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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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STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement following President Obama's address to the nation where he outlined the Immigration Accountability Executive Actions he will be taking, within his executive authority, to improve our nation's broken immigration system.

“Tonight, President Barack Obama laid out the actions his administration will take to fix our nation's deeply broken immigration system while urging Congress to do its job by acting through legislation. The President's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will secure our borders, prioritize deporting felons not families and require certain undocumented immigrants to pass criminal background check and pay taxes.

For the past half century, every President—Democratic or Republican—has used his legal authority to act on immigration. President Obama is now taking an important commonsense step forward to fix our broken immigration system. These executive actions ensure accountability and that everyone plays by the same rules. While legislative action is always preferable, House Republicans have ignored this dire problem for too long while our families, communities, and local and national economies have paid a steep price for this reckless inaction.

While the nation waits for Republicans to pass comprehensive immigration reform, President Obama is doing the right thing by acting within the constitutional confines of his authority to make practical steps to prioritize enforcement and provide a way forward for hard-working immigrant families.

On National Rural Health Day, Secretary Vilsack Touts Benefits of Affordable Care Act to Rural Communities, Announces New Health Investments

Affordable Care Act provides incentives to encourage doctors to serve in rural America, funds rural health centers, helps rural Americans get access to care

USDA awarding more than \$10 million in grants to support telemedicine and rural health research

Washington, D.C., Nov. 20, 2014 – Today, on National Rural Health Day, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced more than \$10 million in grants through two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs to improve access to health care for rural Americans across the nation. The Secretary also highlighted [initiatives created by the Affordable Care Act](#) that specifically address critical health needs in rural communities.

"Delivering these programs to rural communities that often do not have access to quality, affordable medical and educational services has tremendous economic and social benefits," Vilsack said. "They also mean that people who live and work in rural areas will not have to travel long distances for specialized health care services. These investments mean that students in rural high schools will have educational opportunities often not available outside urban areas."

Through the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) program](#), USDA has helped hundreds of rural communities deliver care in remote areas since it began two decades ago. Today, USDA's [Rural Development](#) is awarding \$20.4 million in grants that will provide rural Americans access to medical services, improve educational opportunities, and support Native American communities. [Fiscal Year 2014 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant recipients](#)

Rural residents are more likely to report a fair to poor health status and have higher rates of health complications, morbidity and mortality due to challenges associated with low levels of employment and education, geographic barriers and isolation, lack of quality nutrition and health education, and lack of access to health care.

USDA's [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) (NIFA) is awarding 12 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to universities aimed at enhancing the quality of life in rural areas through improved health and safety education efforts. NIFA funded the grants through the [Rural Health and Safety Education program](#) which addresses these challenges by developing programs that provide the necessary health information to rural residents. The program has three main focus areas: 1) individual and family nutrition and health education; 2) farm safety education; and 3) rural health leadership development education.

Projects funded in fiscal year 2014 focus on a diversity of rural health and safety issues, from diabetes education, obesity prevention, and physical activity and healthy nutrition education, to eco-healthy child care promotion, and rural expansion of 4-H Healthy Living program. [Fiscal Year 2014 Rural Health and Safety Education Grant recipients](#)

In addition to today's announcements, Secretary Vilsack encouraged rural Americans to take advantage of the Health Insurance Marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act and discussed the health care reform law's specific benefits for rural communities.

"Rural residents have higher rates of chronic conditions. This can be exacerbated by a lack of doctors or clinics in rural communities," Secretary Vilsack continued. "The Affordable Care Act is improving the health of rural communities and giving all families the security they deserve. No one should go without healthcare because of where they live, or be forced to leave the communities they love to get the coverage they need."

Rural Americans suffer from higher rates of chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. The Affordable Care Act has taken steps to address the unique challenges rural communities face when it comes to getting the health care they need.

One in five uninsured Americans lives in a rural area, and yet on average only 10 percent of the nation's physicians practice in these communities. The Affordable Care Act has significantly increased the size of the National Health Service Corps, which offers scholarships and loan repayment to health practitioners in return for practicing in rural communities and other underserved areas. More than 3,500 Corps members now serve in rural areas, and an average of 86 percent of them will remain in their communities even after completing their service.

The Affordable Care Act also invests significantly in expanding services at community health centers, where 7.5 million rural Americans get access to primary and preventive care. That comes on top of the more than \$3 billion USDA has invested since 2009 to strengthen health infrastructure in rural areas, building rural hospitals and health clinics and expanding access to health care in remote rural areas through telemedicine.

Not only can a lack of health insurance coverage help lead to high rates of chronic conditions, it threatens rural families economic health as well. Before the Affordable Care Act passed, the average rural family paid nearly 50% of all health costs out of pocket. One in five farmers is in debt because of medical bills. Uninsured individuals living in rural areas are able to use the Marketplaces to compare qualified health plan insurance options based on price, benefits, quality, and other factors with a clear picture of premiums and cost-sharing amounts to help them choose the qualified health insurance plan that best fits their needs.

Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace began Nov. 15, 2014, and runs through Feb. 15, 2015. Those who have plans can continue them without re-enrolling. However, consumers are encouraged to visit HealthCare.gov to review and compare health plan options and find out if they are eligible for financial assistance, which can help pay monthly premiums and reduce out-of-pocket costs when receiving services. In order to have coverage effective on Jan. 1, 2015, consumers must enroll or update their coverage by December 15.

Congresswoman Sewell Sends Letter to House Judiciary Committee Urging an Investigation into the Impeachment of U.S. District Court Judge Mark Fuller

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) sent a letter urging House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte and Ranking Member John Conyers to commence an investigation into whether Congress should impeach U.S. District Court Judge Mark Everett Fuller. On August 9, 2014, Judge Fuller was arrested in Atlanta, Georgia on charges of misdemeanor battery, after attacking his wife in an Atlanta hotel room. On September 10, Congresswoman Sewell called for the resignation of Judge Fuller and on September 16, she released a statement expounding upon her initial call for his resignation. Congresswoman Sewell was subsequently joined by Alabama Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions and nearly all other members of the Alabama Congressional delegation in calling for Judge Fuller's resignation.

“Today, I am urging the House Judiciary Committee to commence an investigation into whether Congress should impeach Federal Judge Mark Fuller. In my opinion, Judge Fuller's recent arrest and subsequent plea to domestic violence is an indefensible violation of the public trust. The integrity of the federal court has already been severely compromised and I no longer have confidence in Judge Fuller's ability to sit in the judgment of others.

While I believe the findings and recommendations of the Judicial Council of the 11th Circuit are an important part of due process, we in Congress have our own obligations to the American people. Only Congress can remove a sitting Federal Judge. Now that Congress is back in session, I am urging the House Judiciary Committee to waste no time in conducting its own investigation into impeaching Judge Mark Fuller. This a necessary first step in beginning impeachment proceedings. During the waning days of the 113th Congress, the House Judiciary Committee can lay the groundwork for impeachment by evaluating the facts of Judge Fuller's behavior that led to his arrest for domestic violence.

We must not and cannot tolerate domestic violence in any form whether committed by an NFL player or a federal judge. No one should get a pass. If a football player can lose his job, surely a federal judge should not be allowed to keep his job. The fact that Judge Fuller has not resigned is the height of arrogance and suggests he believes his actions are above reproach. Judge Fuller is sadly mistaken because his personal conduct has already irreparably damaged his integrity and led to a loss of confidence in his ability to effectively serve as a federal judge. I will continue to call for the resignation of Judge Fuller and urge my colleagues in Congress to support impeachment if he does not resign.”

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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..."

**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.

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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

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: **NEW- Operation AmeriCorps**

Description: For the first time, applicants may request AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC resources in a single application to use national service as the transformative catalyst to address a community's most pressing local problem. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/fy-15-operation-ameri-corps-competition>

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>

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-Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations**
Description: We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Deadline is January 14, 2015.
Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mlco>

Program: **NEW-Media Projects**
Description: Projects must be analytical and deeply grounded in humanities scholarship in a discipline such as history, religion, anthropology, jurisprudence, or art history. NEH is a national funding agency, so the projects we support must demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general audience. We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Deadline is January 14, 2014.
Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mp>

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- Law & Social Sciences**
Description: The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The Program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Deadline is February 4, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15514

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

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Program: **NEW-National State-Based Tobacco Control Programs**

Description: The purpose of the FOA is to provide funding support, technical assistance, and guidance in collaboration with state health departments and their state and community partners to establish and maintain sufficient tobacco control program capacity to achieve the four NTCP goals using population-based environmental, policy, and systems interventions and strategies demonstrated to effectively impact the tobacco epidemic. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-DP15-1509>

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-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-Accelerating Industry-Led Regional Partnerships for Talent Development**

Description: EDA seeks a non-profit “national partner” that will work with a Federal team led by the Department of Commerce, to launch a learning exchange to identify, promote, and expand upon successful best practices for industry-driven regional partnerships for talent development. The learning exchange is a mechanism to identify, understand, and elevate best practices, facilitate peer learning and deepen knowledge, spark replication and advancement across regions, and inform the long-term public investment in talent development. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

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

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>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW-Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): Performance Partnership Pilots CFDA Number 84.420A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) program, authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, Division H, Section 526 (the Act), will enable up to ten pilot sites to test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes \1\ for disconnected youth \2\ using new flexibility to blend \3\ existing Federal funds and to seek waivers \4\ of associated program requirements. Deadline is March 4, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-24/pdf/2014-27775.pdf>

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/>

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **NEW-Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring**

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects designed to assist state, local and tribal communities in identifying and profiling air toxics sources, assessing emerging measurement methods, characterizing the degree and extent of local air toxics problems, and tracking progress of air toxics reduction activities. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW-Rural Assistance Center for ORHP Cooperative Agreement**

Description: Through daily interactions and responding to inquiries and concerns, the RAC will be able to ensure that ORHP and the Department of Health and Human

Services are informed of developing and ongoing grass-roots issues in the rural U.S. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269574>

Program: **NEW- Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement**

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement program. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support urban MCH leaders as they work to improve public health programs and the delivery of MCH services, and to assure optimal alignment with the transformed Title V MCH Services Block Grant program. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269421>

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

Description: The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated healthcare network, if the network participants do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-036>

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/PA-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-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-Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program**

Description: Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the

following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2. People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families; choices about their community. Deadline is February 9, 2015.

Website:

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

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-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 Justice

Program: **NEW-U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

Description: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. Deadline is February 24, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>

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- VALUE PRICING PILOT PROGRAM**
Description: This notice announces the availability of funding for the Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). In addition this notice identifies selection criteria, application requirements, and assistance during the solicitation period for the VPPP. Deadline is January 16, 2015.
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269393>

Program: **NEW-FY 2015 Commercial Drivers License Program Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Availability**
Description: Additionally, the CDLPI grant program provides financial assistance for other entities capable of executing national projects that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the national CDL (Commercial Drivers License) program. Deadline is January 6, 2015.
Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50299>

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>

U.S. Department of Treasury

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- BUILD Health Challenge Accepting Applications for Community Health Collaborations**

Description: The BUILD Health Challenge is a national award program designed to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy.

Specifically, the program awards planning grants of up to \$75,000 and implementation grants of up to \$250,000 to strengthen partnerships among hospitals, nonprofits, local health departments, and other community organizations to improve the health of low-income neighborhoods in cities with a population of 150,000 or greater. Deadline is January 15, 2015 (pre-applications)

Website: <http://www.buildhealthchallenge.org/>

Program: **NEW- Macy Foundation Seeks Applications for 2015 Faculty Scholars Program**

Description: To that end, the foundation has issued a Call for Applications for the fifth class of Macy Faculty Scholars, an annual program designed to identify and nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing.

With support from the Macy Foundation, scholars will implement new educational innovations at their home institutions and participate in career development activities. To help them, scholars will receive salary support of up to \$100,000 per year for two years; at least 50 percent protected time for two years to pursue their project; active mentorship by a senior faculty member at their institution; access to the program's national advisory committee; and opportunities to participate in Macy conferences and other national meetings. Deadline is February 11, 2015.

Website: <http://macyfoundation.org/news/entry/call-aps-2015-macy-scholars>

Program: **NEW- Air Medical Physician Association Invites Applications for Research Seed Grants**

Description: The Air Medical Physician Association is an international organization committed to patient-focused, quality critical care transport medicine.

AMPA established the Air Medical Physician Seed Grant Research Program in 2011 to encourage medical students, physician residents, and fellows to enter the transport medicine research field. The program provides grants of \$2,500 in support of basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. Funds are intended to round out new project budgets rather than sustain current initiatives. Priority will be given to research related to air medical or pre-hospital transport. Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website: <https://ampa.org/node/93>

Program: **NEW- Glaucoma Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Grants Program**

Description: The Glaucoma Foundation offers grants to researchers striving to improve the lives of glaucoma patients through novel innovations and scientific advances.

In 2015, the area of focus for the foundation's Grant Research program is exfoliation syndrome and exfoliation glaucoma. Initial grant funding for a one-year period will range up to \$40,000, and grantees are permitted to apply for a grant renewal of up to \$50,000. Renewal grants are awarded for a period of one year based on the promise of the findings generated by the initial research. Deadline is January 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.glaucomafoundation.org/Grant_Application.htm

Program: **NEW- Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grant Applications Deadline Extended**

Description: Established by children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is accepting applications to its mini-grants program from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories.

The mini-grants program supports projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. To that end, the program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators interested in creating special activities outside the standard curriculum. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

Program: **NEW- CEC Artslink Issues RFP for International Projects**

Description: Through the annual program, the organization provides support to artists, curators, presenters, and arts organizations in the U.S. who are undertaking projects in any of thirty-seven eligible countries. Applicants must be working with an artist or organization in the host country, and projects should be designed to benefit participants and audiences in both the U.S. and that country.

In 2015, grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to individual artists, presenters, and nonprofit arts organizations working in the visual and media arts. In 2016, applications will be accepted from individual artists, curators, and nonprofit arts organizations working in dance, music, theater, and literature. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/artslink_projects/

Program: **NEW- Anthony Quinn Foundation Accepting Applications for 2015 Arts Scholarship Program**

Description: The Anthony Quinn Foundation is accepting applications for its 2015 Scholarship Program, an annual program that aims to perpetuate the legendary actor/artist's vision for an art-conscious society.

Through the program, the foundation supports high school students' extracurricular study of the visual arts and design, performing arts, media arts, and literary arts. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

Website: <https://anthonyquinnfoundation.fluidreview.com/>

Program: **NEW- Starbucks Youth Leadership Grants**

Description: The Starbucks Foundation's Youth Leadership Grant Program supports organizations that provide young people ages 15-24 a continuum of services in developing creative approaches to address pressing concerns in their communities. Grants range from \$10,000-\$30,000. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

Website: <http://www.starbucks.com/responsibility/community/opportunity-youth/grant>

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-Glenn/American Federation Seeks LOIs for Breakthroughs in Gerontology Awards**

Description: The American Federation for Aging Research, in partnership with the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research, is seeking Letters of Intent for the 2015 Breakthroughs in Gerontology Awards, an annual program that provides timely support to a small number of research projects that build on early discoveries and show translational potential for clinically relevant strategies, treatments, and therapeutics related to human aging and health span. Deadline is December 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/>

Program: **NEW- Big Read Accepting Grant Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs**

Description: The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, aims to restore reading to the center of American culture. Managed by Arts Midwest, the program provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to inspire their community to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet.

Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Deadline is January 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

Program: **NEW- Posen Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship for Jewish Scholars**

Description: The Posen Family Foundation has announced a call for applications for the third cohort of Posen Society Fellows, a program that supports doctoral students in modern Jewish history and culture. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.posenfoundation.co.il/en/plan/the-posen-society-of-fellows/>

Program: **NEW- Youth Service America, Sodexo Foundation Offer Grants for Hunger Service Projects**

Description: Youth Service America and the Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants will provide \$400 for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees, and other community members to address childhood hunger. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

Program: **NEW- TD Bank and Arbor Day Foundation Invite Applications for Urban Forestry Projects**

Description: TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation are accepting applications to TD Green Streets, a program that offers ten grants of \$20,000 each in support of innovative urban forestry initiatives in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods across the country. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.arborday.org/programs/tdgreenstreets/index.cfm>

Program: **NEW- Lemelson-MIT Program Announces 2014-15 InvenTeam Initiative**

Description: Created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, the InvenTeam initiative provides opportunities for high school students to cultivate their creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving abilities and apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects to the invention of technological solutions to real-world problems.

Teams comprised of high school students, teachers, and mentors receive grants of up to \$10,000 to invent technological solutions for a problem of their choice. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

Website: <http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventeams>

Program: **NEW- Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation Invites Proposals for Innovative Educational Projects**

Description: Paralyzed Veterans of America advocates for better health care and benefits, aids in the search for a truly satisfying career, and provides the path to adventure through adaptive sports for paralyzed American veterans. Through its charitable arm, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation, the organization supports educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and their caregivers. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.pva.org/site/c.aJIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm

Program: **NEW- American College Health Foundation Seeks Applications for Student Wellness Programs**

Description: The American College Health Foundation, the charitable arm of the American College Health Association, is accepting applications in support of a novel

program that addresses an issue related to the retention and overall well-being of college students.

The project should be creative in its scope, formulated on the basis of published research, measurable in its impact, and applicable to the health enhancement of college students who participate in it. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Website: http://www.acha.org/ACHF/aetna_award.cfm

Program: **NEW- Nominations Invited for 2015 Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards**

Description: Based on the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*, or “repair of the world,” the Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards seek to recognize teens who are exceptional role models in their communities and beyond. The awards celebrate teens who have demonstrated remarkable leadership and are actively engaged in projects that embody the values of *tikkun olam*. Teen projects may benefit the Jewish community or the general community. Deadline is December 14, 2014

Website: <http://www.dillerteenawards.org/>

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- 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- 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- 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-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-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-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-2016 Alabama Library Service Technology Act (LSTA)**

Description: The purpose of the LSTA is improving information access through technology and information empowerment through special services. Direct grants to libraries for equipment, materials, programs, digitizing materials, library vehicle, service for disabled, etc. May apply for Small Library Development Grants(Population 10,000 or less), General Grants(Population over 10,000), Professional Training Grants (Population any size)

Links: **Notice of Intent December 5, 2014:**
http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20notice%20of%20intent.doc

Deadline to apply April 3, 2015:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Application:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Website: http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta

Program: **NEW-Shape America**

Description: Each year the National Joint Projects Office awards 10 grants to recognize Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart Coordinators for their passion and contribution to the program. The \$2,500 grant supports professional development and provides funds to purchase school equipment. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

Website: <http://www.shapeamerica.org/jump/recognition/> and application http://www.alsde.edu/sites/dept/Grants/SHAPE-America-JRFH-HFH-Grant-Application_2014-15.pdf

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-Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships**

Description: The Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships recognize and reward students (kindergarten-graduate school) who are working to eliminate hunger in America. If your students volunteer in a school or community garden, they might be eligible.

Each student selected as a scholarship recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as a \$5,000 grant donated in their name to the hunger-related charity of their choice in their local community. Deadline is December 5, 2014.

Website:

http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp

Program:

NEW-Fund for Teachers Professional Development Grants

Description:

Fund for Teachers provides PK-12 teachers with up to \$5,000 per person or \$10,000 per team (two or more eligible teachers) to support professional development activities.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years classroom teaching experience, spend at least 50 percent of their time in the classroom, and intend to return to teaching in their district in the following consecutive school year. All funds must be expended in summer 2015. (Teachers who are employed by year-long institutions may use their funds during the equivalent of their summer vacation.) Deadline is January 29, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Program:

NEW-ING Foundation Grants

Description:

ING Foundation is the charitable giving arm of ING in the Americas. The foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations addressing a variety of community needs and resources, but focuses on four primary areas:

Financial Literacy
Children's Education
Diversity
Environmental Sustainability

Website:

<http://ing.us/about-ing/responsibility/giving/grants>

Program:

NEW- Independent Sector Accepting Nominations for Gardner Leadership Award

Description:

Independent Sector annually presents the John W. Gardner Leadership Award to honor a living American whose leadership in or related to the nonprofit community has been transformative and who has mobilized and unified people, institutions, or causes that improve people's lives. The award program seeks to honor visionaries who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements. Deadline is January 30, 2015.

Website:

http://www.independentsector.org/gardner_leadership_award

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-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/>

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/>

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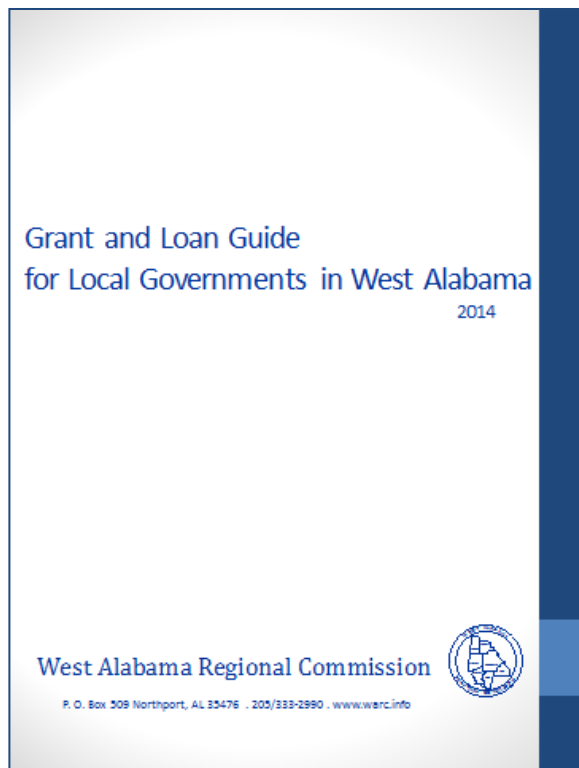
National Endowment for the Humanities

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

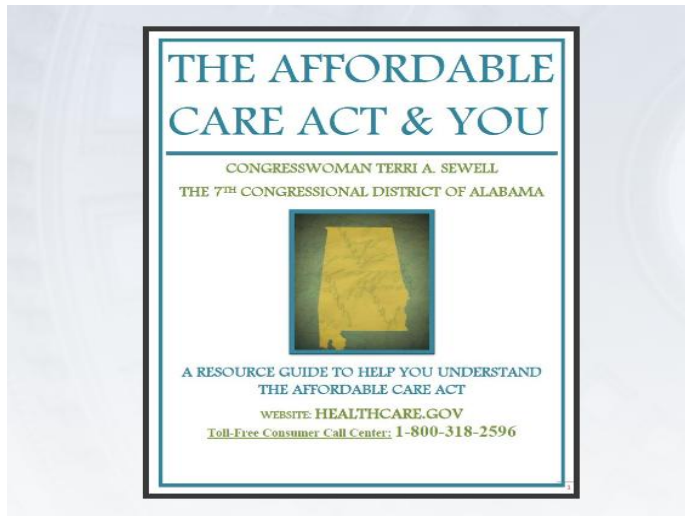
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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/>

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/>

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

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