tools, and resources they need to build a custom-made playground in one day. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** [http://kaboom.org/build\\_playground/build\\_it\\_kaboom\\_playground\\_grant](http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant)

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**Program:** **NEW-NCTM Accepting Applications for Projects Using Music to Teach Pre-K-2 Mathematics**

**Description:** The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is accepting applications from teachers of pre-K-2 mathematics for projects that incorporate music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. Deadline is November 7, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1318>

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**Program:** **NEW-Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists**

**Description:** Cornell's BirdSleuth K-12 initiative is awarding binoculars to schools where educators have made outstanding efforts to engage their students in citizen science. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://www.birdsleuth.org/binoculars-for-the-citizen-scientists/>

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**Program:** **NEW-Fuel Up to Play 60 School Wellness Grants**

**Description:** Fuel Up to Play 60 offers funding to K-12 schools enrolled in its wellness program. Eligible schools may apply for up to \$4,000 to help increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity opportunities for students. Deadline is November 5, 2014.

**Website:** <http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/introduction.php>

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**Program:** **NEW-International Paper Environmental Education Grants**

**Description:** The International Paper (IP) Foundation supports non-profit organizations in communities where its employees live and work. Environmental education is one of the primary areas the Foundation supports. The Foundation seeks programs that help generations understand a sustainable approach to business that balances environmental, social and economic needs.

**Website:** <http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/IPGiving/ApplicationGuidelines.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation**

**Description:** Our strategy is also to seek partners both public and private who share common interests for collaborations and positive change. Focus Areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Basic services for at risk families and children, Family literacy and adult education, Community Improvement and Nonprofit Capacity

Building, Culture and increasing accessibility to the arts and Philanthropy and Volunteerism. Deadline is March 15 for April Board Meeting and September 15 for October Board Meeting.

Website: <http://www.jsbcf.org/funding.asp>

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## SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

**Program:** **NEW- ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR MATCHING GRANTS**

**Description:** The Alabama Tourism Department (ATD) will continue its Matching Grants Program in 2014. The Matching Grants Program provides assistance to nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement 50/50 matching basis. All event specific brochure projects must be for events in 2014. Deadline for August 2014 for November 2014 event. Deadline is September for December 2014. Brochures must be completed by November, 2014, or the grant will be withdrawn at 5:00 PM on December 1, 2014. **This includes receipt of final paperwork by the Alabama Tourism Department. (ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS)**

Website: <http://tourism.alabama.gov/content/uploads/Matching-Grant-Guidelines-Brochure-2014.pdf>

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**Program:** **NEW- Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**

**Description:** Applicants are encouraged to develop projects for a wide variety of audiences including: library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars, youth, senior citizens, nursing home residents, hospital patients, the economically disadvantaged, the incarcerated, and the hearing and sight impaired.

**Application submission deadlines:**

Major Grants (\$1,500 and up) – February 15, June 16, September 15

Minor Grants (\$1,500 or less) – February 15, June 16, September 15

Website: <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>

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## SECTION V FELLOWSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID/ AWARDS

**Program:** **NEW- Glaucoma Foundation Accepting Applications for 2015 Research Projects**

**Description:** The Glaucoma Foundation works to encourage and support basic and applied research in glaucoma, gain and disseminate new information about the causes and treatment of glaucoma, and further efforts to identify and develop novel approaches to preserve visual function and reverse blindness caused by glaucoma. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

Website: [https://www.glaucomafoundation.org/Grant\\_Application.htm](https://www.glaucomafoundation.org/Grant_Application.htm)

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**Program:** **NEW-Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant**

**Description:** The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant program awards grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 to schools, nature centers and other non-profit educational organizations to establish outdoor learning centers. Grant funds may only be used

to purchase native plants and seeds. Successful projects are eligible for discounts on seeds and plants from SFE Nursery Partners. Deadline is October 15, 2014.

**Description:** <http://for-wild.org/seedmony.html>

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**Program:** **NEW-N-Vision a Brighter Future Grant**

**Description:** N-Vision a Brighter Future Grants are awarded to fund hands-on projects in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Projects that involve students directly, incorporate community resources, and use interdisciplinary or team-teaching strategies are preferred. Deadline is November 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/Community/EducationalGrants.shtm>

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**Program:** **NEW-Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants**

**Description:** Through its National Giving Program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants of \$250,000 and above to non-profit organizations that operate on a national scope through chapters/affiliates in many states around the country or through programs that operate regionally/locally but seek funding to replicate program activities nationally. Deadline is OPEN.

**Areas of focus for the Foundation include:**

Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating  
Sustainability  
Women's Economic Empowerment  
Career Opportunity

**Website:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/national-giving>

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**Program:** **NEW-William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness**

**Description:** The fund will award grants in support of initiatives that seek to correct circumstances contributing to homelessness, as well as initiatives designed to help eradicate the condition of homelessness in the long term. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

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**Program:** **NEW-Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)**

**Description:** Each "Individual" or "Organizational" PAESMEM awardee will receive a \$10,000 award and a commemorative Presidential certificate. Awardees are also invited to participate in an award recognition ceremony in Washington, DC which includes meetings with STEM educators, researchers and policy leaders. Up to 16 awards may be made from the nominations received on or before October 3, 2014. Deadline is October 3, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14567](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14567)

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**Program:** **NEW-Aspen Institute Invites Applications for William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students**

**Description:** The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as a PSI intern at the Aspen Institute's Washington, D.C., office.



Through the fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. Deadline is July 18, 2014 for Fall 2014 and **December 5, 2014** for Spring 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/nonprofit-philanthropy/leadership-initiatives/heard>

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**Program:** **NEW-John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars in the United States and Canada**

**Description:** The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields -- including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts -- except the performing arts

**Website:** <http://www.gf.org/applicants/the-united-states-canadian-competition/>

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**Program:** **NEW-Freedoms Foundation Accepting Nominations for 2015 Leavey Awards**

**Description:** The foundation is accepting nominations for the 2015 Leavey Awards, an annual program that recognizes educators at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques related to the teaching of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. Deadline is November 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs>

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### **HBCU Scholarship Directory**

**Website:** <http://hbcuconnect.com/scholarships/>

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

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

### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

### **Nerd Scholar**

**Website:** <http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/>

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## Fast Web

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

## Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

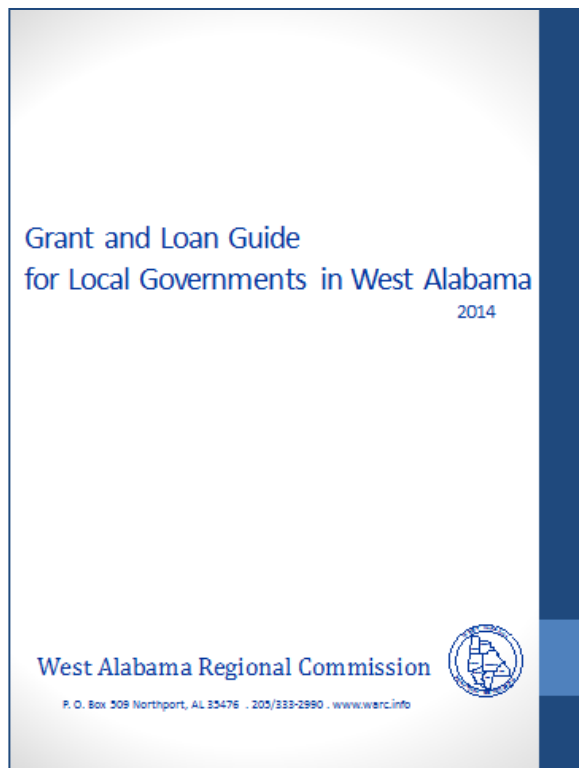
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**FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**Federal Aid Website:** <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/federal-aid/>

## FELLOWSHIP SEARCH



## National Endowment for the Humanities

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants>

## Minority Fellowship Program

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

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## Section VI RESOURCES

**THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!**

*The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.*

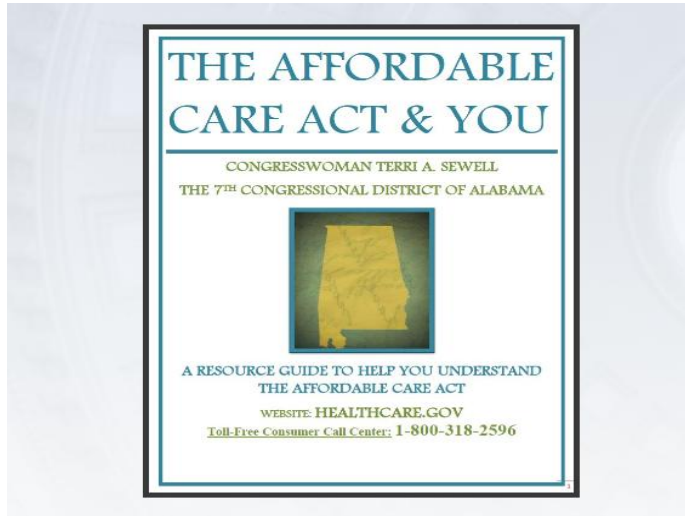
Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents>. Scroll down to REGIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS.

The guide is a free web-based resource designed to provide counties and municipalities in the West Alabama region with information about available grant and loan programs for community and economic development activities.

The guide provides program details on major Federal and State programs including agency contacts; award cycles; grant ceilings; matching requirements; and eligibility factors.

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Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/the-aca-you/>

Enroll now in a plan that covers essential benefits, pre-existing conditions, and more. Plus, see if you qualify for lower costs.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

## Alabama

Health Insurance Marketplace - [HealthCare.Gov](http://HealthCare.Gov) is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit [HealthCare.Gov](http://HealthCare.Gov) to learn more.

Find out where the uninsured live in Alabama: [Enroll America's Outreach Maps](#)

The new Alabama Health Insurance Marketplace is operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Visit [marketplace.cms.gov](http://marketplace.cms.gov) to see how you can partner with HHS to help people enroll in the new coverage options in Alabama.

See more at: <http://www.enrollamerica.org/states/alabama#sthash.uT0mDsbB.dpuf>

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**ATTENTION VETERANS:**

### **FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center**

The online Veterans Employment Center is the single federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service Members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military and Veteran spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, GI Bill beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. It is the first interagency tool that brings together public and private job opportunities with resume building and other career tools currently offered on a variety of websites together in one place.

Through the online Veterans Employment Center, Veterans, transitioning Service Members and spouses are connected to high quality career choices by matching their identified skills with available public and private job opportunities. The site is built using an open application programming interface (API) to attract private sector innovation.

#### **Veteran Applicant Resources:**

- Quick public resume posting with an instant connection to thousands of public and private employers
- Target job search based on specific, high-demand career paths
- Single search for both public and private sector positions
- Military skills translator and resume generator
- Social media integration with popular bookmarking sites for saving job postings

#### **Employer Resources:**

- Access targeted feed of qualified resumes from Veteran applicants
- View reverse skills translation (military to civilian skills) for applicants
- Set Veterans hiring goals and track progress
- Connect to resources designed to help recruit and retain talented, Veteran employees

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Education, and the Office of Personnel Management to design and develop the site and incorporate features of existing online employment tools at each agency. The result is an upgrade to the existing Veterans Job Bank and an integrated solution connecting Veterans, transitioning Service Members and employers.

Employers, Veterans and transitioning Service Members deserve a single, authoritative source for connecting to each other. Now that the core tools and an integrated search function exist in one single location, each agency is engaged in minimizing duplication and redundancy of current sites and services.

The Veterans Employment Center can be found at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

For a tutorial video on how to use the Veterans Employment Center, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWfhI-eSoWk>

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## **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

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

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## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

Website: <http://alabamagiving.org/cf-directory/>

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
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  
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Website: [www.eccinfo.org](http://www.eccinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

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

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Phone: (205)669-3737

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>