



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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May 17, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Co-Sponsors Voting Rights Legislation**

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07), joined her colleagues as an original co-sponsor on H.R. 5799 the “Voter Empowerment Act of 2012” which seeks to modernize voter registration, ensure equal access to the ballot box and prohibit deceptive practices and voter discrimination.

“As the Representative of Alabama’s historic 7th Congressional District, where many fought, bled and died for the right to vote, I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important legislation,” said Rep. Sewell. “No right is more fundamental to our democracy, than our right to vote. Although great progress has been made since the days of poll taxes and literacy tests, Congress still has important work to do when it comes to ensuring that all Americans are afforded the right to vote without intimidation, prejudice or discrimination. This legislation will help ensure free and fair elections, so that everyone, including students, seniors, minorities and veterans can exercise their constitutional right to vote,” Sewell added.

The Voter Empowerment Act of 2012 has been designed to modernize the American electoral system by providing improved access to the ballot, enhanced integrity in our voting systems and greater accountability for the administration of our elections.

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May 13, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Visits Troops in Afghanistan on Mother's Day**

Kabul, Afghanistan – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell joined Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and a bi-partisan Delegation to Afghanistan for the first trip since President Barack Obama signed the historic Strategic Partnership Agreement with President Hamid Karzai. The two-day trip included visits to the provinces of Helmand and Kandahar as well as offered an opportunity for the delegation to visit with troops on Mother's Day weekend and discuss national security and woman issues in the Middle East, Asia and Africa with diplomatic and military officials.

“On this Mother's Day weekend, I've been honored to join Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and four of my female colleagues on a bi-partisan Congressional Delegation to Afghanistan,” said Rep. Sewell. “Our troops play such an integral role in Afghanistan and it was a pleasure to travel to Helmand and Kandahar provinces to discuss important issues facing Afghans from our commanders and their Afghan coalition partners on the ground. We were also honored to have the opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day at Camp Leatherneck in the Helmand province with so many of our brave troops, many of whom are mothers, daughters and sisters who courageously serve on the frontlines every day in our Armed Forces,” Sewell added.

“My appreciation for all of our servicemen and women has deepened with this experience. On this special day, words can't express my gratitude to all of the mothers in the military,” Sewell continued. “Thousands of miles away from home, our women in uniform continue to manage the challenges of parenting, while fighting for our liberties. To all our mothers far and near, Happy Mother's Day!”

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May 10, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell in Response to the U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahue's Newly Released Plan to Preserve and Protect Post Offices**

WASHINGTON DC,—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahue's newly released plan to preserve and protect local post offices in rural and small town America:

“I am pleased that Postmaster General Patrick Donahue recently released a new plan for the restructuring of the United States Postal Service. This plan is a vital step forward toward ensuring the future of rural, isolated and underserved communities across this nation. The new plan implements a strategy that would keep rural post offices open for business for thousands of my constituents who depend on the post office for their checks, life-saving medications, packages and bills. Rather than turning toward widespread closures, layoffs and costly reductions in service, the Postmaster General has developed a new strategy aimed at solving this fiscal crisis while ensuring that our nation's underserved communities still have access to vital lifelines for commerce and communications.

I applaud the Postal Service for taking decisive action to create a more efficient business model for the United States Postal Service. It is my hope that we develop a comprehensive postal service reform plan that will invest in both urban and rural communities and continue trusted, timely, reliable and affordable services.”

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May 10, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding to Four Colleges in the 7th Congressional District**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that \$1.59 million was awarded to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District for the Upward Bound Program under the U.S. Department of Education. The Upward Bound Program is one of eight Federal TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first generation college students and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

The four institutions awarded funding are:

**Lawson State Community College** — \$337,500

**Miles College** — \$353,266

**Stillman College** — \$553,367

**University of West Alabama** — \$347,834

“I am pleased that the Department of Education will provide this important funding to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District,” said Rep. Sewell. “The Upward Bound Program is critical to ensuring the success of students from all socioeconomic and education backgrounds. This funding will provide the resources needed to level the playing field and give all students the opportunity to achieve and succeed at the college level.”

The Upward Bound Program participants must be first-generation college bound high school students, low-income individuals or individuals who have a high risk for academic failure and a critical need for academic support to successfully pursue a secondary school curriculum and complete a postsecondary education program within six years after high school graduation.

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her support of the Upward Bound program,” said Mattie Crawford, Director of the TRIO Classic Upward Bound Program at Lawson State Community College (LSCC). “This grant will afford LSCC the opportunity to

continue developing students academically, culturally and socially while attending high school as well as prepare them to attend and complete college.”

“Miles College is pleased to continue our tradition of over three decades of serving our community and youth through the Upward Bound Program,” said Miles College President Dr. George T. French Jr. “We are always appreciative of Congresswoman Sewell’s advocacy and support for TRIO Programs like Upward Bound.”

“We are delighted to receive this funding because the Upward Bound Program is linked to college success and we are focused on improving college graduation rates for high school students in Sumter County,” said Vicki Spruiell, Director of TRIO at the University of West Alabama.

“This is great news and we are excited to receive this funding for our Upward Bound Program which has been in operation at Stillman College since 1966,” said Dr. Bettye Mullen, Director of Educational Support Services. “The program has served 130 students annually since its inception and is integral to helping build academic skills that assist these students in pursuing a successful post-secondary education.”

Federal TRIO Programs were established by the Higher Education Act of 1965, and amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, public or private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, secondary schools, and combinations of institutions, agencies, organizations and secondary schools.

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April 30, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell about Hyundai's Announcement of Third Shift at Montgomery Plant**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement about Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama's announcement of adding a third shift to its plant in Montgomery, AL:

“I am pleased that Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama is continuing to make critical investments in Alabama's local economy by adding a third shift to its plant in Montgomery. This third shift will not only create 877 new jobs at Hyundai, but will also generate job growth in auto related industries that will greatly benefit the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation. For nearly 10 years, Hyundai has maintained a strong manufacturing presence in our state employing thousands of hardworking Alabamians. I applaud Hyundai for its efforts to create jobs and strengthen economic development in Alabama.”

These additional hires will bring the total number of jobs created at the plant to more than 3,000 and Hyundai's 2012 production capacity will increase by approximately 20,000 units.

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April 27, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Observes the One-Year Anniversary of the April 27, 2011 Tornadoes**

WASHINGTON DC, --Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement in observance of the one-year anniversary of the tornadoes on April 27, 2011 that ravished Alabama and claimed the lives of 253 people, including 76 deaths in the 7th Congressional District:

“One year ago, we witnessed some of the strongest and most devastating tornadoes in our nation’s history. As we reflect on April 27th, we are reminded of the strength, the generosity and the hope of the human spirit that was displayed in the face of such an unimaginable tragedy. Today, we stand together as a stronger, more united and better prepared community committed to recovering, rebuilding and advancing our state. Since last year, remarkable progress has been made and I am confident that even greater progress is to come.

The strength and resilience of the families across Alabama provide a shining example of what is truly possible when communities work together. I commend the coordinated efforts of the local, state and federal level and honor the first responders who courageously answered the call to duty. We pay tribute to and honor those who have lost so much by rebuilding our community stronger and better than before.”

*Rep. Sewell assisted the state in securing more than \$245 million in federal disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), \$33.9 million of which was awarded to the 7th Congressional District of Alabama; more than \$55.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); more than \$18.5 million in assistance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA); and \$600,000 in assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the City of Tuscaloosa.*

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## Recent Grant Awards

- **May 10, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding to Four Colleges in the 7th Congressional District
- **April 25, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education
- **April 24, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announces \$3.6 Million in Funding for North Choctaw County Water Authority from the USDA
- **April 20, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.8 Million in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport awarded from the FAA
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB is awarded \$250,581.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$244,304.00.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB awarded \$262,011.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 12, 2012** - UAB awarded \$67 million dollars to set up a national network to research the best practices for dental care from the National Institute of Health
- **April 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$296,378.00 for Cancer Research from NIH
- **April 10, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$128, 116 for Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Disease research.
- **April 9, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$362,588 from the National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute for research through NIH.
- **April 3, 2012** – UAB awarded \$11,625 for the UAB Deep South Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Certs from DHHS.

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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](http://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](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.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Program:** **NEW- USDA Seeks Grant Applications to Improve Rural Housing**

**Description:** USDA Rural Development is offering Housing Preservation Grants to intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. The deadline is June 25, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdamediafb?contentid=2012/05/0148.xml&printable=true&contentidonly=true>

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**Program:** **NEW - Revolving Fund Program (RFP)**

**Description:** The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private, non-profit organizations, who are selected for funding, will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain a loan, loan guarantee, or grant from the

Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant programs administered by RUS, under 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1) and (2).

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1fRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=169994&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW- Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant**

**Description:** Grant funding is available for Cooperative Development Centers, individual Cooperatives or Groups of Cooperatives that serve socially-disadvantaged groups and where a majority of their governing board is comprised of members of socially-disadvantaged groups or at least 75 percent of their membership is comprised of socially-disadvantaged producers

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=t9QmPjDMqwLDpBGK5pTJTB8cppJTDjwtn6PPwxQSTv33FGkB1J3Q!1020059110?oppId=168694&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity**

**Description:** Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications for Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) investments under PWEDA. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major federally declared disasters. The deadline is March 27, 2015.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLpthW6491WK2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-213555334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program CFDA Number 84.041C**

**Description:** The Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant program provides grants for emergency repairs and modernization of school facilities to certain local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive Impact Aid formula funds.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170754&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs CFDA Number 84.103A**

**Description:** The Training Program provides grants to train the staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs to improve the operation of these projects.

**Website:**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-14/pdf/2012-11621.pdf>

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**Program:** **Promise Neighborhoods Program--Planning Grant Competition**

**Description:** Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/246>

**Program:** **Promise Neighborhoods Program--Implementation Grant Competition**

**Description:** Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/245>

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## **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW - Help America Vote Act Training and Technical Assistance to Assist Protection and Advocacy Systems to Establish or Improve Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Description:** As in their promotion of full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities; demonstrating and evaluating the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals; and providing for non-visual access. The deadline is July 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170015&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Basic Center Program**

**Description:** The purpose of the BCP is to provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. The deadline is July 9, 2012.



**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP11fRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170133&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes**

**Description:** The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Transitional Living Program (TLP) and for Maternity Group Homes (MGH) funding opportunity announcement (FOA). TLPs provide an alternative to involving RHY in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP11fRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170313&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - National Communication System for Runaway and Homeless Youth Grant**

**Description:** Priority will be given to applicants that have experience in providing telephone services to runaway and homeless youth. Faith-based and community organizations that meet eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP11fRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170616&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Justice

**Program:** NEW - OJJDP FY 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention FIRE Program

**Description:** OJJDP will fund field-initiated studies to inform what is understood about how communities can prevent and reduce violence involving youth. The deadline is June 28, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP11fRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170613&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Labor

**Program:** Veterans' Workforce Investment Program

**Description:** US Department of Labor announces over \$12 million in grants to provide job training services for over 6,000 Veterans. The U.S. Department of Labor announces the availability of approximately \$12 million in grants through the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) to provide job training and skills development services to help Veterans succeed in civilian careers.

**Website:** [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets). It also may be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/vwip/main.htm>.

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## U.S. Department of Transportation

**Program:** NEW - Small Community Air Service Development Program

**Description:** The program is designed to provide financial assistance to small communities to help them enhance their air service. The Department provides this assistance in the form of monetary grants that are disbursed on a reimbursable basis. The deadline is June 11, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Jc3tP1lfRd7xJg47qYL2Jv5dk5JkG4bnJxypQtnCvwwSh8hvKNHV!64499778?oppId=170433&mode=VIEW>

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### **Section III            PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:**            **NEW - Wells Fargo and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Launch New Grant Program to Support Community  
Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship Projects**

**Description:**        Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation have announced Environmental Solutions for Communities, a new grant program to help communities in the United States create a more sustainable future through responsible environmental stewardship.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=TJFX4XYCJCA4FLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=379600027](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=TJFX4XYCJCA4FLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=379600027)

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**Program:**            **NEW - Home Depot Community Impact Grants**

**Description:**        These grants support nonprofit organizations, public schools and public service agencies that use volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Funds may be used for planting trees or community gardens, landscaping community facilities, or developing community parks or green spaces. Apply by August 13, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/CORE/ITEM/TOPIC.ASPX?S=0.0.115.37934&TID=85010>

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**Program:**            **NEW - Community Gardening Grants**

**Description:**        Grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded to support sustainable community gardening efforts. Applicants must be members of the American Community Gardening Association to apply. Apply by June 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=102304.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Library Grants**

**Description:** The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need, to purchase books published for young people grades PK-8. Apply by June 15, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=96882.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Nature Hills Nursery Green America Awards**

**Description:** These awards are designed to give national recognition and \$4,500 in plant materials to community groups and organizations that are improving their local environments. Apply by June 17, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=93759.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW – Mazda Foundation Grants**

**Description:** The Mazda Foundation awards grants to programs promoting education and literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare and scientific research.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=96910.0.0.37934>

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## **Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS**

### **Alabama Student Loan Program**

Learn the facts about Alabama's designated guarantor of Federal Family Education Loan Programs

**Website:**

<http://www.alabama.gov/portal/secondary.jsp?id=educationResources>

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

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

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

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

### **Fast Web**

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

### **Merit Aid**

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

### **Alabama College Money For Military Members and Dependents**

If you are a child or spouse of an eligible Alabama veteran, there might be money for tuition, fees and books waiting for you. The GI Dependents' Educational Benefit Program is for students attending Alabama public institutions of higher education. For more information or an application, call (334) 242-5077 or request a form from the Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509.

### **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.

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

### **Student Aid Programs**

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

### **Scholarship Experts**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

### **200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

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

### **College Scholarships.org**

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

### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

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## **Section V RESOURCES**

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grants Programs - AFG Workshops and What's Next for Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Applicants?**

***Go to an AFG Workshop.*** Attend a FY 2012 AFG workshop to learn first-hand about changes to the AFG Program since FY 2011 and tips for completing the online application when the application period opens. Check the [AFG Workshop Schedule](#) on the AFG Website to find one in your area.

***Watch a Webinar.*** If you can't attend a workshop in person, your FEMA region may offer webinars so that you can obtain the same AFG Program information online. For information, check the [online AFG Workshop Schedule](#) or contact your [Regional AFG Fire Program Specialist](#) for information. The list of Regional AFG contacts can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/contact.shtm>

***Projected Application Period.*** It is projected that the FY 2012 AFG application period will be held in June, but official dates are not yet available pending program reviews. Regularly check the AFG Program Website ([www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)) and future [AFG Program Newsletter](#) e-mails for announcements.

### **About PoliceGrantsHelp.com**

PoliceGrantsHelp.com provides members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and assistance. PoliceGrantsHelp.com features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities. Need help writing grants to purchase equipment for your department or agency? Let PoliceGrantsHelp's grant experts assist you.

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

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

### **Community Action Agencies of Alabama**

**Website:**

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CSBG/Document%20Library/Copy%20of%20Community%20Action%20Agency%20List0409.pdf>

**Website:** [http://www.caaalabama.org/agency\\_finder.php](http://www.caaalabama.org/agency_finder.php)

### **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

**Website:** <http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/>

### **AlabamaSAVEEnergy Revolving Loan Fund**

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. 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](http://www.AlabamaSAVES.com)

### **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  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
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/searpcd/searpcd.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  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
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  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
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](http://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](http://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](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
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Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

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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](http://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](mailto:knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto: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](http://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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990  
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax  
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer  
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
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Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director  
E-mail: [CFOWA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CFOWA@bellsouth.net)  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>