



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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Recent News

October 26, 2011

Statement from Congresswoman Sewell on the Announcement that DaVita Dialysis Has Been Approved to Build a New Dialysis Center in Marion

Washington, DC—Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement in response to the announcement that DaVita Dialysis has been approved by the State of Alabama to open a dialysis center in Marion, Alabama:

“I am delighted to hear that DaVita Dialysis has been approved to build a dialysis center in Marion. The work that DaVita Dialysis does is so important to the lives of so many families in the 7th Congressional District. It is critically important that my constituents in the Black Belt and all across my district have access to dialysis services, and DaVita is a vital component of ensuring that. Their nine centers in my district serve more than 700 people, and enable them to maintain their lives. This new center in Marion will help DaVita reach even more of my constituents who need access to their much needed dialysis services.

Every person in Alabama and America deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare, whether you live in a city or a small town. I am honored to be a part of a partnership that is going to help strengthen access to and delivery of healthcare in the 7th Congressional District.”

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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 Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEW - National Arts Initiative Invites Letters of Inquiry for Art-Centered Community Development Projects**

Description: Eleven private philanthropies have joined with the National Endowment for the Arts and a number of federal agencies to establish ArtPlace, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization with a new investment model that puts the arts at the center of economic development. Each project supported by ArtPlace was selected for developing a new model of helping communities thrive by strategically integrating artists and arts organizations into key local efforts in transportation, housing, community development, job creation, and other areas.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=357900029

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

Description: The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from

nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRLAQBO4CGXD5AAAAC12F?id=358100026

National Science Foundation

Program: **NEW - Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace**

Description: Cybersecurity is an important challenge in today's world. Corporations, agencies, national infrastructure and individuals have been victims of cyber-attacks. Addressing this problem requires multi-disciplinary expertise in human, statistical, mathematical, computational, and computer sciences and ultimately the transition of new concepts and technologies to practice.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SbL7TyDJfBbq8zhwy7LbG4GmDn1JnlS6bqQNLw6RlGxrynVxhWXP!-1135953825?oppId=128895&mode=VIEW>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **NEW - Agricultural Career and Employment Grants Program (ACE)**

Description: The ACE grants program is intended to improve the supply of skilled agricultural workers and bring greater stability to the workforce in this sector. This stability will be realized through services specifically designed to assist farmworkers in securing, retaining, upgrading or returning from agricultural jobs. Such services include the following: • agricultural labor skills development; • the provision of agricultural labor market information; • transportation; • short-term housing while in transit to an agricultural worksite; • workplace literacy and assistance with English as a second language; • health and safety instruction,

including ways of safeguarding the food supply of the United States; and • other such services the Secretary deems appropriate.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SbL7TyDJfBbq8zhwy7LbG4GmDn1JnlS6bqQNLw6RIGxrynVxhWXP!-1135953825?oppId=128933&mode=VIEW>

Program: **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: **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:

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 Health & Human Services

Program:

**NEW- Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (SBIR)
[R43/R44]**

Description:

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose the development and translation of technologies to improve hearing healthcare outcomes. Responsive applications must seek to increase utilization of hearing health care technology by underserved patients and thus reduce health disparities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RyDNTyjJFJrLXHkVhz0TjFzxQZQGqsGn5F5yywFY47J6PGnn6T02!-1135953825?oppId=129213&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW -Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (STTR)
[R41/R42]**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose the development and translation of technologies to improve hearing healthcare outcomes. Responsive applications must seek to increase utilization of hearing health care technology by underserved patients and thus reduce health disparities.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RyDNTyjJFJrLXHkVhz0TjFzxQZQGqsGn5F5yywFY47J6PGnn6T02!-1135953825?oppId=129214&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - National Cancer Institute Program Project (P01)
Applications**

Description: With this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications for investigator-initiated program project (P01) grants. Proposed program projects may address any of the broad areas of cancer research, including (but not limited to) cancer biology, cancer treatment, cancer diagnosis, cancer prevention, and cancer control.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SbL7TyDJfBbq8zhwy7LbG4GmDn1JnlS6bqQNLw6RIgxrynVxhWXP!-1135953825?oppId=129033&mode=VIEW>

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>

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.

Website: http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit_grants.aspx

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **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>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **New- Every Day Counts Innovation Initiatives - Request for Information**

Description: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests information from all sources regarding innovations that have the potential to transform the way we do business by shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and protecting the environment.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RyDNTyjJFJrLXHkVhz0TjFzxQZQGqsGn5F5yywFY47J6PGnn6T02!-1135953825?oppId=129073&mode=VIEW>

Program: **NEW - FY 2012 Performance and Information System Management (PRISM) Grant Opportunity**

Description: The Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) grant program provides financial assistance to State commercial motor vehicle (CMV) registration and enforcement agencies that conduct two interrelated tasks to promote CMV safety.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RyDNTyjJFJrLXHkVhz0TjFzxQZQGqsGn5F5yywFY47J6PGnn6T02!-1135953825?oppId=129233&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>

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. The deadline is extended to November 18, 2011.

Website:

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEW - AVANCE Announces Call for Proposals to Implement Parent-Child Education Program**

Description: AVANCE, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that provides parent and early childhood education programs along with other family support services, is accepting proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations serving low- income Hispanic families to expand the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=356600021

Program: **NEW - Vodafone Americas Foundation Invites Entries for Annual Wireless Innovation Project Competition**

Description: The Vodafone Americas Foundation and mHealth Alliance have announced a call for submissions for the annual Vodafone Americas Foundation Wireless Innovation Project and the mHealth Alliance Award, which recognizes wireless-related technologies with the potential to solve critical global problems. The applicant should propose an innovation in wireless-related technology that addresses a critical global issue in education, health, access to communication, the environment, and/or economic development.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=357300027

Program: **NEW - American Federation for Aging Research Invites Applications for Research Grants**

Description: The American Federation for Aging Research, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and advance healthy aging through biomedical research, provides financial support to early and mid-career scientists whose research can increase knowledge of the fundamental mechanisms of aging.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=354900020

Program: **NEW - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing Program Announces Call for Applications**

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing program is designed to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program will provide scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who are enrolled in accelerated baccalaureate and master's nursing programs.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=359300019

Program: **NEW - U.S. Soccer Foundation Opens Annual Grant Cycle for Youth Soccer Programs**

Description: The U.S. Soccer Foundation has opened its 2012 Annual Grant Cycle. Since 1995, the foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. For the 2012 grant program, the foundation's highest priority is to support projects and programs that focus on soccer as a youth development tool in economically disadvantaged urban areas. Funds will be awarded through Field Building Grants of up to \$200,000 each for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation, and Program Grants of up to \$50,000 each for player and team equipment and general program/operational expenses.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=358300015

Program: **NEW - Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program Announces Final Call for Facility Investment and Building Reserve Grant Applications**

Description: The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture program has announced the final call for preliminary grant applications for its Facility Investments and Building Reserves program. Kresge is conducting this final round of facility and building reserve grants as it continues to refine its overall investment strategy. Eligible organizations may apply for both facility investment and building reserve grants, or building reserve grants only. Facility investment grants will prioritize renovation and repair projects.

Website:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=J0QBZFNHG4IGRLAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=358300023

Program: **NEW - Siemens Foundation and Discovery Education Launch Fourth Annual Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge for K-12 Students**

Description: The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge invites students in the U.S. to team up with classmates under teacher/mentors to solve environmental problems in their school (grades K-5), community (grades 6-8), and world (grades 9-12).

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=353300013

Program: **NEW - Responsible Sports Program Opens Fall 2011 Community Grants Program**

Description: Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company Liberty Mutual, is accepting applications from youth sports

organizations in the U.S. to participate in its Responsible Sports Community Grant program.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=354100039

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

Program: **NEW - National Geographic Offers Student Expeditions Scholarships for Summer 2012**

Description: The [National Geographic Student Expeditions](#) Scholarship Program provides financial support to high school students who are seeking educational summer experiences they otherwise could not afford. The program seeks to provide opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds and to enhance the group dynamic and learning opportunities for everyone involved. The scholarship program generally considers students eligible if their parents' combined income is less than \$50,000 and they have few other assets. International students are welcome to apply. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

Website:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=YPFHRCEZFMNS5LAQBQ4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=357100008

Scholarship Websites:

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

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

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

Nominations Invited: 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Community Service

The [Institute of Museums and Library Services](#) is inviting supporters of outstanding museums and libraries to nominate their favorite institutions for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service.

Website:

http://www.ims.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/12_Instructions.pdf

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: 2-1-1 Connects Alabama

15 Locations offering services for
Health/Medical Services - Cancer – Mammograms

Website:

<http://211connectsalabama.org/MatchList.aspx?c;;0;;;0;19645;Health/Medical%20Services;Cancer;95;Mammograms>

National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2011: Internet Crime Complaint Center

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), funded in part by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Website:

<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/cyber/national-cyber-security-awareness-month-2011>

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

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.hardesthitlabama.com/>

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

Hardest Hit Alabama hotline number is 877.497.8182 for free assistance

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Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

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Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

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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
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
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Phone: 251-438-5591
Contact: Linnette Clausman
Website: www.communityendowment.com

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

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P.O. Box 87
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Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
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The Community Foundation of Huntsville
659 Gallatin Street
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Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.
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Athens, AL 35612
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Riverbend Community Foundation
635 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
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