



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sewell Introduces Southeastern Tax Relief Act

Jun 24, 2011

WASHINGTON – Legislation to help promote the recovery of families, businesses, and local governments affected by tornadoes and severe flooding in the Southeast has been introduced in the House by a bipartisan group of 27 members from nine states. The Southeastern Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2011 would provide temporary tax relief to assist rebuilding efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. The bill is modeled on tax relief offered after previous natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and is a companion to legislation introduced by Senator Richard Shelby (AL) in the U.S. Senate.

Lead House Democratic sponsor Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7) said, “In April, tornadoes and heavy storms devastated the State of Alabama. And over the past several months, several states across this nation experienced similar devastation. Many families lost their homes and jobs while communities were devastated and even wiped out. As we continue down the long road to recovery, it is critical that we provide communities with the resources and opportunities they need to repair, rebuild, and move forward. The bipartisan disaster relief legislation that my colleagues and I introduced yesterday will help provide tax incentives for homeowners, businesses and the agriculture industry so that they can rebuild. The bill will aid communities in their effort to rebuild and strengthen infrastructure, and it will spur investment. In conjunction with the federal assistance already provided by FEMA, the Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration, this legislation will help our communities recover and come out stronger than before.”

Lead House Republican sponsor Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) said, “After meeting the emergency needs of our citizens, our next step must be to plan for economic recovery. The targeted tax relief contained in this legislation will help our families, businesses, and communities to help themselves as they rebuild after these devastating storms. We have seen a spirit of resiliency in Alabama and across the Southeast, and this is an additional way to give our citizens confidence about the future.”

The legislation would establish a temporary Southeastern disaster area in the Internal Revenue Code to designate regions affected by the severe weather. Individuals, businesses, and communities in disaster areas would be eligible for tax relief including personal losses to home property, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans, housing of displaced individuals, a low income housing credit, education tax benefits, an employee retention credit, expensing for demolition and cleanup costs, and tax exempt bond financing. The provisions in the legislation would be fully paid for by rescinding federal funds that are either unspent or uncommitted, and would not increase the national debt.

Original cosponsors of the legislation are: Spencer Bachus (AL-6), Jo Bonner (AL-1), Mo Brooks (AL-5), Russ Carnahan (MO-3), William Lacy Clay (MO-1), Tom Cole (OK-4), Rick Crawford (AZ-1), Scott DesJarlais (TN-4), John Duncan (TN-2), Steven Fincher (TN-8), Tim Griffin (AR-2), Brett Guthrie (KY-2), Gregg Harper (MS-3), Vicki Hartzler (MO-4), Walter Jones (NC-3), Billy Long (MO-7), Frank Lucas (OK-3), Alan Nunnelee (MS-1), Steven Palazzo (MS-4), Martha Roby (AL-2), Phil Roe (TN-1), Mike Rogers (AL-3), Mike Ross (AR-4), Austin Scott (GA-8), Terri Sewell (AL-7), Lynn Westmoreland (GA-4), Steve Womack (AR-3).

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Disaster Recovery Centers

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday

CULLMAN COUNTY

Cullman Civic Center
510 5th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

DeKALB COUNTY

Tom Beville Center
115 Main Street West
Rainsville, AL 35986

MADISON COUNTY

Monrovia Church of Christ
595 Nance Road
Madison, AL 35757

MARION COUNTY

Old Indies House Plant
8741 State Highway 172
Hackleburg, AL 35564

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County
Satellite Courthouse
1485 Forestdale Road
Birmingham, AL 35214

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
306 Avenue U, Pratt City
Birmingham, AL 35214

JEFFERSON COUNTY

First Baptist Church of
Pleasant Grove
724 4th Street
Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

American Legion Post
3120 University Blvd. East
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

McDonald Hughes Center
3101 Martin Luther
King Jr. Blvd
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-6952

July 18, 2011 - FEMA'S Individual and Households Program Registration Deadline & Small Business Administration Application Deadline

People in the 43 Alabama counties designated for individual assistance after the recent storms and tornadoes have 21 more days to apply for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The new deadline to apply for help is Monday, July 18. Anyone who needs to register can call FEMA's toll-free helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585** directly; if you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call **800-621-3362**. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and multilingual assistance is available. Online registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through a smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov.

If you haven't registered with FEMA, call 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585 NOW, before applying for an SBA loan. For other assistance, call 2-1-1.

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Recent Grant Awards

- **City of Tuscaloosa - \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding from HUD**
- **Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport - \$ 4,565,580-** to improve two of the airport's terminals at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

- **University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa** – awarded July 5th -- \$ 285,745.00

Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research Genetic Basis of Genotype-by-Environment Interactions Underlying Physiological

To date for Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3,488, 683.00. Grants are awarded from the Administration of Children & Families; CDC, HRSA, NIH, & SAMHSA – For a complete listing of award projects go to weblink:

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQzxfXVFKOEsK>

- **Whatley Health Services** – Tuscaloosa – to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA awards total - \$ 7,320,539

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJOQlxHVINaOEsK>

- **Rural Health Medical Program** – Selma, Alabama –to date for Fiscal Year 2011 – HRSA award total - \$1,828,380

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2FLFJPQlw%2FWFFKOEsK>

- **University of Alabama, School of Library and Information Studies** - Tuscaloosa, AL Award Amount: \$24,007; Matching Amount: \$21,200
Grant Category: Planning - Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program -The University of Alabama School of Library & Information Studies, unique among library schools in offering a self-contained book arts program, will join with the

Alabama Center for the Book and academic experts in a one-year planning process to explore a dual master's degree in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) and Book Arts (MFA). <http://imls.gov/news/2011/062111a.shtm>

- **University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa** - Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship-DHHS/ HRSA award - \$38,028.00
- **Aletheia House of Birmingham, Alabama** awarded \$300,000 for the Department of Labor's Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) Second Year Funding
- **University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB)** awarded \$4,523,521 to date for Fiscal Year 2011 by the Department of Health and Human Services
Website:
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/RecipInfo.cfm?SELEIN=LCYqXyw%2BTE5MQjxXV1IqOEwK>
- **Jefferson County Child Development Council, Inc** awarded \$1,462,668.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Commission** awarded \$1,001,509 for Fiscal Year 2011 for Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS PROGRAM – HIV/AIDS
- **Sumter County Opportunity, Inc.** awarded \$1,784,939.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity** awarded \$5,505,850.00 for Head Start Projects
- **Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc.** awarded \$2,536,867.00 for Head Start Projects by DHHS
- **HUD announces over \$49 million for community development and affordable HOUSING IN ALABAMA FOR REMAINDER OF FY2011**

Auburn, Decatur, Florence, Mobile, Mobile County, and **Tuscaloosa** will receive more than \$49 million to support community development and produce more affordable

housing in Alabama. HUD's annual funding will also help find homes for individuals and families living on the streets and provide permanent housing for individuals living HIV/AIDS.

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/news/HUDNo.2011-06-13>

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

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

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Appalachian Regional Commission of West Alabama

Program: **ARC FY 2012**

Description: The deadline for pre-applications for FY 2012 ARC projects is August 31, 2011. An applicant for ARC funds can be a local government, an educational institution, a hospital, or a 501C3 non-profit organization. The maximum grant from ARC is generally limited to \$200,000. The maximum federal funds from all sources in a project cannot exceed 80 percent of project costs.

Website: http://www.arc.gov/appalachian_region/Alabama.asp
If you have questions about a project's eligibility or anything else about the program, call 205/333-2990 ext. 215 or email jean.rosene@adss.alabama.gov

Delta Regional Authority

Program: **NEW- Delta Regional Authority Announces Economic Development Assistance Program**

Description: Communities create jobs and improve infrastructure through the States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP), formerly known as the Federal Grant Program. The States' Economic Development Assistance Program may be used to fund projects for basic public infrastructure, transportation

infrastructure, business development including entrepreneurship and workforce training. Projects must be located in the 252 counties and parishes served by the Delta Regional Authority. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate innovation and small business, a regional approach, multiple funding partners, and emergency need. Projects are due to Local Development Districts by August 4, 2011.

Website: <http://www.dra.gov/state-grant-funding/>

Interested applicants should contact their Local Development District to begin the application process. A list of Local Development Districts for the eight Delta states is available on the DRA [website](#).

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: **NEW - Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums**

Description: These grants will support the planning and designing of up to 30 Learning Labs in libraries and museums throughout the country. The Labs are intended to engage middle- and high-school youth in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered, collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. Planning and design grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded for a project period of eighteen months.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=bDwDTLTGWwx5MWf9C9LV5h4NNM9m2SIHwNOrY4DV2NGDdyKd2DJ1%21-258159033?oppId=100113&mode=VIEW>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Program: **NEW - ROSES 2011: Mars Data Analysis**

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

to one or more of the following NASA Research Programs: Earth Science, Heliophysics, Planetary Science, and Astrophysics.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103213&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW- Rural Housing Preservation Grants**

Description: The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. The deadline is August 22, 2011

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103613&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW- Rural Business Opportunity Grants**

Description: The RBOG program provides training and technical assistance grants for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and assists with economic development planning. Funding is available to rural public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Native American tribes and cooperatives with primarily rural members that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the membership.

Website: Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants are due August 1, 2011. Application instructions may be obtained from the July 1, 2011 Federal Register, page 38604, www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-01/html/2011-16555.htm or by contacting a [USDA Rural Development State Office](#). Or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2011/07/0290.xml&contentidonly=true>

Program: **NEW - NRCS Receives Disaster Recovery Funds to Assist Producers**

Description: The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has made available \$3.8 million in financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist producers recovering from the tornadoes that ravaged Alabama during April and May of this year. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking of eligible applications. The first submission date will be July 8, 2011.

Website: Interested landowners can contact their local NRCS office listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture or online at [USDA](#). General program information is available on the Alabama NRCS website at [NRCShttp://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=AL&stateName=Alabama&stateCode=01](http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=AL&stateName=Alabama&stateCode=01)

Program: **NEW - Value-Added Producer Grant Program**

Description: Grants to provide economic assistance to independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives and agricultural producer groups through the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Deadline is August 29th.

Websites:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2011/06/0281.xml&contentidonly=true>

<http://mobile.americanagriculturist.com/main.aspx?ascxid=cmsNewsStory&rmid=0&rascxid=&args=&rargs=9&dt=634450265330993854&cmsSid=50759&cmsScid=9>

Program: **Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Support for Small, Socially Disadvantaged Agricultural Producers and Cooperatives to Create Jobs by Becoming More Profitable and Efficient**

Description: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack June 29th announced that USDA is accepting grant applications to assist small, socially disadvantaged agricultural producers and cooperatives in rural areas to spur job creation. Almost \$3.5 million in grants are available through USDA Rural Development's Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program (SSDPG). Funding is available to cooperatives or associations of cooperatives where at least 75 percent of the governing board or membership are small, socially disadvantaged producers. Grants can be used for product improvements, business plan development or economic development activities. The maximum grant award per applicant is \$200,000.

Website:

http://www.raconline.org/news/news_details.php?news_id=16154

Program: **Rural Cooperative Development Grant program**

Description: USDA Offers Job Creation Grants - Initiative focuses on cooperative development centers under the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program, colleges, universities and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of as much as \$225,000 to create and operate centers that establish or expand rural businesses, with an emphasis on cooperatives. "Cooperative development centers

are business and job incubators,” Vilsack said. “They support President Obama’s goal to bring increased economic opportunities to rural communities by assisting new businesses as they create sustainable jobs.”

More Info: <http://www.ect.coop/newsmakers/co-op-news-newsmakers/usda-offers-job-creation-grants/30423>

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-07/pdf/2011-13927.pdf>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW - FY 2011 FDI and Exports Best Practices Project**

Description: EDA seeks applications to investigate, identify and disseminate best practices regarding how regions attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and spur the export of regional goods and services. The deadline is August 15, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103434&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY 2011 Research Design Project**

Description: Economic development technical assistance the EDA seeks applications to develop and test measures, metrics, indicators, and methodologies to help the agency more effectively assess, evaluate, and report the full impact of its economic development investments on regional economies across the Nation.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103413&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **NEW- Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Promise Neighborhoods Program: Implementation Grant Competition CFDA Number 84.215N**

Description: The purpose of the Promise Neighborhoods program is to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities, and to transform those communities by-- (1) Identifying and increasing the capacity of eligible organizations (as defined in this notice) that are focused on achieving results for children and youth throughout an entire neighborhood; (2) Building a complete continuum of cradle-through-college-to-career solutions (continuum of solutions) (as defined in this notice) of both educational programs and family and community supports (both as defined in this notice), with great schools at the center.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103273&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Promise Neighborhoods Program: Planning Grant Competition CFDA Number 84.215P**

Description: The purpose of the Promise Neighborhoods program is to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities, and to transform those communities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103294&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

- Program:** **NEW - Community-Centered Healthy Marriage and Relationship Grants**
- Description:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) is announcing the solicitation of applications to competitively award grants for demonstration projects that support "healthy marriage promotion activities" as enacted by The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-291). Grants awarded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement will support programs that have the capacity and proven track record of providing a broad range of marriage and relationship skills training to low-income populations.
- Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OFA-FM-0193>
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- Program:** **NEW - Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programs for Health Departments**
- Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to support implementation of high impact, comprehensive HIV prevention programs to achieve maximum impact on reducing new HIV infections.
- Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=CpplTVhYZqMDM5h4LdTZDpsBhhD2WbQ17vFZc1czVB1nT1FzvTC1!1974073125?oppId=102574&mode=VIEW>
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- Program:** **NEW - Projects of National Significance: American Indian Developmental Disabilities Leadership Development Initiative**
- Description:** Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance. This is a grant award to assist people with development disabilities with leadership development.
- Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=hyR8TMFKf1YbPkvmplgbc06wnfJJ2Y1T46h5lmLpXv7TFSIWls8q%211974073125?oppId=96296&mode=VIEW>

Program: **\$10 Million in Affordable Care Act funds to help create workplace health programs - Comprehensive Health Programs to Address Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco Use in the Workplace**

Description: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced today June 23rd the availability of \$10 million to establish and evaluate comprehensive workplace health promotion programs across the nation to improve the health of American workers and their families. The initiative, with funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, is aimed at improving workplace environments so that they support healthy lifestyles and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes.

Website: Organizations interested in submitting proposals for the can find more information at www.fbo.gov. The application deadline is August 8, 2011. A separate funding opportunity is available for a national evaluation of the initiative and can also be found at www.fbo.gov Weblink: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/06/20110623a.html>

Program: **HHS Announces Health Care Law Grants for Chronic Disease Prevention**

Description: HHS announced Tuesday the availability of about \$40 million in first-year grants under a three-year program to prevent heart disease, cancer, stroke, arthritis and diabetes, among other conditions.

Website: The application deadline is July 22. Congress made the money available under the health care law ([PL 111-148](#), [PL 111-152](#)). More information can be found at www.grants.gov

Program: Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Grants

Description: Designed to develop a broad approach to overall case management and support services. Additionally, projects should be designed to help fathers build mutually supportive and long-lasting relationships with their children, the mothers of their children, and help fathers overcome barriers to economic self-sufficiency.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QzC9TMSbzxpfN6Jn0pBkTTgLVy8JPM7Yy2HTYvhyQJzxh0Cl4VLN!1211605884?oppId=102175&mode=VIEW>

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

DEADLINE to Register is July 18th

There is still time for survivors to register for possible federal disaster assistance. The deadline to register is **JULY 18, 2011**. People can register by calling **800-621-FEMA** (3362), TTY 800-462-7585, or by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov. “The funding that FEMA has approved so far is an incredible asset to assist survivors in our state,” said [Alabama Emergency Management Agency](#) Director Art Faulkner. “I strongly encourage all Alabamians who had storm damages to register with FEMA and return their SBA applications before next Monday’s deadline so we can be better assured of a full recovery.”

Program: **2011 AFG GET READY GUIDE IS COMING SOON**

The 2011 AFG Get Ready Guide is your resource for successfully submitting a grant application. Once available, it may be downloaded at: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>

2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshops Now Underway

Description: Prepare now to apply for FY 2011 AFG funding! Important changes have been made to the AFG Program, and you need to know about them before starting your application/ attend a grant

workshop in your area today! Important changes have been made to the 2011 AFG Program, make sure you're prepared to submit a good application for grant funding this year.

More Information: If you have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant opportunity please contact 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov and see schedule for workshops at: www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/workshop_schedule.shtm

Program: FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Grants Program \(HMGP\)](#)

Description: Provides grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribal governments to retrofit public or private structures and facilities to minimize damages from high winds, earthquake, flood, wildfire, or other natural hazards. Funding for safe rooms is initiated through local officials, such as emergency manager, mayor or building code/enforcement office. Local officials send requests for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program through the state.

1. FEMA reimburses up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of each approved project. The state or local match does not have to be cash; in-kind services or materials may be used. Approximately \$33 million has been allocated so far.
2. Federal funding under the HMGP is based on 15 percent of the federal funds spent on the Public and Individual Assistance programs (minus administrative expenses) for each disaster.
3. The HMGP program is managed by the state once the application is approved.
The deadline is September 1, 2011

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **NEW - HOPE VI**

Description: The purpose of the HOPE VI Main Street program is to provide grants to small communities to assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or Main Street area

by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of the program are to: Redevelop Main Street areas; Preserve historic or traditional architecture or design features in Main Street areas; Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas.

Website:

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

Program: **NEW - Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program**

Description: SHOP funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. SHOP funds must be used for land acquisition, the installation or improvement of infrastructure, and for reasonable and necessary planning, administration and management costs. The average SHOP expenditure for the combined costs of land and infrastructure must not exceed \$15,000 per dwelling unit.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=0YQ1TVZKqhh0RS7vznp7fglFWygDDNRTk7w1fyWDynLGnYnBj0vm!1974073125?oppId=103454&mode=VIEW>

Program: **CDBG Community Enhancement Fund Grant**

Description: ADECA administers the CDBG programs for HUD. Deadline is August 1 - It's a maximum of \$250,000 with a 10% match which can be in kind services. This fund is available to all eligible communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues.

Typical activities:

Fire protection
Senior citizens centers
Community centers
Boys & girls clubs
Recreational facilities, etc

Website: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CDBG/default.aspx>

Program: **Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)**

Description: BEDI funds are used to enhance the security of a loan guaranteed by HUD under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same brownfields economic development project, or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive economic use.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zy72N6bGIC5RdFBq12ZfhlTkphMJx4r6rFvqnG6GpVqYnxpwHf6!2057934305?oppId=99195&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **NEW - Project Safe Neighborhoods:**

Description: Grant funding to reduce violent gang and gun crime This funding is being used to hire new federal and state prosecutors, support investigators, provide training, distribute gun lock safety kits, deter juvenile gun crime, and develop and promote community outreach efforts as well as to support other gun and gang violence reduction strategies. The deadline is July 21, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/news/3874383-Project-Safe-Neighborhoods-Grant-funding-to-reduce-violent-gang-and-gun-crime/>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act ("PRIME")**

Description: Provide training and capacity building grant programs to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs). There are several tracks for this award: technical assistance, capacity building and research /development.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=bDwDTLTGWwx5MWf9C9LV5h4NNM9m2SIHwNQRy4DV2NGDdyKd2DJ1%21-258159033?oppId=101033&mode=VIEW>

Program: **SBA Patriot Express Loans Top \$633 Million**

Description: In just four years the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Pilot Loan Guarantee Initiative has provided more than \$633 million in SBA-guaranteed loans to 7,650 veterans to start or expand their small businesses. The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas.

Website: Details on the initiative can be found at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress. To learn more about additional opportunities for veterans available through the SBA, please visit the website at www.sba.gov/vets or <http://www.sba.gov/content/sba-patriot-express-loans-top-633-million>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Improving Community Education Grants Grant**

Description: Funding Is Made Under Three Objectives: (1) Funding Priorities For Community-Driven Reform; (2) Funding Priorities For Vulnerable Youth; (3) Funding Priorities For Learning Beyond The Classroom

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/107>

Program: **NEW - NASCAR Foundation Invites Nominations for New Award to Recognize Volunteer Efforts of NASCAR Fans on Behalf of Children**

Description: The [NASCAR Foundation](#) is accepting nominations for the first Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award, which will recognize the outstanding charitable and volunteer efforts of NASCAR fans on behalf of children. The award was created in honor of Betty Jane France, chairwoman of the NASCAR Foundation and a champion of philanthropic efforts in the NASCAR community.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=344300061

Program: **DentaQuest Foundation Seeks Proposals for Venture Fund for Oral Health**

Description: The [DentaQuest Foundation](#), a philanthropic organization funded by oral health company [DentaQuest](#) which invests in national and community-based efforts to improve oral health for all, has announced a Request for Proposals for its Venture Fund for Oral Health. The Venture Fund is seeking grant proposals from U.S. oral health programs that have demonstrated positive outcomes and that have the potential to make an impact on a wider scale.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=343800030

Program: **NEW - Sodexo Foundation and Youth Service America Invite K-12 School Applications for Children's Hunger Service-Learning Grants**

Description: The [Sodexo Foundation](#) and [Youth Service America](#) are accepting applications for the Sodexo School Engagement grant program, which will support teachers and students, grades K-12, in learning about incidences of childhood hunger in their community, and in leading meaningful activities that facilitate access to nutritious food for all children, especially those most at risk.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=KC0OU4KDJ2FXXLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=343800029

Program: **NEW - American Forests Offers Cost-Share Funding for Tree-Planting Projects Around the World**

Description: Founded in 1875, Washington, D.C.-headquartered [American Forests](#) is the nation's oldest nonprofit conservation organization. American Forests works with individuals, communities, and policy makers to protect and restore forests around the world and raise awareness of how important these ecosystems are to all forms of life

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=343800028

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Program: **NEW - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program**

Description: The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program assists with community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation initiatives. RTCA staff provide guidance to communities so they can conserve waterways, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. Apply by August 1, 2011

Website:

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

Program: **NEW - All Terrain Cares Grant Program**

Description: All Terrain wants to promote and support programs that get youth active and protect open spaces for generations with its small grants program. Each program will be evaluated by the number of votes it gets. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$250. Submissions due by noon (EST) July 29, 2011

Website:

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

Program: **NEW - Everyone Breathe Asthma Education Savings Bond and Grant**

Description: The Everyone Breathe Asthma Education Savings Bond and Grant program invites K-12 parents to nominate their children with asthma to receive a \$2,500 savings bond. Grants will be awarded based on the level of commitment demonstrated by parents and school administrators to implement and sustain a plan of asthma care and education at their schools. Apply by July 29, 2011

Website:

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

Program: **NEW - Leave No Trace: Connect Grant for Culturally Diverse Communities**

Description: Connect Grants provide direct support and training grants for organizations and people that serve culturally diverse communities. Grants up to \$2,500 can be used for Leave No Trace educational

materials and/or to cover the tuition of a Master Educator Course.
Applications due August 1, 2011

Website:

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

Program: [Herb Garden Grants](#)

Description: The Herb Society of America is accepting applications for its Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. Public and private school teachers of grades 3-6 with a minimum class size of 15 are eligible to apply. Apply by September 1, 2011

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org>

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

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama. Part-time recipients who are enrolled for at least 6 semester hours will receive a grant of approximately \$180 per year. This grant is not based on need but rather on residency.

Alabama Scholarships

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

Alabama Student Assistance Program

Website: <http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

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

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

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

Student Aid Programs

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

Police Grants Help 101

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

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

Safe Link Wireless is a program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers

Website: https://www.safelinkwireless.com/Safelink/program_info/how_to_qlfy

Assurance Wireless is a program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

Website: <http://assurancewireless.com/Public/Welcome.aspx>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

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

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Fax: 256.389.0599
Executive Director: Keith Jones
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission
4200 Highway 69 North
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
Phone: 205.333.2990
Fax: 205.333.2713
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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Executive Director: Charles Ball
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East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, Alabama 36202
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Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
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South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
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Executive Director: Tyson Howard
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Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
Fax: 334.682.4205
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, Alabama 36302
Phone: 334.794.4093
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
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Executive Director: Russ Wimberly
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission
125 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
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Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Phone: 334.749.5264
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Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
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Decatur, Alabama 35601
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Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW

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Fax: 256.830.0843
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO

Email: etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org
For general information: info@yourcommunityfirst.org
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
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Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

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

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

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

Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-764-3431
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation
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