



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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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the First Lady
First Lady Michelle Obama Announces Reach Higher Commencement Challenges

Today, First Lady Michelle Obama announced two commencement challenges via video as part of her [Reach Higher](#) initiative. Schools choosing to participate in the challenges will create video submissions to capture their efforts to make attending and completing college a reality for all students. Finalists could have the opportunity to hear from the First Lady at their commencement ceremonies in the spring of 2015.

The Reach Higher initiative is the First Lady's effort to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university. In today's economy, a high school diploma just isn't enough. Students have to "reach higher," which is why the First Lady is working to rally the country around the President's "North Star" goal — that by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.

[The FAFSA Completion Challenge](#)

The First Lady's "FAFSA Completion Challenge" video urges high schools to increase Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates among their seniors.

As the First Lady says in her [video](#):

"Through FAFSA, the Department of Education provides more than \$150 billion each year in loans, grants, and work-study programs that can help you and your family pay for college. That's why I'm calling on every high school senior in America to complete their FAFSA form starting on January 1st. And I want students, teachers, school counselors, and administrators to show me how your school is taking action to get more students to fill out their forms this year. So fill out your FAFSA, make a video, and share it online."

[Near-Peer Mentoring College Challenge](#)

The First Lady's "Near-Peer Mentoring College Challenge," directed at college communities and institutes of higher education, urges them to increase and enhance near-peer mentoring and college immersion experiences on campus for high school students. Research has shown that students connecting with other students, or "near-peers," can make a significant difference in motivating them to make higher education a reality.

As the First Lady says in her [video](#):

"Last January, I spoke with college presidents from across the country about the importance of reaching out to more of our young people, especially those from underserved communities. These students have so much potential, but they don't always get the encouragement and support they need to go to college. Today, I want to take that discussion to the next level. That's why I'm calling on people all across college communities – from student groups to admissions officers to college presidents – to take new steps to open up your campus..."

CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL ANNOUNCES CONNECTED GRANT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN THE 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Birmingham, Alabama – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that in support of President Obama’s ConnectED initiative, Apple has pledged grant funding to equip two schools in Alabama’s 7th Congressional District with cutting-edge technologies including devices, teacher professional development and content. Albert Turner Sr. Elementary School in Marion, Alabama and J.E. Hobbs Elementary School in Camden, Alabama will be receiving an iPad for every student, a Mac and iPad for every teacher and administrator, an Apple TV for every classroom, additional Apple software and an Apple support team to provide ongoing professional development and support.

“For too long schools across Alabama’s 7th Congressional District have suffered from inadequate access to the most basic resources, including advanced technologies in the classroom. A lack of equal access to technology has placed entire communities and states at a competitive disadvantage. Through the ConnectED initiative, President Obama has laid out a vision for reversing these trends by equipping America’s students and teachers with access to next-generation connectivity, as a foundation for transformation in the classroom and ultimately, in our communities. I am proud that through Apple’s support of that vision, Albert Turner Sr. Elementary School and J.E. Hobbs Elementary School are receiving transformational technologies for their students, teachers and classrooms. The support provided through this funding will provide every teacher with the products and support they need to inspire and motivate their students and empower every student with the learning tools and opportunities they need to realize and achieve their full potential. I am confident that these investments will transform outcomes for children and families in Perry and Wilcox Counties,” said Rep. Sewell.

“Albert Turner Sr. Elementary School is a proud recipient of an Apple grant through the White House ConnectEd initiative. By giving students access to the latest technology and powerful learning tools, we are working to transform the classroom into a place of deeper exploration and creativity. Together, we can unlock the potential of the world’s future investors, dreamers and leaders,” said Marshae Madison-Pelt, the Principal of Albert Turner Sr. Elementary School.

“We are elated to be a recipient of the ConnectED Apple Grant. Receiving this grant is huge for our teachers, students, and the community of Wilcox County. It will provide the technology and resources needed to improve instruction and student learning. In addition, it gives us the support we need to effectively implement Dr. Bice’s PLAN 2020, which is aimed at preparing our students for college or a career,” said Roshanda Jackson, the principal of J.E. Hobbs Elementary School.

“Principals Madison-Pelt and Jackson, along with their faculty, staff, and students are beyond deserving of these grants. I look forward to seeing the untapped potential that will be revealed as a result of the installation of this historic initiative in Alabama’s 7th Congressional District,” concluded Rep. Sewell.

**NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)
GRANT GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION AVAILABILITY**

FISCAL YEAR 2014
ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM

To: Members of Congress
From: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Subject: Fiscal Year 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program FOA Release
Date: October 30, 2014

Comments:

This serves as notification that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fiscal Year 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) will open on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 8:00 am eastern time. The application period for the FY 2014 AFG program closes on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm eastern time.

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Pub. L. 113-76) provides \$340,000,000 in AFG funding to assist fire departments and nonaffiliated ambulance and emergency medical service organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. The AFG Program enables these organizations to obtain the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel.

- Grant guidance for this program will be available at www.grants.gov, and at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/afggrants/index.shtm>. Also the "Get ready Guide", available at http://www.fema.gov/pdf/firegrants/Get_Ready_Guide.pdf, may also be useful for potential applicants and is provided to answer questions and to help prepare grant applications.

Contact Information: For additional information, please visit www.fema.gov/grants or contact Chris Rizzuto at (202) 786-9450, Jay Harper at (202) 447-0458 or Laura Cirillo at (202) 447-5380.

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 29th 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Rural Webcast September 29th 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. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: 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.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: NEW- Water Quality Benefits

Description: Seeking applications proposing research to advance knowledge of how changes in water quality, including incremental or step improvements, can be valued at appropriate spatial scales using advanced non-use valuation methods for the Nation's inland fresh water small streams, lakes and rivers, estuaries, coastal waters, and the Great Lakes. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: <http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2015/2015-star-water-quality.html>

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_consortium_grant_rfp.pdf

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:

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

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/>

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>

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>

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>

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>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW- NEA 2016 Jazz Masters Fellowship Event**

Description: The Arts Endowment plans to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with an organization to coordinate a free, public event honoring the 2016 NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship awardees, and related activities as detailed below. The event must take place during the month of April 2016, to coincide with and acknowledge the 15th anniversary of Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM). In addition, the event venue must be located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to coincide with the year-long 50th anniversary celebrations of the National Endowment for the Arts (October 2015-2016). Deadline is December 9, 2014.

Website: <http://arts.gov/2016-nea-jazz-masters-announcement-and-awards-ceremony-concert-program-solicitation>

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>

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>

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>

National Science Foundation

Program: NEW-US Ignite

Description: US Ignite aims to break this deadlock by providing incentives for imagining, prototyping, and developing public sector gigabit applications, and by leveraging and extending this network testbed across US college/university campuses and cities. This solicitation builds on the experience gained from initial US Ignite activities to further engage the US academic research and non-profit communities along with local cities, municipalities, and regions in exploring the challenges of developing and applying next-generation networking to problems of significant public interest and benefit. Deadline is January 21, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15508

Program: NEW-National Robotics Initiative

Description: The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside or cooperatively with people. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15505

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

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

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>

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>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW- Wood Innovations**
Description: This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities: • Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands. • Reduce costs of forest management on all land types. • Promote economic and environmental health of communities. Funding will be awarded in two separate grant categories: GRANT CATEGORY 1: EXPANSION OF WOOD ENERGY MARKETS and GRANT CATEGORY 2: EXPANSION OF WOOD PRODUCTS MARKETS. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.na.fed.us/werc/>

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>

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>.

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>

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>

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/>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW-OSERS-OSEP: Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities: Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Leadership Personnel CFDA Number 84.325D**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, related services, early intervention, and regular education to work with children, including infants and toddlers, with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experience, to be successful in serving those children. Deadline is December 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-22/pdf/2014-25188.pdf>

Program: NEW-OSERS-OSEP: Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities: Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Focus Area A CFDA Number 84.325K-1

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, and regular education to work with children, including infants and toddlers, with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experience, to be successful in serving those children. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-22/pdf/2014-25182.pdf>

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/>

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/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: NEW- Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research (P50)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications to support Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research to stimulate basic and applied research on environmental health disparities. The proposed research is expected to develop innovative approaches to understand environmentally-driven health disparities and improve access to healthy environments for vulnerable populations and communities. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-010.html>

Program: NEW-National Cancer Institute Program Project Applications (P01)

Description: With this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications for investigator-initiated program project

(P01) grants. Proposed program projects may address any of the broad areas of cancer research, including (but not limited to) cancer biology, cancer prevention, cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, and cancer control. Deadline is January 7, 2014.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-023.html>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **NEW- FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

Description: The purpose of the AFG is to award grants directly to fire departments, non-affiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations (EMS), and state fire training academies that are unaffiliated with a hospital to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel. Deadline is Friday, December 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/99388>

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>

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

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 th	1:00pm – 2:00pm
Rural Webcast	September 29 th	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

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

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/>

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/>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW- Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)**

Description: Approximately \$9M will be made available in cooperative agreements to transit agencies and other entities to promote innovative nationally and regionally significant public transportation workforce development models and programs that invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American Workers. Deadline is December 23, 2014.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16198.html

Program: **NEW- 2015 PHMSA SPST Grant**

Description: The SPST Grants Program is open to a national nonprofit fire service organization for the purpose of training instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs for individuals with statutory responsibility to respond to hazardous materials accidents and incidents. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50161>

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>

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>

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

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

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>

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/>

Section III

PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: NEW- Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators Invites Applications for K-12 Programs

Description: The Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators, in partnership with Pitsco/Hearlihy & Company, is accepting applications for technology and engineering education programs at any grade level.

Through the Excellence in Teaching Technology and Engineering grant program, the foundation will award grants of \$2,000 to K-12 teachers to encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program in their school's curriculum. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.iteea.org/Awards/granthearlihy.htm>

Program: NEW- Mary Byron Project Announces 2015 Roth Award for Domestic Violence Programs

Description: As part of its annual Celebrating Solutions Awards honoring innovative programs in the United States that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence, the Mary Byron Project created the Roth Award to reward and spotlight domestic violence programs that address the needs of underserved populations.

Eligible programs provide services to populations (including those based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, faith, disabilities, low socioeconomic status, sexual preference, and victims from economically comfortable suburban areas) that traditionally do not know how to avail themselves of services or who are too ashamed to find them. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website: <http://marybyronproject.org/index.php/our-work/the-roth-award/>

Program: NEW- Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Future of Work Research

Description: The foundation's program on the Future of Work supports research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers in the United States. The foundation seeks research proposals related to the role of changes in employer practices; the nature of the labor market; and public policies concerning the employment, earnings, and quality of jobs of American workers. Deadline is January 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.russellsage.org/research/future-work>

Program: **NEW- Agricultural Safety and Health Council Seeks Applications for Worker Safety Grants Program**

Description: The Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America is seeking applications for its 2015 Safety Grants Program, the purpose of which is to encourage and provide financial support for the implementation of evidence-based safety and health interventions that protect agricultural workers.

Applicants are expected to be engaged in agriculture-related production, education/training, and/or research. The key contact (principal) will generally meet one or more the following criteria: a) be a farm/agribusiness owner (farmer, grower, producer, rancher); b) be an agricultural organization representative; c) be an agricultural community-based organization or service leader; d) be an agribusiness risk manager or safety advisor; e) be a safety or public health academic instructor; and/or f) be an agricultural youth organization representative. Deadline is January 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ashca.org/safety-grants-program/>

Program: **NEW- Heritage Preservation Seeks Nominations for Commitment to Collection Preservation Award**

Description: The award is presented annually to an organization in North America that has been exemplary in terms of the importance and priority it gives to conservation concerns and in the commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of cultural property within the context of its broader mission, which may include interpretation, research, scholarship, education, and/or public outreach. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

Website: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic.htm>

Program: **NEW- BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

Description: The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

Program: **NEW- NEH Accepting Applications for Scholarly Edition/Translation Projects**

Description: The endowment currently is accepting applications through its Scholarly Editions and Translations grants program. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that currently are inaccessible or available only in inadequate editions. Grants are designed to support full- or part-time activities for periods of one (minimum) to three (maximum) years. December 9, 2014.

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

Program: **NEW-NEA Invites Creative Placemaking Proposals for Our Town Grant Program**

Description: The program seeks to invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve the local quality of life; encourage greater creative activity; foster stronger community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize economic development. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town>

Program: **NEW-BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

Description: The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. The foundation is looking for creative projects that promote safe and clean boating on local waterways. January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

Program: **NEW-Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grants**

Description: Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation are offering financial assistance through Environmental Solutions for Communities, a grant program designed to help communities in the United States create a more sustainable future through responsible environmental stewardship. To that end, the program supports highly visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Deadline is December 10, 2014.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/>

Program: NEW-Gerber Foundation Seeks Proposals for Pediatric Research Projects

Description: The Gerber Foundation is accepting concept papers for health and/or nutrition-related research projects that promise to have a significant impact on issues affecting infants and young children from birth to age three.

Grants of up to \$300,000 will be awarded for research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition, and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gerberfoundation.org/pd-research/research-awards/concept-paper-format>

Program: NEW-National Leadership Grants for Museums

Description: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awards National Leadership Grants for Museums to support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Deadline is December 1, 2014

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=22>

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>

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

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>

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

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>

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/>

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/>

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

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

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/>

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>

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>

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/>

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/>

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>

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/>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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/>

Program: NEW-Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for US Artists 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

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/>

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/>

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

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>

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/>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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/>

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

Program: **NEW- Harpo Foundation Accepting Applications for Native American Artists Fellowships**

Description: The foundation is accepting applications for its Native American Fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center program, which supports the development of artists with the potential for intercultural dialogue. Each year, the program awards two residency fellowships to Native American artists at the Vermont Studio Center, an historic artist colony located along the Gihon River in Johnson, Vermont, a village in the heart of the northern Green Mountains. Each fellow receives a one-month residency, which includes room and board, a private studio, and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is February 15, 2015

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/fellowships/>

Program: **NEW- FY15 Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

Description: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program provides support for independent graduate-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, social science and resource management of ocean and coastal areas), and particularly encourages women and minorities to apply. Individuals who are U.S. citizens and are applying to or have been accepted to a graduate program at a U.S. accredited institution may apply. Deadline is December 10, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-NOS-NMS-2015-2004240>

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>

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>

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>

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/hearst>

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/>

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/>

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

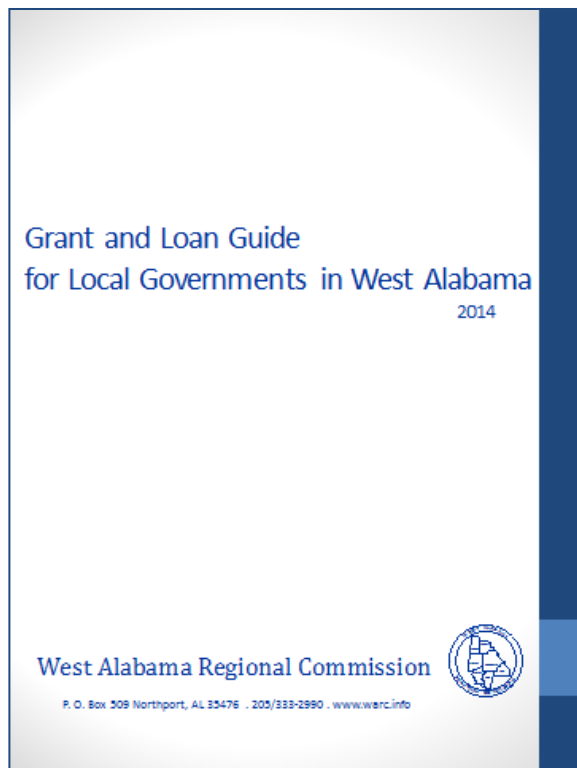
Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities.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

Section VI RESOURCES



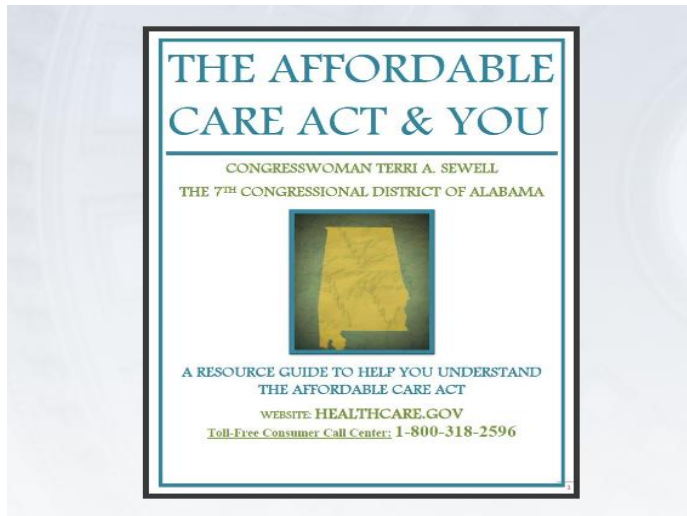
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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.



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 is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit 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 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>

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>

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/>

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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/>

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

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

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.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
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

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

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>