



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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Upcoming Event

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Presents Grown in Alabama A Farm Bill Listening Tour

SAVE THE DATE

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Presents Grown in Alabama A Farm Bill Listening Tour



The purpose of this listening tour will be to allow farmers, producers and ranchers from across the 7th District to voice their opinions and concerns about the 2012 Farm Bill and various other issues affecting their businesses and the agriculture sector.

"I believe that the 2012 Farm Bill should ensure that families have a safe and adequate food supply. This bill should also provide farmers with the support and resources they need to produce food for families locally and globally while creating jobs across America. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture, I look forward to helping draft a Farm Bill that works for everyone"

SCHEDULE Friday, October 28, 2011

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| 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Meet and Greet with Minority Farmers
Selma/Dallas County Cooperative
Meeting Room
2519 U.S. HWY 80W
Selma, AL 36701 |
| 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM | Tour Dean Wilson Farm
15176 County Road 21
Marion Junction, AL 36759 |
| 10:30 AM – 10:50 AM | Tour Pearce Catfish Farm
11700 Al Highway 5
Marion Junction, AL 36759 |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Listening Session at Alabama Catfish
Feed Mill Conference Room
HWY 80 E
Uniontown, AL 36786 |
| 2:00PM – 3:00PM | Tour Mr. George Hall's Farm
(Near Eutaw, AL)
1570 Co. Rd. 133
Boligee, AL 35443 |
| 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Tour Dee Ranch and Listening Session
2110 County Road 1
Aliceville, AL 35442 |



Recent News

October 20, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on Mercedes-Benz Addition of Fifth Model to Vance Plant

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement regarding Mercedes-Benz announcement to build a fifth model at the Alabama plant in Tuscaloosa County:

“It is exciting that Mercedes Benz is adding a fifth model to its plant in Vance. This \$350 million dollar investment into Alabama’s economy will create 400 new jobs. The new model, coupled with the launch of the C-Class sedan in 2014 will bring a total of 1,400 new jobs to the 7th Congressional District. For 18 years, Mercedes-Benz has maintained a strong manufacturing presence in Alabama and is a source of jobs for thousands of employees and suppliers within the 7th Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

It is great news that Mercedes-Benz will continue to make critical investments in our local economy. I applaud the company for its innovation and continued efforts to create jobs and strengthen economic development in Alabama.”

According to the project description, these investments will total \$2.4 billion that will be invested into the economy. The Mercedes-Benz plant is located in Vance, AL in Tuscaloosa County.

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October 16, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial

WASHINGTON, DC – Today. Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement today after the dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial:

“The Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial stands as a reminder of the sacrifices that he and other freedom fighters made to make our nation a place free from racism and hatred. Dr. King's values and work in the face of hostility, apathy, and ingrained prejudices remind us that when one person is willing to speak up against injustice and inequality, they can change the world. The story of the 7th District, State of Alabama and this nation cannot be told without remembering Dr. King, whose vision and courage created a path toward liberty and equality for all Americans. We should all carry his lessons of bravery, inspiration, and fortitude with us.

Dr. King's struggle for civil rights and his march for equality marked a turning point in American history, an extraordinary step forward in the fight for civil rights. It is a true testament to the impact that Dr. King's work in the name of equality has had on this country that the first African American President of the United States was among those who took part in today's memorial dedication.

As we honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and dedicate his memorial, we not only commemorate the memory and mission, vision and values, of one of America's greatest leaders, but also we recommit ourselves to the ideas of freedom, equality and fairness for all people. Let his memorial stand as a reminder that there is much more that unites us as Americans than divides us. ”

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October 14, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Coal Ash Bill

Washington, DC—Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement after voting against H.R. 2273, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act:

“Today I voted against H.R. 2273, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. This bill would allow each state the authority to issue permits for the disposal of coal ash and other coal combustion residuals, which would circumvent the federal government’s ability to create uniform standards that would protect American communities. Likewise, this bill does not address the need for contingency plans regarding the storage and disposal of coal ash from applicants applying for permits from state agencies.

Since the devastating Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) coal ash spill in Kingston, TN in 2008, we now understand that there are severe environmental and economic consequences associated with coal ash spills. The coal ash retrieved from the TVA cleanup was relocated to Perry County Alabama, which is located in the 7th Congressional District. Therefore, it is of particular concern to me, my constituents and Americans across the country that anyone seeking to locate coal ash within our communities must, at the very least, have an emergency contingency plan to address the possibility of any contamination.

Although I disagree with the bill’s underlying premise, I did offer an amendment that would have required an emergency contingency plan. Unfortunately, this amendment was not allowed to be brought to the floor for a vote. My amendment would have required that the businesses applying for coal ash permits provide states with two critically important reports, a description of how their coal ash containment structure would protect against spills of coal combustion residuals and a plan for addressing potential spills of coal ash to minimize the impact to local residents and businesses. At a minimum, these two requirements would have helped states protect public health, jobs and the economy in the event of an unforeseen coal ash spill.

I believe that this bill is bad public policy and deleterious to our communities. I will continue to be vigilant in my insistence that regulations regarding coal ash are stringent and protect the health and well-being of my constituents.

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October 13, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 2250

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting in favor of the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 2250:

“Today, I voted in favor of the of the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 2250, a bill that reaffirms Congress’ commitment towards striking a balance between promoting job creation, protecting the environment and promulgating agency regulations. While this bill is not perfect, it is an important step towards advancing the dialogue between federal regulators and the numerous industries that create jobs and provide economic stimulus to this country. It also gives our businesses time to implement these important policies in a way that makes environmental and economic sense.

It is important that we provide the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with enough time and guidance to draft regulations that are both environmentally conscious and practical for workers and businesses. In these recovering economic times, it is important that any new regulation helps businesses grow and encourages job creation. We cannot afford to implement rules that have a negative impact on our manufacturing sector or threaten jobs in Alabama. With additional time and guidance, I am confident the EPA can continue to develop proposals and regulations that help our environment, work for businesses and workers, encourage job creation and strengthen economic development.”

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October 12, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on H.R. 2832, the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011

Washington, D.C. –Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-47) released the following statement regarding H.R. 2832, the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011.

“Today, I voted in favor of H.R. 2832, the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011. This bill will ensure America’s workforce has access to the resources they need to obtain a good paying job, provide for their families and remain competitive in a 21st Century global economy.

I am pleased that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle came together and voted to ensure that this important federal program continues to provide assistance for hardworking Americans who lost their job as a result of unbalanced Trade policies and through no fault of their own.

By extending the Trade Adjustment Assistance program (TAA), we are helping get workers in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and across this nation back on their feet, by getting them retrained and reemployed. We are also ensuring the adaptability, resiliency and efficiency of the American workforce.

Rebuilding the U.S. economy means more than just opening up new channels for trade. The TAA is a critical federal program which should have never been allowed to expire, and moving forward, the extension will guarantee that unemployed American workers have access to the training and resources they need to obtain new jobs and contribute to our economic growth and recovery.”

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October 12, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the United States-Korea and United States- Panama Free Trade Agreements

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting for the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, H.R. 3080 and United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, H.R. 3079:

“Today, I voted in favor of free trade agreements with Korea and Panama, which demonstrate America’s commitment to strengthening our global economic leadership. These free trade agreements are critical to strengthening economic development in Alabama.

According to the Alabama Department of Agriculture, Alabama’s economy will greatly benefit from these trade agreements. For every \$1 billion created in export trade, 15,000 jobs will be created for Alabamians, and 15 percent of all manufacturing sector workers in Alabama depend on exports to sustain their jobs. These agreements will encourage and support the creation of thousands of jobs in Alabama, especially in agriculture and agribusiness.

According to the Alabama Farmers Federation, “These free trade agreements are important to both Alabama farm families and the overall economy. Collectively, the agreements mean more jobs for Alabamians because of increased exports of agricultural products, but will also result in a more-level playing field for American farmers as tariffs on American goods exported to these three countries are reduced or eliminated over time.”

These agreements will increase trade and allow American businesses to export more goods and services, which will strengthen economic development and protect and create jobs in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and across this nation.

Free trade agreements must deliver results that work for and with American businesses, workers and families. When new channels for trade are opened up for American companies to sell their products and services, they expand and create jobs. I will closely monitor the impact of these trade agreements to make sure that they do not have any negative effects on our workers or economy.

I remain committed to building and maintaining a strong, competitive U.S. economy and U.S.–Korea and the U.S.–Panama Trade Agreements will help strengthen our position as a global economic power.”

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October 12, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the United States– Colombia Free Trade Agreement

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 3087, the U.S.–Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA):

“Today, I voted against H.R. 3087, the U.S.–Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA). While this agreement does offer our nation access to Colombia’s services market, it does so without providing basic human rights protection for Colombian workers.

The U.S.–Colombia FTA does not include a labor agreement to protect workers’ rights. Colombian workers have long been denied even basic rights, and Colombia has a history of adopting policies and practices that are aimed specifically at keeping workers from organizing and demanding rights and a safe and secure workplace.

In April, President Barack Obama and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos announced an Action Plan that holds promise for Colombia’s workers. This plan is a step toward addressing basic labor rights problems and includes explicit obligations and time limits on workers’ rights and protections. Colombia has already failed to meet many of the deadlines detailed in the action plan. Additionally, Colombia is already backing off of many of the plan’s commitments, narrowly interpreting newly-passed labor laws, which is creating massive loopholes that allow employers to continue their abuse and mistreatment of workers.

I believe the focus should now be on carrying out this action plan, and a trade agreement with Colombia should be contingent on its meaningful implementation. H.R. 3087’s failure to even reference this plan is a glaring and major flaw. Therefore, in good conscience, I simply cannot support it. I am confident with time, Colombia can strengthen its commitment to workers’ rights, but until it shows meaningful commitment to raising labor standards and strengthening basic workers rights I cannot support a U.S.–Colombia FTA.”

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Recent Grant Awards

- **October 5, 2011 – Clarke County - Coffeerville Utilities Board – USDA loan of \$559,000 and award of \$399,000 for water system improvements**
- **October 5, 2011 – Clarke County - City of Thomasville – USDA loan of \$3,500,000 and award of \$1,500,000 for water system improvements**
- **October 4, 2011 - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$200,000 in Rural Development Funding for Sumter and Greene Counties – USDA award for rural development projects**
- **September 30, 2011 - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$ 5,239,571 in Funding for Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport – FAA award - DOT**
- **September 28, 2011 – Miles College Community Development – DHHS award of \$522,068.00 for urban and economic development projects**
- **September 27, 2011 - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$2,702,213 in Funding for Tuscaloosa Regional Airport – FAA award – DOT**
- **September 26, 2011 – UAB – Dept of Ed Award of \$475,998.00 for Spinal Cord Injury Demonstrations Program**
- **September 26, 2011 – University of West Alabama – Dept of Ed Award of \$250,000.00 for Predominantly Black Institutions Program**
- **September 26, 2011 – AIDS Alabama, Inc – DHHS Award of \$332,733.00 for Birmingham Many Men, Many Voices Project**

- **September 26, 2011 – Wallace Community College – Hanceville Consortium (WCCS – Selma, Central Alabama Community College, and UAB) - DOL Award of \$9,500,000.00 for Partnership for Accelerated Learning through Engagement, Visualization and Simulation (PAVES)**
- **September 21, 2011 – Meadowview Elementary School and Selma Middle CHAT Academy – Dept of Ed Award of \$375,000 over 3 years – 21st Century Community Learning Center**
- **September 27, 2011 - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$2,702,213 in Funding for Tuscaloosa Regional Airport**
- **September 16, 2011 – USDA award to Kyser Family Farms of Hale County for \$49,600- Rural Energy for America Program Grant - Rural Development funds will be used to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses in developing renewable energy systems, and in making energy-efficiency improvements to their operations.**
- **September 16, 2011 – HHS /National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDS AND TB Prevention awards AIDS Alabama \$332,733 for Birmingham Many Men, Many Voices Project. This is a community based HIV project.**
- **September 12, 2011 – DOE award to the University of Alabama at Birmingham - \$600,000. DOE’s Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) initiative announced it will award \$6.4 million over the course of five years to support seven Centers of Excellence at American colleges, universities, and university-affiliated research institutions.**
- **September 1, 2011 - Jefferson County Regional Commission is awarded \$100,000 to develop preparedness disaster recovery plans that will assist in the preparedness, recovery, rebuilding and regional collaboration efforts in response to the April 2011 tornadoes and heavy storms. The grant will be implemented in communities throughout Jefferson, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa and other counties in Alabama.**

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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

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program: **NEW - NASA Astrobiology Institute - Cycle 6**

Description: Proposals should clearly articulate an innovative, interdisciplinary, astrobiology research program. A wide array of NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD) flight missions incorporate astrobiology goals and objectives. For this reason, with this solicitation NASA is seeking both proposals responding to the long-term goals and objectives given in the Astrobiology Roadmap and proposals focused on ensuring that the astrobiology science portfolio is prepared to respond to the challenge of planning and implementing these missions.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcbh1z!1588516477?oppId=128574&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - ROSES 2011: Hurricane Science Research Program**

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=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128313&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - ROSES 2011: Interdisciplinary Research in Earth Science**

Description: This ROSES grant covers all aspects of basic and applied supporting research and technology in space and Earth sciences, including, but not limited to: theory, modeling, and analysis of SMD science data; aircraft, stratospheric balloon, suborbital rocket, and commercial reusable rocket investigations; development of experiment techniques suitable for future SMD space missions; development of concepts for future SMD space missions; and development of advanced technologies relevant to SMD missions as example.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128294&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program**

Description: This grant program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=NXh3TfXPRjTgszG7n2s41x7y96fSGvjXbxJMcF0tsPkP776cyTYV!1588516477?oppId=128333&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - 2012 National Urban and Community Forestry Cost Share Grants: Request for Proposals**

Description: Urban and community cost share grant funds are to support urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or widespread impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding which may be subject to change.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=NXh3TfXPRjTgszG7n2s41x7y96fSGvjXbxJMcF0tsPkP776cyTYV!1588516477?oppId=127913&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program**

Description: The U.S. agricultural population is poised to make a dramatic change - half of all current farmers are likely to retire in the next decade. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the average age of farm operators was 57 years. Farmers over the age 55 own more than half the farmland in the U.S. But the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 is increasing, as does the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. A similar trend is evident for tree farmers nationwide. To address the needs of this changing generation, USDA allocates \$17.2 million to fund a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP). The deadline is November 22, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/beginningfarmerandrancher.cfm>

Program: **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Bioenergy**

Description: This AFRI Challenge Area focuses on the priority to secure America's energy future. It supports the development of regional systems for the sustainable production of bioenergy and biobased products that contribute significantly to reducing dependence on foreign oil, have net positive social, environmental, and rural economic impacts, and are compatible with existing agricultural systems.

Website:

<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sustainablebioenergyafri.cfm>

Program: **Biomass Research and Development Initiative**

Description: The Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI) is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). A two-phase technical evaluation process is used for applications submitted to BRDI in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. BRDI requires that funded projects integrate all three legislatively mandated technical areas. These areas include (A) Feedstocks development, (B) Biofuels and biobased products development, and (C) Biofuels and biobased products development analysis.

Website:

<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/biomassresearchanddevelopmentinitiative.cfm>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **NEW - National Sea Grant Law Center 2012**

Description: NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Sea Grant College Program invites applications to establish or continue a National Sea Grant Law Center beginning in FY 2012. Anticipated start date is February 1, 2012. Applicants should provide a two-year grant proposal for a National Sea Grant Law Center that will be part of the larger National Sea Grant network, a partnership between the federal government and universities to conduct integrated research, education and outreach in fields related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128713&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: **NEW - Affordable Care Act Family-to-Family Health Information Centers**

Description: This announcement solicits applications for the Affordable Care Act Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) Program. F2F HICs were established by the Family Opportunity Act of 2005 (FOA) to provide information to parents of children with disabilities and special health needs. These family-staffed/run Centers assist families in making informed decisions about health care in order to promote good treatment decisions, cost-effectiveness, and improved health outcomes for such children.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128573&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC)**

Description: Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is seeking proposals to support projects that aim to reach beyond state borders to overcome barriers to specialized pediatric medical and trauma services. Oftentimes, children are transported outside their community on an adhoc basis in which the choice to transport is made on an event-by-event basis. This grant looks to support efforts to establish policies and procedures that would develop and institute an organized, preplanned, pre-event process that is well prepared to locally manage or immediately transport the injured or critically ill child without delay.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128553&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Professional Society Programs to Promote Diversity (R25)**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to encourage Professional Societies to design and implement educational programs with the goal of recruitment and retention of diverse individuals to pursue careers in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences workforce.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=DhTZTV6D4mRhyqFW1nyDQQNy98P4nqJFndvScwQnS4vGQn5sLR2!25223394?oppId=127774&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program**

Description: Supports projects that demonstrate effective models of outreach and service delivery through collaboration, adoption of an evidence-based or promising practice model, demonstration of health outcomes, replicability and sustainability. Proposed projects will have an outcomes-oriented approach that will enhance and sustain the delivery of effective health care in rural communities by tracking specific health indicators that will demonstrate the impact of their project at the end of their grant period. The deadline is November 22, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V8bqT7JLLn7BHtB1LGhqvZTtGJc451GL0g3dS2vvZk8SK4fnck1m!-147358973?oppId=124153&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Program:** **NEW - FY 2012 Non-Profit Boating Safety Program**
- Description:** The state financial assistance program was established to promote cooperative efforts between the USCG and states' boating safety programs. The majority of the program's financial assistance funds are allocated to the states and eligible U.S. territories via a formula fixed in law. However, under the provisions of the Act 46 USC Part 131, up to 5% of the total state financial assistance available each year may be set aside for awards to eligible national nonprofit public service organizations to support National Recreational Boating Safety Program activities.
- Website:** http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit_grants.aspx
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Program:** **NEW - Neighborhood Stabilization Program**
- Description:** The purpose of this grant is to provide state government, local government and nonprofit recipients of federal NSP funding with the assessment tools and technical and capacity building assistance needed to fully understand their local market conditions, to increase their capacity to successfully carry out federal assistance programs while leveraging other public and private resources, and to achieve positive and measurable outcomes.
- Website:**
- <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128853&mode=VIEW>
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- Program:** **NEW - McKinney-Vento HMIS Technical Assistance**
- Description:** The purpose of the MV-TA program is to provide technical assistance (TA) to achieve the highest level of performance and results for implementation and management of local Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and to collect data for

Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128594&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Tenant Resource Network Program (TRN)**

Description: TRN is designed to facilitate preservation of projects with Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance at-risk of loss.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128513&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **Coastal Impact Assistance Program**

Description: Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland; 2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; 3. Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with CIAP (total not to exceed 23% of an annual allocation); 4. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; and 5. Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=zBx5TMRMzq821G2pL5Gy8FKTs8tBnrR7QJhZGhFp61cpb1h0pN01!2032208804?oppId=125914&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **Governors' Institute for Community Design, Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Description: The Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC) in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy is seeking proposals to conduct research and studies, analyze state policies and programs and create and deliver technical assistance programs to state leadership that are facing air and water pollution, land use and development challenges

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=zBx5TMRMzq821G2pL5Gy8FKTs8tBnrR7QJhZGhFp61cpb1h0pN01!2032208804?oppId=126393&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants**

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law, P.L. 107-118) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. The deadline is November 28, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yvDSTDxYyhGS4ZPn1pPppn3rHTjkQGTRY1JP3dwhKdvqbpYJ4x5V!-1853425174?oppId=125153&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants**

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law, P.L. 107-118) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to

prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. The deadline is November 28, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sFp9TD9V7TQQXpJ6sPpmj3f0vFgbGHYyYL1xJp0zh492WDvZLpv1!-1853425174?oppId=125173&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Grants**

Description: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law, P.L. 107-118) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. The deadline is November 28, 2011.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=sFp9TD9V7TQQXpJ6sPpmj3f0vFgbGHYyYL1xJp0zh492WDvZLpv1!-1853425174?oppId=125253&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Free technical assistance from Smart Growth America**

Description: Through a grant from the U.S. EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities' Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program, Smart Growth America is pleased to offer free technical assistance to help communities implement smart growth strategies to build stronger economies while protecting human health and the environment. Any unit or subdivision of local, tribal or regional government is eligible to apply. The deadline is October 26, 2011.

Website: <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/sc-tech-assistance>

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **State Energy Program – Small Business Energy-Efficient Lighting Retrofits**

Description: A small business, as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration, is one that is independently owned and operated, is organized for profit, and is not dominant in its field. The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient lighting improvements in small businesses located in Alabama.

Website:

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C9/RFP>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **NEW - Center for Environmental Excellence**

Description: The Federal Highway Administration hereby requests applications for assistance from all interested parties to result in the award of a Cooperative Agreement to support the establishment and maintenance of a Center for Environmental Excellence.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SWhhTg3fXcst2chLTxBhsJJkphLY0kVQPl21CLz730kHDysS3ghB!1588516477?oppId=128453&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - DOT PHMSA 2012 One Call Grant**

Description: This optional grant is only open for states that have a 60105 Certification and/or 60106 Agreement with the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to do pipeline safety inspections. State agencies who participate in the pipeline safety program are eligible to apply for One Call grant funding on an annual basis.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=17pWTf7LVBhGfbTBM2qfh4tvxZbv15Lx6J2JdX1cp8MbJpbcBh1z!1588516477?oppId=128773&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NAMM Foundation Announces Wanna Play Fund Grants for Instruments Available to Schools and Community Organizations for Music Education Programs**

Description: The nonprofit [NAMM Foundation](#) works to advance active, lifelong participation in music making by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs of the international music products industry. The organization has announced the availability of grants through its Wanna Play Fund to provide instruments to schools and community organizations that are expanding or reinstating music education programs as part of a core curriculum and/or that employ quality music teachers.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=315100041

Program: **NEW - Youth Service America Invites Applications for State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants**

Description: State Farm and Youth Service America are offering grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of service-learning projects in K-12 public schools in all fifty U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=354000029

Program: **NEW - ING Unsung Heroes Grant**

Description: ING Unsung Heroes began in 1995 as a way for ING to demonstrate its commitment to the education community. Grants are given to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Website: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/194>

Program: **NEW - Sandra Day O'Connor and Verizon Foundation Announce National Civics Contest for Students**

Description: Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and the [Verizon Foundation](#) have announced the launch of a new national contest for middle schools designed to help renew the teaching of civic engagement.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=355100020

Program: **NEW - Open Society Foundations Announces New Initiative to Support College Debate Programs Around the World**

Description: As part of an ongoing effort to engage young people in policy issues critical to their future, the Open Society Foundations has launched Global Debates, a \$20 million funding initiative to strengthen debate programs at colleges and universities around the world.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=354500028

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship Opportunity

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Invites Applications for Dissertation Fellowships in Education

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation works to help high-achieving, low-income students — from middle school to graduate school — reach their full potential through education. The foundation created its dissertation fellowship program in 2010 to advance its understanding of the factors and contexts that help low-income students overcome personal adversity and challenging socioeconomic circumstances to excel academically. The foundation plans to use this knowledge to design programs and interventions that help more low-income students identified as high-

achieving in their primary and secondary school years to sustain their achievement levels through college and beyond.

Website:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=JDBE5JHEXMCF3LAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=357400011

Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Scholarship Websites:

Fast Web

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

Merit Aid

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

Student Aid Programs

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

Scholarship Experts

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

Alabama Student Assistance Program

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

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

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

College Scholarships.org

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

Section V RESOURCES

Let's Move!

Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams.

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

Police Grants Help 101 -- Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project. Most grant programs have specific eligibility requirements and are often intended to provide funding for a particular operational area of your department. Careful grant planning and research will ensure that your police department's project meets any program requirements.

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

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

Alabama Incentives: Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division developed the Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program to increase the availability and use of biodiesel blends in school buses and state fleet vehicles.

Website: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C17/ATF/default.aspx>

Alabama Incentives: Biofuel Production Facility Tax Credit

Companies that invest in the development of a biofuel production facility may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 5% of the capital costs of the project. Companies may claim this credit against the state income tax or the financial institution excise tax liability that the project generates each year for up to 20 years. For the purposes of the credit, biofuel is defined as a motor vehicle fuel that is produced from grain, starch, oilseeds, vegetable, algae, animal, or fish materials including fats, greases and oils, sugarcane, sugar beets, sugar components, tobacco, potatoes, and lignocellulosic or other biomass. To be eligible for the tax credit, the capital costs of the production facility must be at least \$2,000,000 if the facility is not located in a favored geographic area and \$500,000 if the facility is located in a favored geographic area. A favored geographic area is defined as an area or county that is designated as an enterprise zone or that the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations considers to be less developed.

Website: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/laws/laws/AL>

Alabama SAVES Loan Program

Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

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

Alabama Capital Access Program; Alabama Loan Guarantee Program; and the Alabama Loan Participation Program

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

Website:

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

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

Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund

Alabama homeowners who have been declared eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits may apply. To qualify, applicants must have a total annual household income of less than \$75,740, and the unpaid principal balance on their home's mortgages must be less than \$258,690. Due to the overwhelming response Hardest Hit has received, please allow up to 6 weeks for Processing of your application. Storm victims who have been unable to return to work following the April tornadoes may be eligible for increased assistance of up to 18 consecutive monthly payments, or \$25,000, through Hardest Hit Alabama.

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

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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Camden, Alabama 36726
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Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
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Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
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South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
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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
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Phone: 334-264-6223
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
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P.O. Box 990
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Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

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Selma, AL 36701-4555
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131
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Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
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The Community Foundation of Huntsville
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Riverbend Community Foundation
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Shelby County Community Health Foundation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center
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