



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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Announcements

National Moment of Remembrance

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Website: <http://www.military.com/memorial-day/>

FEMA Individual Assistance and Last Days to Register

- **FEMA'S Individual and Households Program Deadline**
 - June 27, 2011
- **Small Business Administration Deadline**
 - June 27, 2011
- **Public Assistance (PA) Deadline for Request for Public Assistance**
 - PA Application deadline has been extended to **6/6/2011**. Applicants may apply for assistance through the state's Public Assistance website, www.AlabamaPA.org.
- **The 30-day deadlines for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).**
 - Workers with storm-related job losses must register for DUA within 30 days of a county's federal declaration for FEMA Individual Assistance. The following is a list of DUA registration deadlines:
 - **May 31:** Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Choctaw, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington and Winston;
 - **June 1:** Chilton, Coosa, Pickens, Shelby and Talladega;
 - **June 2:** Lamar and Lauderdale;
 - **June 3 :**Chambers, Clarke and Perry; and
 - **June 7:** Monroe County.
 - Individuals must have been working or residing in one of the above-named counties prior to the disaster to be eligible for DUA. If eligible, **benefits can last up to 26 weeks from the April 28** federal disaster declaration.

Recent Grant Awards

Note: All 42 Alabama counties declared by FEMA are eligible for the below grant funds...Please contact ADECA at (334) 242-5886!!

May 6, 2011

\$10 Million Grant to Fund Temporary Jobs for Tornado Victims

MONTGOMERY—Alabama residents who lost their jobs because of the devastating April 27 tornadoes will be eligible for new employment helping their communities recover. Gov. Robert Bentley announced a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that will be used to hire temporary workers to help local governments in the hardest hit areas. The workers will clear debris and start the rebuilding process and also may staff shelters and food banks. “The April 27 tornadoes left a path of devastation that not only included lives and properties, but also jobs,” Bentley said. “This grant will give both communities and unemployed workers a much-needed helping hand.” County and municipal governments will work with Alabama Career Centers in their areas to find applicants who are eligible for the temporary jobs. First priority for employment will be given to workers whose employers are closed because of the tornadoes. The workers will assist with the demolition, repair, renovation and reconstruction of destroyed public facilities within the affected communities. Counties targeted for assistance in hiring temporary workers include Bibb, Calhoun, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, St. Clair, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa and Walker. Additional counties may be included at a later date.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs applied for the National Emergency Grant on April 29. Municipal and county governments should contact ADECA at (334) 242-5886 to request funding for the temporary worker program.

JOBS Available - FEMA’s Local Hire Program

Local Hire Program has partnered with the Alabama Career Center to receive resumes from registered applicants. All applicants interested in working for FEMA as a local hire must go to the Alabama Career Center’s website, <https://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/default.cfm> and register. Anyone with questions regarding the local hire program should contact Kathy Davis, HR Unit Leader, 205-320-2754.

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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 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

Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)

Program: Alabama Public Assistance Portal:
NEW - Debris Removal Templates

Description:

- [USACE Private Property Debris Removal Request](#) - Private Property Debris Removal request for local governments using the United States Army Corps of Engineers for debris removal
- [Contract Private Property Debris Removal Request](#) - Private Property Debris Removal request for local governments using private contractors for debris removal for Private Property Debris Removal:

Alabama Public Assistance Portal is for the online application and management of the Public Assistance grant in Alabama. Public Assistance (PA) is a federal grant program to aid State and local governments in returning a disaster area to pre-disaster conditions. A minimum of 75% of eligible costs is provided to primarily address the repair and restoration of public facilities, infrastructure, or services which have been damaged or destroyed. Eligible applicants include local and Tribal governments as well as certain Private Non-Profit organizations

Website: <http://www.alabamapa.org/common/news/index.cfm?i=64>
<http://www.alabamapa.org/index.cfm?>

National Endowment for the Arts

- Program:** **NEW - Funding Opportunities in Media Arts: Grants for Arts Projects CFDA No. 45.024**
- Description:** **Art Works:** To support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. Within these areas, innovative projects are strongly encouraged. An organization may request a grant amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000.
- How to Apply:** <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Media.html>
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Program:** **NEW - Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)**
- Description:** USDA Rural Development Agency has funding available for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program (REDLG). REDLG supports rural small businesses that create or retain jobs. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2011.
- How to Apply:** <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/02/14/2011-3198/inviting-applications-for-the-rural-economic-development-loan-and-grant-program-for-fiscal-year-2011>
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- Program:** **NEW - The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Revolving Fund Program**
- Description:** In addition to announcing the Revolving Fund application window, RUS announces the available funding of \$496,000 for RFP competitive grants for the fiscal year. Under the RFP, qualified private, non-profit organizations receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities RUS for Water, Waste Disposal and Wastewater loan and grant programs.

How to Apply: Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) Web site:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm>

Program: **USDA's Rural Community Facilities Program**

Description: Part of a broad mission directed by the agency's Rural Community Facilities Program, the mix of grants and loans is offering a lifeline to small communities across the country that are struggling in a difficult economy. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, known for its drought and disaster assistance to farmers, is providing hundreds of millions of dollars to cash-strapped towns and public safety agencies to **buy police patrol cars, equipment for fire stations and renovate courthouses.**

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html

More Information: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2011-05-17-Agriculture-Department-funds-rural-towns-budget_n.htm?csp=34news

Programs: **[USDA Rural Development Programs](#)**

Description: Disaster programs are available such as funding to replace and repair single-family homes, shared community facilities and the water and wastewater systems in the damaged areas.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Grants.html

Program: **Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loans and Grants**

Description: The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RR_Loans_Grants.html

Program: Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

Description: To develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RCDI_Grants.html

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, A Coordinated Initiative to Advance Regional Competitiveness

Description: Regions across the nation can compete for complementary Federal resources that will be targeted to address the gaps and opportunities specific to their self-identified, high-potential industry clusters.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=96013>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **NEW - Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse**

Description: This grant will support the maintenance and support of an online Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse. The website will disseminate quality research and evaluation studies on TANF and low-income populations, focusing on self-sufficiency, employment, and family and child well-being. The clearinghouse is intended to be of use to researchers, policymakers, and practitioners, assisting all three groups in accessing and using high-quality research.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95853&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Early Head Start University Partnership Grants: Buffering Children from Toxic Stress**

Description: These grants fund research activities to implement promising parenting interventions which augment ongoing Early Head Start services, in order to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable infants and toddlers. The purpose of this announcement is to report the availability of grant projects to promote knowledge of how Early Head Start programs can buffer children from the effects of toxic stress by supporting parenting/care giving.

How to Apply: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OPRE-YR-0204>

Program: **NEW -Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE) Through Local Public Health Leadership**

Description: Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=NPfCNNfLprQZf9jpkN8ZGs2ShR1npnlLv69n6ThBTv1ph68RyZyc!-797564588?oppId=91493&mode=VIEW>

Program: **Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant**

Description: The purpose of this program is to create healthier communities by 1) building capacity to implement broad evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes, as appropriate, in large counties, and in states, tribes and territories, including in rural and frontier areas and 2) supporting implementation of such interventions in five strategic areas (Strategic Directions) aligning with Healthy People 2020 focus areas and achieving demonstrated progress in the following five

performance measures outlined in the Affordable Care Act: 1) changes in weight, 2) changes in proper nutrition, 3) changes in physical activity, 4) changes in tobacco use prevalence, and 5) changes in emotional well being and overall mental health, as well as other program-specific measures.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PvslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJevrky353bTdwy7DXJZHMfbbmglrhzQdLm47!354298477?oppId=93873&mode=VIEW>

Program: Community Economic Development (CED) Projects

Description: An applicant must be a private, non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC) having a 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, experienced in planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities. For purposes of this grant program, the CDC must be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yH16NKzbQ6QTSyFPwT6Crv1kRdPJYGjgNzPXq498yvRdQqpvvySK!-1041731581?oppId=92773&mode=VIEW>

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

Program: NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Description: The HSGP is a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95574&mode=VIEW>

Program: NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Region 4

Description: The EMPG Program provides resources to assist state, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95494&mode=VIEW>

Program: NEW - Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program Region 4

Description: The Fiscal Year 2011 EOC Grant Program improves emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Funding in the amount of \$14,101,740 is available for grants for construction or renovation of a State, local, or Tribal government's primary EOCs. This grant program is not intended to fund the construction or renovation of State, local, or Tribal Fusion Centers.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95496&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year 2011 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**

Description: In Fiscal Year 2011, the total amount of funds distributed under NSGP will be \$18,962,000. Each nonprofit organization may apply through their SAA for up to a \$75,000 grant award. Fiscal Year 2011 NSGP funds will be allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95562&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)**

Description: Monies available to strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks...

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95576&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)**

Description: The funds are primarily intended to support the work of operators of fixed route intercity and charter bus services.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95558&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP)**

Description: Rail and Transit Security Grant Program – the program provides funds to freight railroad carriers and owners of railroad cars to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLQGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95560&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY 2011 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program**

Description: In FY 2011, the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) will provide up to \$10,000,000 to directly eligible Tribes to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLQGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95634&mode=VIEW>

FEMA - VISIT A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

Locations of disaster recovery centers can be found at go.usa.gov/CDC. Or use your smartphone or tablet to access m.fema.gov. You can also talk to someone at FEMA's helpline **800-621-FEMA (3362)** about how to register for disaster assistance or where to find a disaster recovery center. Operators are multilingual and available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For those with a speech or hearing impairment, there is a TTY line at **800-462-7585**.

If you still need to register, you can do it by:

- Smartphone or tablet at <http://m.fema.gov>.
 - Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: NEW - Mortgage Modification and Mortgage Scams Assistance Housing Counseling under the Housing Counseling Program CFDA #: 14.169

Deadline: June 18, 2011

Description: Mortgage Modification and Mortgage Scams Assistance Housing

How to Apply: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp

Program: Housing Assistance

Description: Survivors of recent tornadoes:

How to Apply: For help finding housing, go to the National Housing Locator Service at: portal.hud.gov/app_nhls/, a site maintained by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FEMA helpline (800-621-FEMA) can also locate housing.

Program: HUD Disaster Recovery Assistance

Description: Foreclosure protection offered to displaced families - U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced HUD will speed federal disaster assistance to the State of Alabama and provide support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes following severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding.

How to Apply:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/news/HUDNo.2011-04-29>

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DisasterPrep.pdf>

HUD has established two toll free National Service Center hotlines to assist disaster victims. The first, 888-297-8685, is to assist any displaced individual. The second, 800-955-2232, provides specialized help to Section 8 voucher holders and Public

Housing residents. A live operator answers these lines from 8 AM CT to 8 PM CT seven days a week.

Program: HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

Description: HUD has established a toll free number for displaced Public Housing residents and Section 8 voucher holders.

How to Apply: Call 1-800-955-2232 or visit www.hudclips.org

Program: HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Description: CPD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriation.

How to Apply: CPD programs – Phone: 202-708-2690.

Program: HUD's Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF)

Description: HUD's newest Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund (DREF) is to reward grantees who have dedicated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery funding toward activities that reduce risk from future disasters. DREF was established to support the long-term recovery following dozens of natural disasters. As a result of having received CDBG funds for those disasters, several states were eligible to receive additional allocations based on the significant investment they've made by targeting their CDBG funds to disaster mitigation.

How to Apply: CPD programs – Phone: 202-708-2690.

U.S. Department of the Interior

Program: **NEW - Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)- Tier 2, Competitive**

Description: Recreational boating funds to states to construct, renovate, and maintain boating infrastructure facilities for transient, non-trailerable recreational vessels at least 26 feet long. Projects using BIG funds must provide public access but may be publicly or privately owned.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhy6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95813&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act State, Local, and Tribal Reentry Courts**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail into communities, including the subsequent challenges communities face as ex-offenders attempt to reintegrate into society. A combination of trends in sentencing, incarceration, and post-release supervision has brought prisoner reentry to the forefront of discussion among policy makers, practitioners, and researchers

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcyrky353bTdwY7DXJZHMffbmglrhZQdLm47!354298477?oppId=94793&mode=VIEW>

Program: **BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Family-Based Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs>

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Program: **BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Adult Offender Reentry Program for Planning and Demonstration Projects**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail into communities...

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=PyslNS1Xs6LvQ05NJcvrky353bTdwy7DXJZHMffbmglrhzOdLm47!354298477?oppId=94833&mode=VIEW>

Program: **OJJDP FY 2011 Family Drug Court Programs**

Description: The U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award funding to enhance the capacity of family drug courts.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=92013>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants - SGA-DFA-PY-10-13**

Deadline: **June 2, 2011 and November 17, 2011**

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$240 million in funds for an H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants program. This grant program is designed to provide education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities necessary to support such training. Between the two types of grants awarded (OJT and other training strategies), DOL

intends to fund at least \$45 million to applicants proposing to provide training for occupations in the health care industry and at least \$60 million to applicants that serve long-term unemployed individuals.

How to Apply: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

U.S. Small Business Administration

Program: **SBA Lending Initiatives for Underserved Communities**

Description: SBA Preferred Lenders can begin approving Small Loan Advantage loans; ‘Mission-focused’ lenders can start applying to participate in Community Advantage. Lenders who participate in the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Preferred Lender Program can approve loans through the agency’s new Small Loan Advantage program beginning Feb. 15.

How to Apply: Contact SBA office <http://www.sba.gov/content/sba-lending-initiatives-underserved-communities-launch-feb-15>

Program: **SBA Program Commercial Real Estate Refinancing**

Description: Small businesses can refinance mortgage debt with 504 Loan

How to Apply: Contact SBA office - <http://www.sba.gov/news>

Program: **Small Business Jobs Act of 2010**

Description: The new law is providing critical resources to help small businesses continue to drive economic recovery and create jobs. The new law extended the successful SBA enhanced loan provisions while offering billions more in lending support, tax cuts, and other opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

More Information: <http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-jobs-act-2010>

Program: **Rebuilding Alabama - low-interest disaster loans**

Description: SBA provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, nonprofit organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery & equipment, inventory and business assets that have been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster.

How to Apply: To obtain general program information or to receive a status update on your disaster loan request, please call our customer service line at **1-800-659-2955 from 6AM to 11PM, 7 days a week, or email us atdisastercustomerservice@sba.gov**

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=55088>

Program: **Small Business Development Centers Portable Assistance Project**

Description: Applicants will develop portable assistance programs to support the start up and sustainability of small business concerns in communities that are economically challenged as a result of a business or government facility downsizing or closing, which has resulted in the loss of jobs or small business instability.

How to Apply:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Cc67NJKLYTdmTVvJzhLhqhr1L2PfRWwwwD0YKw2PJZc4wZmWVwBq!1844419985?oppId=95053&mode=VIEW>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **CVS Caremark Community Grants Program Offers Support for Organizations Serving Children**

Description: An annual philanthropic initiative of CVS Caremark, the CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit

organizations working to help disabled individuals 21 and under lead full and independent lives, and to programs that help the uninsured receive quality health care.

How to Apply:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=339500038

Program: Home Depot Foundation Announces 2011 Community Impact Grants Program

Description: The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. In light of the current housing market, the foundation's 2011 funding will prioritize projects that help veterans, seniors, and the disabled stay in their homes comfortably, including home repair, modification, and weatherization projects.

How to Apply:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=335100022

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Environmental Education Website for below grant opportunities:

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

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

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

NEW - Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good Grant

50 States for Good is a national initiative to support the goodness behind grassroots community projects. Six organizations will share in the \$150,000 sponsorship fund, including one organization that will be given \$50,000! Applications due by 5 p.m. ET June 21, 2011

NEW - Native Plant Conservation Initiative Grant

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is now accepting proposals for its Native Plant Conservation Initiative grants. The program funds projects that focus on conserving native plants and pollinators in the areas of education, restoration, research, sustainability, data linkages and conservation. The deadline for pre-proposals is June 30, 2011

NEW - Best Buy @15 Community Grants

The Best Buy Children's Foundation's goal is to provide positive experiences that will help youth excel in school, engage in their communities and develop leadership skills. Schools are not eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted from June 1 to July 1, 2011

NEW - Build-A-Bear Workshop Grants

Build-A-Bear Workshop® believes in the teddy bear philosophy of being good people and good bears. In living those values, they provide grants to charities that support beary special causes, such as children's health and wellness, animals, the environment, literacy and education. Grant requests will be accepted until October 31, 2011

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS/ RESEARCH GRANTS

NEW - Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program - Award ceiling: \$25,000

More Info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pmM5Nd2LpNQhv6bJf1YZh2GLOGRs1N9IWNYcKGhVqfDJNK6LbW7F!756542808?oppId=95554&mode=VIEW>

College Scholarships.org

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

Fast Web

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

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>

Harvard University Announcement

No tuition and no student loans

Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

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

Section V RESOURCES

Hurricane Preparedness Week

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woiNjsKLsm0&list=PL3700A9D3E15D6C73>

Legal Services Alabama at 1-866-456-4995 or Apply ONLINE at

<http://alabamalegalhelp.org/AL/index.cfm>

Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance at a Disaster Recovery Center is available or call 1-800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY). **SBA - Disaster Loan Fact**

Sheets<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans/disaster-loan-fact-sheets>

The Governor's Recovery Response Line is 1-866-465-2241

Website: <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

The Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives

Website: <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Alabama's Statewide 2-1-1 Volunteer Call Center is a 24/7 volunteer and donations hotline that provides an opportunity for people to connect to available volunteer and donation options. By calling 2-1-1 (in the state of Alabama or toll free 1-888-421-1266) or visiting www.servealabama.gov, individuals can register to volunteer or provide a financial donation to the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund.

Alabama State Bar Association - Schedule of Free Tornado Disaster Clinics

Website: <http://www.alabar.org/public/tornado-disaster-clinics.cfm>

Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Unemployment Compensation

Website: <http://dir.alabama.gov/FAQ%20-%20Regular%20UC%20and%20DUA.pdf>

Alabama Department of Public Health – Health and Safety Concerns

Website: <http://www.adph.org/riskcommunication/Default.asp?id=5118>

Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Phone: 202-708-2404

www.hud.gov/offices/fbci Email: [Talk to us@hud.gov](mailto:Talk_to_us@hud.gov)

Counseling If you or a loved one needs counseling services to help deal with the recent tornado tragedy, please contact your local mental health center. You can call **1-800-367-0955** -Call 911 if you are in need of immediate medical attention, or go to the closest ER.

- Call 800-273-TALK (8255) for 24/7 suicide prevention services.
- Call 211 or 888-421-1266 for any type of assistance - housing, clothing, etc.
- Visit safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php to list yourself as safe and well or to search for your loved ones on the American Red Cross web site.

American Red Cross provides information on shelter locations, information on affected areas and disaster safety information. The Red Cross hotline is (866) 438-4636. You can register online for services from your local Red Cross Chapter.

The Salvation Army – visit website: www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org

Disaster and Weather Information

- [American Red Cross \(ARC\)](#)
- [DisasterAssistance.gov](#)
- [Disaster Contracting Assistance Center](#)
- [DisasterHelp.gov](#)
- [Disaster Safety.org](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Information Exchange](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)
- [HUD Disaster Recovery Assistance](#)
- [National Weather Service \(NWS, NOAA\)](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

Federal Government

- [Pay.gov](#)

- [IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses](#)
- Taxpayers may also call the IRS Disaster Hotline at 1-866-562-5227
- [U.S. Office of Personnel Management \(OPM\)](#)
- [USA.Gov](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)

Emergency Management Office

- [Alabama Emergency Management Agency \(AEMA\)](#)

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
P.O. Box 2603
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662
Phone: 256.389.0500
Fax: 256.389.0599
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
Phone: 205.251.8139
Fax: 205.328.3304
Executive Director: Charles Ball
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, Alabama 36202
Phone: 256.237.6741
Fax: 256.237.6763
Executive Director: Bill Curtis
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South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Executive Director: Tyson Howard
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
Phone: 334.682.4234
Fax: 334.682.4205
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 1406
Dothan, Alabama 36302
Phone: 334.794.4093
Fax: 334.794.3288
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpcdc/searpcdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, Alabama 36633
Phone: 251.433.6541
Fax: 251.433.6009
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
Phone: 334.262.4300
Fax: 334.262.6976
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Phone: 334.749.5264

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Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette
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Decatur, Alabama 35601
Phone: 256.355.4515
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Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews
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Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
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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.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President
Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org>

Elmore County 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.eccfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President
Email: knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org
For general information: info@foundationbirmingham.org
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
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

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Dothan, AL 36302-1422
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Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director
Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

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Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171
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Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>