

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE DIRECTORY 2005

Introduction

The following Community Economic Development Resource Directory provides information on a variety of local, state and national funding and business support sources. The list includes loan and grant funding options along with technical assistance providers.

Following is a snapshot of guidelines to follow in planning your community project. For additional and tailored technical assistance, refer to the list of providers in the Technical Assistance Section of this guide.

Steps for Writing a Grant Proposal

A successful grant proposal does not happen overnight. It takes planning, research, and careful writing to produce an effective proposal. While the prewriting steps may be time consuming, the end result makes all that time worth the effort.

There are three phases to the grant proposal process:

- Preparing
- Writing
- Following-up

Let's look at each step individually.

Preparing to Write

This phase of the grant writing process involves several steps, including the following:

1. Define what you want.

Before you can write a proposal, you must decide exactly what you're looking for. What are your goals? Are you simply looking for funds to make a purchase of materials, or are you looking for some other intangible outcome as well? Who will gain or benefit from you reaching your goals, and what, exactly, will that gain or benefit be?

Once you know what you want, write down a list and short description of your goals. Reread each goal. Make certain that your language is clear and concise and you have explained your purposes behind your goals.

From that list, fashion a statement that describes your goals and your purposes for pursuing those goals. For example:

- Our school needs new manipulatives for Grades K–3. (unclear)
- Our school's Math Committee's goal is to improve math scores for students in Grades K-3 by the end of next school year. Toward that end, we need 12 class sets of bear counters and activity books for our Grade K–1 classes and 12 class sets of pattern links and activity books for Grades 2 and 3. (clearer)

2. Define the materials, resources, and personnel you will need to achieve your goals.

Now that you have a clear goal or goals in mind, you must assess what you need to accomplish your goal. What curriculum materials will you need? What additional personnel, if any, do you think you'll need to reach your goal? Be realistic about what you will need. Downsizing your needs may mean not attaining your goal; overblowing your needs may mean not gaining your funding.

3. Assess your funding needs.

How much funding will you need to achieve your list of goals? This is a key part of the prewriting process. Now is the time to look into the costs of the materials you will need and the amount of money you will need to hire any additional personnel (including benefits costs, if necessary).

4. Gain support within your organization for your goals.

Talk to the people you've targeted as those you think will help you attain your goals. Present the project to them in a concise way. Be clear about what you need from them. Once you know you have their support for going forward, you are ready to look for a funding source.

5. Research the funding sources that can help you reach your goals.

Begin researching the funding sources that are likely to consider your proposal. Various nonprofit organizations, corporations, and even the U.S. government itself award billions of dollars to grant requestors each year. Look in the library and on the Internet. Review publications related to your goal. Visit offices of nonprofit organizations that you think might support your grant request.

Read all of your research carefully, looking for the right match between your needs and an organization's mission and a grant's purpose. Remember that many grantors limit the amount of money they award in any one grant. Look for a match between your funding needs and the grant amounts available, and keep in mind that you can certainly submit grants to more than one funding source. Make a short list of the organizations most likely to support your grant request.

6. Acquire proposal guidelines and the deadlines for proposals.

Contact each organization on your short list and ask for proposal guidelines. If you can, make arrangements to meet with someone at the organization to discuss the grant process there. These contacts will prove invaluable as you work your way through the grant process.

Once you have the applications, read them carefully for submission requirements, contact people, decision dates, and most importantly, submission deadlines. Other types of information provided on these documents include proposal format requirements and review timetables.

7. Create a calendar on which you write all deadlines for writing, submitting and following up on the proposal.

Stay organized throughout the grant writing process. Be aware of all of your submission deadlines, and keep track of dates by which you want to follow up with funding sources.

Now that you have defined your grant goals and done your homework, you are ready to write the actual proposal.

Writing the Proposal

An effective proposal usually includes four things:

- the main body of the proposal
- the budget
- support material
- an authorized signature

Before writing any proposal, however, read the guidelines for anything you're required to include in the proposal. Also, look for any formatting requirements. Then make an outline of the points you want to highlight. Rely heavily on your list of goals and outcomes when making your outline.

The Main Body of the Proposal

Here are the items you need to include in the main body of your proposal:

1. A statement of the problem/issue you are addressing
2. Your mission statement outlining your goals and your targeted outcomes
3. The method(s) you will use to reach those outcomes
4. The materials and resources, including personnel you need
5. Your credentials/background and that of key personnel
6. A timeline for completion, showing checkpoints for completing of expected outcomes

When developing the body of the proposal, always keep in mind your target audience. How does your project and your goals directly relate to the mission and goals of the funding organization? How do your targeted goals fit in with the organization's purpose? This is key to the success of the grant proposal and cannot be overstated.

The Budget

Funders know that submitted budgets are merely cost projections, but they certainly look to see if those projections are realistic. Do your homework. Make sure the numbers you submit reflect real data and are not based on guesses. Include as much detail as you can to back up your figures. For example, if you want to purchase books for a proposed curriculum project, contact the publisher and get the per-book price, along with any discounts you might expect to receive.

While you need to be certain you've included all related costs, also make sure you are not overstating your need. Funding organizations will be judging your figures against what they know to be realistic and manageable.

Last, check and double-check your figures. Don't submit a proposal with math errors.

Support Materials

An appendix of support materials will add weight and credibility to your proposal. This is the place to show any backing letters, resumes of key personnel, and exhibits related to proposed purchases of materials.

Before fashioning the appendix, however, heed these cautions:

1. Read your proposal guidelines before including any appendix materials. The funding organization may have limits on what you include or it may have requirements on "must-have" materials.
2. Be careful of the length of your appendix. Make sure the materials are pertinent. If the people reading the proposal have to sift through *too much* support, they may miss the most important pieces.

Signatures

Funding agencies usually require at least one authorized signature on a proposal. This signature might be that of a school board member or an administrator. Find out who needs to sign the proposal well in advance of the deadline. Arrange in advance to have the proposal signed in time to submit it.

Following Up

After sending off your proposal, contact the organization to find out its status. Be sure to ask for any feedback that may be available. This will help you when tackling future grant proposals.

Misc. Projects:

Non-Construction Projects

- Develop a scope of work for the proposed.
- Develop a cost estimate
- Secure the local match such as through a resolution adopted by the city council
- Complete pre-application or application

Construction Projects

- Some projects such as a telecommunications project or business incubator project may require a Feasibility Study
- Have project engineer develop a good cost estimate and scope of the proposed project
- Secure the local match through a resolution adopted by the city council or nonprofit governing board.
- Complete the pre-application or full grant application

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(SORTED BY SUBJECT AREA OF INTEREST)**

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Alabama Arts Council

The Alabama State Council on the Arts was created by Executive Order No. 29, on April 8, 1966 by Governor George C. Wallace, stating that "The practice and enjoyment of the arts are of increasing importance to the personal welfare of the people as a vital aspect of our cultural heritage and as valued means of expanding the scope of our educational programs." The Act of 1967 placed the State of Alabama in the official position of recognizing, encouraging, and supporting the growth and development of the arts in Alabama. The Council continues to stimulate growth of the arts and its impact in Alabama by working with a wide range of arts organizations, individual artists, educational institutions, and communities. In directing this effort, the Council has established goals which reflect current philosophy and priorities. These goals were defined through the agency's five year plan, A State Blueprint for Supporting the Arts.

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Alabama Business Incubation Network

Business Incubators are facilities that provide small, entrepreneurial businesses with affordable space and shared support that includes business development services including financing, marketing and management. The Alabama Business Incubation Network is an organization of business incubation facilities in the State of Alabama established for the purpose of sharing collective knowledge and expertise among existing area developing business incubation facilities, thereby enhancing and improving the quality of the business incubation programs in the State of Alabama.

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Website: www.bessemeral.org/BBIS.html
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Website: www.bevillst.cc.al.us/
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Web: <http://www.montgomeryincubator.org/>

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Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries provides timely, fair and expert regulatory control over product, business entities, movement, and application of goods and services for which applicable state and federal law exists and strives to protect and provide service to Alabama consumers. Department personnel actively works to initiate and support economic development activities and promote domestic and international consumption of Alabama products. The Marketing and Economics Division assists any agribusiness firm, business entity, organization or individual to become increasingly involved in export trade. The department seeks to get more companies involved in exporting, increasing agribusiness exports to Alabama and expand the presence of agricultural products in foreign markets.

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Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)

ADECA administer programs that provide resources assist children, senior citizens, the poor and persons with disabilities. ADECA works closely with non-profit groups and local governments to ensure that every available dollar gets to those who need it most. ADECA provides the following Community Development Block Grant Programs:

Community Development Block Grant Program
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
P.O. Box 5690 ▪ Montgomery, AL 36103-5690
(334) 242-0492 (phone) ▪ Fax (334) 353-3527
E-mail: CDBG@adeca.state.al.us
Website: www.adeca.state.al.us

- **Alabama Small Cities CDBG:** Non-entitlement county and municipal governments may request grant assistance for a variety of public works facilities such as utility systems, streets, drainage, senior centers, fire protection facilities and equipment that benefit low and moderate income residents. Activities must meet one of the three national objectives of benefiting low and moderate income families; aiding in the prevention of slums or blight; or

meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency when conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community. Jefferson County is an entitlement county and does not qualify for Small Cities CDBG assistance administered through the ADECA.

Contact: James A. Littleton – (334) 242-5100 ▪ email: jamesl@adeca.state.al.us

- **Community Enhancement Fund:** The purpose of the Community Enhancement fund is to address activities that enhance the quality of life in a manner beyond providing for the most basic and essential needs as has been generally done through competitive funds. Examples of such activities are senior centers, recreational activities, neighborhood centers, community center and fire protection activities.
- **Community Planning and Technical Assistance:** Funds are available to provide planning grants relative to selected areas and areas with concentrations of low and moderate income residents. This funding assists in community development, creation of jobs and improves the quality of life for residents in those areas. Technical assistance is also provided to towns and cities relative to planning and development.
Contact: Bonnie F. Durham – (256) 845-3472 ▪ email: bdurham@wavemasters.com
- **Economic Development Fund:** This fund is available to all eligible communities for projects supporting the creation or retention of jobs. Generally, applicants for ED loans, ED Float Loans, Section 108 Loans, and ED grants should have a commitment from the business to create or retain 15 or more jobs. The business should fall within the SIC codes 20-39 or provide a significant economic benefit. Projects must not include intrastate relocation. The program is available on a continuous funding cycle.
Contact: Jack Wright, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
(205) 251-8139 ▪ email jwright@rpcgb.org
1731 1st Avenue North, Suite 200, Birmingham, AL 35203
- **Land Water Conservation Fund:** This federal funding source was established to provide “close to home” park and recreation opportunities to residents throughout the United States. LWCF grants can be use by communities to build a variety of park and recreation facilities, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Communities must match LWCF grants with 50 percent of the local project costs through in-kind services or cash.
Contact: John Strickland – (334) 242-5483 ▪ email: JonS@adeca.state.al.us

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)

ADEM administers all major federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts and federal solid and hazardous waste laws. ADEM assumed these responsibilities only after demonstration that state laws and regulations are at least equivalent to federal standards and that the state has matching funds and personnel available to administer the programs. The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF): Low interest loan targeted for low-income communities to assist in financing the cost of infrastructure needed to achieve/maintain compliance with State Requirements and to protect public health.

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Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Employment Services

The basic function of the Alabama State employment Service is the matching and referral of qualified job seekers with employer's job openings. The employment service provides assistance in job referral, employability development activities, and job development as well as occupational and training information. Employers pay for this service through federal unemployment taxes. There is never a fee for employers or applicants. The employment service has proved itself for more than 60 years to be an efficient, cost-effective system for putting people and jobs together. On any one day, the employment service has access to thousands of job seekers locally, statewide, and across the nation. Please contact your nearest [local office](#) for more information.

Website: <http://dir.alabama.gov/about/>

Alabama Department of Revenue Office of Economic Development

The Department of Revenue's Office of Economic Development serves in a dual capacity – as an administrative office, the OED coordinates all revenue-related tax incentive programs administered by the ADOR. It also serves as a support office to other state and local agencies and entities involved in economic development and industrial recruitment throughout the state.

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Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

The Alabama Department of Transportation works to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for all users, especially the taxpayers of Alabama. Its mission is to also facilitate economic and social development and prosperity through the efficient movement of people and goods and to facilitate intermodal connections within Alabama. ALDOT must also demand excellence in transportation and to be involved in promoting adequate funding to promote and maintain Alabama's transportation infrastructure.

For technical support as it relates to capital improvement districts, safety projects, impact fees, Community Development Block Grants and other funding techniques beyond granting, contact, Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham – (205) 251.8139
1731 1st Avenue North, Suite 200 ▪ Birmingham, AL 35203;
Email: bfoisy@rpcgb.org.

- **The Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation:** This entity has the authority to issue bonds to assure that availability of funds for the construction, as needed, of industrial access roads and bridges in Alabama. Duties of the corporation include issuance and sale of bonds pursuant to the purposes of a corporation, construction of access roads and bridges, acquisition of necessary property for bridge and highway construction, borrowing money and acquisition for personal property as needed and execution of contracts with other agencies or instrumentality's of government.
Contact: Frank Corson, AL Department of Transportation – (334) 242-6203
1409 Collisuem Boulevard ▪ Montgomery, AL 36110
- **Clean City / Alternative Fuels Program:** Central Alabama Clean Cities serves as the principal coordinating point for clean, alternative fuel vehicle activities in the North Central Alabama area. The program thrives on strong local initiatives and a flexible approach to building a market, providing participants with options to address problems unique to their cities. Central Alabama Clean Cities serves as the principal coordinating point for clean, alternative fuel vehicle activities in North Central Alabama. Contact Central Alabama Clean Cities for assistance with any issue/project related to clean fuels. CACC can place a national network of resources and experienced Clean Cities coalitions at your fingertips; offer a multitude of services including explaining what an AFV is, making a presentation to your boss or organization, showing financial

comparisons for cost-savings, finding a critical project partner or that last piece of funding to make a project a reality.

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- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):** The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Report shows all transportation improvement projects that are scheduled for the State of Alabama. To view the STIP report by "by county" or "by division" or in its entirety, visit www.dot.state.al.us/transplanning/stip/
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- **Transportation Enhancements (TE):** The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) administers the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program in accordance with all established federal laws and regulations, acquisition of rights-of-way, labor and design standards and financial accounting. Potential projects must have a relationship to the surface transportation system, qualify as one of the twelve eligible activities as defined in the TEA-21 transportation legislation and have a public, political or governmental sponsor. Each year prospective sponsors submit applications to ALDOT for consideration. Applications are reviewed for eligibility, rated on their merits and recommended to the Director of Transportation for selection.

ALDOT assigns the oversight and administration of the TE Program to the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Modal Programs located in the Central Office Complex in Montgomery. The Special Programs Section provides this oversight and administration and includes sponsor application review and selection, obtaining environmental concurrences from US Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife and Alabama Historical Commission and preparing agreements with the sponsors of the projects. ALDOT's Division Offices have the responsibility for oversight of the TE projects that are approved for implementation.

12 TE Activities

1. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities; 2. Pedestrian and bicycle safety and educational activities; 3. Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites; 4. Scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers; 5. Landscaping and scenic beautification; 6. Historic preservation; 7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; 8. Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; 9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising; 10. Archaeological planning & research; 11. Environmental mitigation of runoff pollution and provision of wildlife connectivity; and 12. Establishment of transportation museums

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Transportation Planning and Modal Programs

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Alabama Development Office (ADO)

ADO's International Trade department provides marketing assistance to benefit as many Alabama firms as possible. Trade helps companies establish working relationships with export and other professionals, building knowledge that results in lucrative international business. The department accomplishes this mission through several specific activities designed to complement the existing trade promotion programs of other state and federal agencies. These activities include special programs and trade events including

trade missions, trade shows, and catalog missions. Foreign buyers are encouraged to include Alabama in their U.S.A. itineraries, and the state's exporters and importers receive mass mailings and special publications such as the Alabama International Trade Directory. The department co-sponsors and supports a variety of export development activities for other Alabama organizations.

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Alabama Export Council

The Alabama Export Council consists of leaders in Alabama commerce, industry, academia and local governments who have an immediate interest in or are actively engaged in the international trade. The council has been engaged in promotion of US export trade since its inception in 1963, seeking to create an awareness of the benefits of export trade to industry and thereby stimulate and encourage the development or expansion of export markets.

- George T. Norton, Jr., Executive Secretary – (205) 731 – 1331
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Alabama Historical Commission

The mission is to foster an awareness of the value of historic structures, sites and objects that reflect the heritage of all Alabamians. The Alabama Historical Commission awards grants for preservation projects to inventory and record prehistoric and historic places, to encourage their preservation or promote awareness of them, to develop plans to protect them, and to provide funds for restoration or excavation. The commission also awards grants through its Certified Local Government Grant Program. There are two defining criteria for these grants: they go only to local governments that have been certified by the Alabama Historical Commission as having passed an ordinance that allows them to establish historic districts, and they are not awarded for "bricks and mortar" projects. The grants are awarded to have survey work done, for planning, and for education.

- **Survey and Planning Grant Program**
Ellen Mertins, Director of Policy and Planning – (334) 242-3184
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- **Alabama Main Street Program:** For communities having population of 3,000 – 50,000 where the central business district is classified as a historical district, or is eligible to be a historical district. Commercial rehabilitation efforts are centered around providing tax credits for downtown area merchants and obtaining architectural assistance.
Elizabeth Ann Brown – (334) 242-3184
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- **Alabama Historic Preservation Tax Credit:** Currently, federal law provides a 20% federal income tax credit for income-producing, rehabilitated buildings. This federal credit is available for buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as contributing to a district. All rehabilitation work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Alabama Historic Preservation Tax Credit creates a similar statewide program available to both income-producing and residential properties. This incentive would reverse disinvestment and blight in historic neighborhoods through home ownership. The AHPTC is attractive to current home owners as well as families on the cusp of home ownership. Rehabilitation activity provides jobs, bolsters the tax base, and utilizes existing infrastructure therefore mitigating "sprawl" and saving taxpayers' dollars.
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Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF)

The Alabama Humanities Foundation is the state affiliate of the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), and strives to create and foster opportunities through grants and AHF-conducted programs, for scholars and the public to interact and explore human values and meanings through the humanities. The AHF offers the people of Alabama opportunities to explore the humanities through public programs such as seminars, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, documentary videos, and films. Founded in 1974 as a vehicle for awarding grants to grassroots organizations in Alabama, the AHF now also conducts its own programs benefiting teachers, schoolchildren, families, and the general public.

- Robert Stewart, Executive Director - (205) 558-3990 ▪ Fax (205) 558-3981
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Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute (AIDT)

The Alabama Industrial Development Training Program is designed specifically for new and expanding businesses in Alabama. The purpose of AIDT is to train new hires to meet job requirements resulting from new industry locations or existing industry expansions.

- Ed Castille, Director – (334) 242-4158 x411 · fax (334) 242-0299
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Alabama International Trade Center (AITC)

The Alabama International Trade Center, on the campus of the University of Alabama, is one of the nation's first university-based trade centers established to promote export trade for small business. AITC provides its clients a wide variety of services including international market research, strategic planning and export training. Other services are targeted for specific Alabama industrial sectors and foreign countries.

- Brian K. Davis, Director – (205) 348-7621 / fax: (205) 348-6974
Alabama International Trade Center ▪ Box 870396 ▪ Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0396
Web: www.aitc.ua.edu/

Alabama Power Company, Speculative Building Program

Loan assistance provided to construct speculative industrial buildings. Repayment of the loan may be deferred for up to 36 months.

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Alabama Small Business Development Consortium

The Alabama Small Business Development Consortium provides managerial and technical consulting assistance and training at no cost to current and potential small business persons statewide. This service is offered through ten Small Business Development Centers, the Alabama International Trade Center and the Alabama Small Business Procurement System. These centers are a resource where information, counseling and assistance are coordinated and disseminated to persons who plan to start a small business or are presently operating a small business. The centers also provide the entrepreneur with education and training opportunities, which cover a wide range of business topics.

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Alabama Technology Network Center

The mission of the Alabama Technology Network is to increase the competitiveness of companies, strengthen the industrial base and improve the education, training, technological assistance provided. Activities include technology identification and development, business and technical assistance and technology transfer.

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- Gadsden: Gadsden State Community College
Gregg Bennett, Director · 401 Korner Street · Gadsden , AL 35903
Phone: 256-549-8160 · Fax: 256-547-5790
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Alacom

Alacom Finance aids small-to-medium sized businesses in packaging and structuring finance or fixed asset needs and is certified by the Small Business Administration to package, process, close and service loans.

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Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

The ARC Area Development Program is focused on the following topics:

- promoting a diversified regional economy through strategies that help communities create and retain businesses and jobs;
- helping communities develop an educated, skilled workforce and create access to affordable, quality health care; and
- supporting the development and improvement of infrastructure, including water and sewer services; and the development and use of Internet access.

Each fiscal year the State of Alabama receives an allocation of ARC grant funds that is made available to local governments and non-profits in accord with an annual ARC Funding Strategy developed by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. ARC grant assistance is provided for construction projects, such as water and sanitary sewage collection services, and for a variety of non-construction activities. Within this six county region, only Shelby County does not qualify to receive ARC grant assistance.

- **ARC Construction Grants:** ADECA gives a high priority to those ARC construction projects that provide basic infrastructure services such as water, sanitary sewage, access roads and rail spurs that result in the creation or retention of jobs. All ARC construction grants must be based upon a commitment letter provided by benefiting businesses which verify that the proposed improvements will result in the creation or retention of jobs. ARC construction grants are supplemental grants and must be matched with basic grant assistance provided by other federal agencies such as EDA, CDBG and USDA. ARC construction grant assistance requires a 50% local match.
- **ARC Non-construction Programs:** ARC non-construction grant assistance requires a 50% match and may be used for the following activities.
- **Asset-Based Development Initiative:** Appalachia's natural, cultural, structural, and leadership resources can play an important role in building a strong and sustainable economy in the Region. This initiative seeks to help communities identify and leverage local assets to create jobs and build prosperity while preserving the character of their community.
- **Technical Assistance:** Grant funds are available to local governments and non-profits to assist with local and regional planning and economic development-related studies that are needed to enhance economic development capabilities.
- **Intermodal Transportation -** ARC funds are used to help improve and coordinate the Region's comprehensive intermodal transportation network, including aviation, local transit, railways, and inland waterways, so that it can actively support the businesses, communities, and people of Appalachia.
- **New Market Tax Credits -** The New Markets Tax Credit Program authorizes the U.S. Department of the Treasury to provide tax credits of 39 percent on up to \$15 billion of private investment in low-income areas. The program is designed to boost local business development and job growth through the financing of industrial parks, spec buildings, retail development, business loans, and equity investments.

Approximately 35 percent of the Appalachian Region is eligible to use these credits, including more than 45 percent of West Virginia and 45 percent of the Appalachian areas of Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, and Ohio. [A complete listing of eligible census tracts in Appalachia is available from ARC.]

- **ARC in Alabama** – ADECA will conduct a workshop, probably in July, to review ARC assistance that will be available during the upcoming FY -2006 funding cycle. ARC Preapplications are expected to be submitted in August. ADECA will make a determination relative to which projects to fund and will notify these applications to submit full ARC grant applications, probably in September or October. ARC usually issues grant award notices to funded applicants during May or June of the following year. **Contact:** Jack Wright - (205) 251-8139 ▪ email - jwright@rpegb.org
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Birmingham Area Private Industry Council

The Birmingham Private Area Industry Council (PIC) works in concert with local government officials to create an efficient system of job training and employment opportunities for the economically disadvantaged residents of Jefferson County. Funding is provided under the Job Training and Partnership Act (JCTPA). PIC supports program efforts that maximize employment opportunities, needs of individuals, while also meeting the workforce needs of local employers.

- Bob Craig – (205) 323-7146
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Birmingham Business Resource Center

The Birmingham Business Resource Center provides access to capital for a wide range of business financing needs. Programs include the Small Business Administration's 504 loan program for fixed asset financing needs, a SBA 7(a) loan guarantee program; an Economic Development Administration funded Revolving Loan Fund for operating capital as well as fixed asset need and a micro-lending program.

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Birmingham City-Wide Local Development Company

The Birmingham Citywide Local Development Company, a subsidiary of the Birmingham Business Resource Center, is a non-profit corporation partnering with the Small Business Administration and private sector lenders to provide growing businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

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Birmingham Metropolitan Development Board (MDB)

The Metropolitan Development Board (MDB) is the official business recruitment organization of the Birmingham – Hoover Metropolitan Area. MDB officials work closely with site location consultants, corporate real estate executives and investors to showcase Birmingham – Hoover's location attributes for new business development. The Birmingham Regional Chamber of

Commerce joins MDB in the business recruitment effort by providing economic marketing information and demographics to facilitate new business development. Visit us on the web at...

- Theodore J. von Cannon, President – (205) 328-3047 · Fax: 205-942-7319
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Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce is the primary source of economic, business and demographic information for the Birmingham – Hoover Metropolitan Area. The Chamber's research division can provide economic and demographic trends consultation and statistical information for the entire Birmingham – Hoover Metropolitan region.

- Ed Fields, Vice President of Business Services – (205) 241-8109 ▪ Fax (205) 324-2314
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Edward Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program

This program is designed to assist state and local unites of government in carrying out specific programs which offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the Criminal Justice System. Grant may provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance and information systems for the more widespread apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention and rehabilitation of persons who violate such laws similar to offenses established in the Controlled Substances Act.

- Jim Quinn – (334) 242-5811 ▪ Fax (334) 242-0712
ADECA Law Enforcement Planning ▪ 401 Adams Avenue · Montgomery, AL 36104
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Cahaba River Society

The primary purpose is to consult and educate to preserve environment and promote river friendly development for the Cahaba River Water Shed of Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties. Projects include storm water management, long term impact studies of pollution effects, research on buffer zones, assistance in trail development in natural areas, outdoor educational classrooms and the use of spray irrigation with treated waste water in the development of outdoor recreational activities.

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Capital Solutions, LLC

Capital Solutions is a non-bank finance service company specializing in Small Business Administration and conventional loan services.

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Center for Business and Economic Research

The Center for Business and Economic Research is housed on the campus of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. It maintains a database of economic and business indicators including employment, trade and prices. The center also maintains extensive demographic data.

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CIT Small Business Lending

CIT is a full-service finance and equipment leasing company that works to capitalize the endeavors of business. Clients range from homeowners to small businesses to many of the world's largest and most respected multinational corporations. In fact, CIT is currently doing business with more than 80% of the Fortune 1000. Our near-century of growth and broad market leadership has been fueled by a balanced credit and risk management culture, product and portfolio diversification and specialization, an experienced corporate management team, and an unyielding focus on meeting our clients needs.

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City of Birmingham Community Development Department Community Enterprise Division

This division supports international business in Birmingham by providing information and referral services to companies interested in exporting and importing; serving as the grantee of FTZ No. 98 and providing interested companies with information on the benefits of the FTZ program; working to cultivate economic development opportunities for Birmingham residents and businesses. Visit us on the web at...

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Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, established in 1959, has grown from modest beginnings to assets of more than \$125 million at year-end 2004. Its grantmaking includes millions of dollars each year to nonprofit organizations, primarily in the greater Birmingham area, including Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount and Walker counties. The amounts of those gifts vary as much as their purposes. But the goal is the same for the donors and for The Community Foundation -- to make a positive impact on the community and the causes that it cares about. Its mission is building community -- a community of donors as well as the community around us that we all serve. The Community Foundation offers the following: Community knowledge; Superior tax benefits; Variety of gift vehicles; Shared interests; Integrity; Permanence; Protection of privacy; Perpetual endowment; Secure grantmaking; Easy set-up and administration.

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Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham

The mission of the Cultural Alliance is simple -to fund, support, nurture and promote arts and cultural organizations and working artists in central Alabama. The Cultural Alliance believes that arts and culture enhances our lives and our communities and plays the following roles in accomplishing its mission: advocate for the cultural sector, raise funds to disperse to worthy organizations and individuals, involve citizens in the re-granting of public funds to the arts, oversee the implementation of the [Cultural Master Plan](#) of Greater Birmingham, act as a clearinghouse for arts education programming in the region, act as a spokesperson on behalf of the cultural sector, conduct research on the sector to help inform public policy on the arts, and act as a convener and facilitator-bringing diverse voices throughout the sector together to address opportunities, problems and issues.

- Kathy Yarbrough, Executive Director – (205) 458-1393 ▪ Fax (205) 458-1396
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Economic Development Administration (EDA)

EDA, is housed within the U.S. Department of Commerce and is similar to ARC in that its mission is oriented toward improving local and national economic conditions. At this point EDA funding for 2006 is somewhat uncertain. However, it appears that some Public Works construction grant funding and some of the agency's Local Technical Assistance and its other non-construction programs will have some funds during the coming fiscal year. EDA programs available to local governments and businesses are listed below.

- **Public Works:** The Public Works Program, through the use of construction grant funds, empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment. EDA construction grants are normally awarded to very high profile water, sewer and industrial access road projects that contain large private sector investments that result in the creation of a large number of private sector jobs. EDA usually elects to fund the construction of large industrial and business parks.
- **Economic Adjustment:** The Economic Adjustment Program assists state and local interests to design and implement strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base.
- **Local Technical Assistance:** The Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.
- **Partnership Planning:** EDA's Partnership Planning programs help support local organizations (Economic Development Districts, Indian Tribes, and other eligible areas) with their long-term planning efforts and their outreach to the economic development community on EDA's programs and policies.
- **University Center:** The University Center Program is a partnership of federal government and academia that makes the varied and vast resources of universities available to the economic development community.

- **Trade Adjustment Assistance:** EDA uses a national network of twelve Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers to help manufacturers and producers affected by increased imports prepare and implement strategies to guide their economic recovery.
- **FY-2006 EDA Preapplications:** EDA is presently carrying-over an EDA Preapplication submitted by an RPC member government for funding in 2006. Due very limited construction grant funding anticipated in 2006, potential applicants should immediately contact for RPC for assistance.
 - Jack Wright, Director Community Development – (205)251-8139
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Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA)

EDPA is a source of economic information, community profiles and a database of available buildings and sites in Alabama.

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The US Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for protecting and upgrading environmental conditions. Feel free to contact us for the following services: Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot Grants, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act / Brownsfield Prevention Initiative, Brownfield Showcase Communities, and Targeted Brownfield Assessments.

- Mickey Hartnett – (404) 562-8661 ▪ Fax (404) 562-8628
Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street ▪ Atlanta, GA 30303
Web: www.epa.gov

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grant

Family Violence Grants can be used to assist states in establishing, maintaining and expanding programs and projects to prevent family violence. Activities to assist states in their efforts to prevent family violence and provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence are eligible.

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Greater Birmingham Conventions and Visitors Bureau

The convention and visitors bureau promotes meetings, tourism and publishes economic development data for the hospitality industry such as the total number visitors, spending patterns, hotel inventory and occupancy and the economic impact of conventions and local events.

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Habitat for Humanity

The primary purpose of Habitat for Humanity is to build affordable homes for low-income families in the Birmingham metropolitan area through the contribution of labor and materials.

- Charles T. Moore, President & CEO – (205) 780-1234 x 320
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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The intent of the Hazard Mitigation Program is to reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss or suffering as a result of major disasters by providing substantial financial support to implement cost-effective post-disaster state and local hazard mitigation measures.

- Debbie Peery – (205) 280-2476 ▪ Fax (205) 280-2493
State of Alabama Emergency Management Association
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HOME Investment Partnerships Program

HOME is a federally funded housing program with funds primarily allocated toward the production of rental housing for low-income households and for other uses deemed necessary by the Alabama Housing and Finance Authority. Eligible activities include moderate or substantial rehabilitation of existing units; acquisition and rehabilitation of existing units; and new construction.

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Homeland Security (US Department of)

The Department of Homeland Security offers the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program which sets out to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) is to reach high-risk target groups in order to mitigate the high incidences of death and injuries. Additionally for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Congress amended the authorization to include funding for Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

- Fire departments that have questions regarding the AFG program can reach the Department of Homeland Security/Office for Domestic Preparedness AFG Program staff at:
1-866-274-0960 (Help Desk)
Email: firegrants@dhs.gov
Web: www.firegrantsupport.com

Housing Enterprise of Central Alabama (HECA)

The [Housing Enterprise of Central Alabama](#) (HECA) is a "community spirited" lender formed to stimulate the development of moderately priced housing in a [12-county area](#) surrounding Birmingham.

HECA and its non-profit affiliate, the [Housing Fund of Central Alabama](#) (the Fund), provide loans to qualified private and non-profit developers to substantially increase the supply of safe, decent, single family for-sale and rental housing for low- and moderate-income families. Jointly, HECA and the Fund provide gap financing and/or more aggressive construction and acquisition loans or investments to qualified projects. Loans can be structured to provide up to 100% project financing with limited recourse.

In addition, the Fund provides grants to non-profits for core operating support on a limited basis, technical assistance and programs related to capacity building in the affordable housing development community. HECA and the Fund are catalysts for neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the creation of housing opportunities in areas not typically accessible to families of moderate means.

- Michele Jenkins-Utomi, HECA Chief Executive Officer – (205) 323-9888 ▪ Fax (205)-323-9215
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HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD embraces high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships--particularly with faith-based and community organizations--that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level.

- **Birmingham Field Office**
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Affordable Housing

The expansion of the supply of affordable housing for low-income families is at the very core of HUD's mission. The [Office of Community Planning and Development](#), the [Office of Housing](#), and the [Office of Public and Indian Housing](#) all administer programs designed to increase the stock of housing affordable to low-income households. CPD's Office of Affordable Housing Programs (OAHP) administers three separate programs designed to address the nationwide shortage in affordable housing. The HOME Investment Partnerships, Self-Help Homeownership (SHOP), and Homeownership Zone programs bring federal resources directly to the state and local level for use in the development of affordable housing units, or to assist income-eligible households in purchasing, rehabilitating, or renting safe and decent housing.

- **[The HOME Program](#)**: helps to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low- and very low-income families by providing grants to States and local governments called participating jurisdictions or "PJs". PJs use their HOME grants to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities. PJs have a great deal of flexibility in designing their local HOME programs within the guidelines established by the HOME program statute and [final rule](#). PJs may use their HOME funds to help renters, new homebuyers, or existing homeowners. Since 1990 when the HOME Program was signed into law as [Title](#)

[II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act \(the HOME Investment Partnerships Act\)](#), over 450,000 affordable housing units have been acquired, constructed or rehabilitated, and nearly 84,000 tenants have received direct rental assistance.

- **The [SHOP](#) program:** provides funds for non-profit organizations to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed to set the stage for sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income families. SHOP is authorized under [Section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996](#), as amended, and is subject to other Federal crosscutting requirements. National and regional nonprofit organizations or consortia with experience in using volunteer labor to build housing may apply.
- **The [Homeownership Zone](#) program:** allows communities to reclaim vacant and blighted properties, increase homeownership, and promote economic revitalization by creating entire neighborhoods of new, single-family homes, called Homeownership Zones. Communities that apply for HOZ funds are encouraged to use New Urbanist design principles by providing for a pedestrian-friendly environment, a mix of incomes and compatible uses, defined neighborhood boundaries and access to jobs and mass transit. There have been two competitive funding rounds, one in 1996 and one in 1997. No further funding has yet been made available for this program.

Community Development

Community Development activities include many different programs that provide assistance to a wide variety of grantees. One program, the [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities, urban counties and states to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

- **The [Community Renewal](#) initiative for **Renewal Communities/ Empowerment Zones/ Enterprise Communities (RC/EZ/EC)**:** offers an innovative approach to revitalization. CDBG [Disaster Recovery Assistance](#) provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas. The [Appalachian Regional Commission \(ARC\)](#) was established by Congress in 1965 to support economic and social development in the Appalachian Region.

Economic Development

The Office of Economic Development (OED), under the auspices of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, is guided by the basic principle that government can help to create an environment that encourages innovation, rewards risk-taking and promotes equal opportunity. OED recognizes the extraordinarily diverse range of economic and community development needs among the nation's individual communities, which may range from job retention and creation priorities, to new investments in public facilities and infrastructure and the development of affordable housing.

OED works to continually expand its outreach to communities and clients that may be unfamiliar with the financial and technical assistance that is available to help local communities realize their vision and goals for the new economy. In every region of the United States, an Economic Development Specialist works closely with state and local

governments and the private and not-for-profit sectors, providing hands-on assistance and guidance in helping to make local economic development plans a reality.

- **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI):** The Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) is a key competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development. BEDI is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination.

BEDI grant funds are primarily targeted for use with a particular emphasis upon the redevelopment of brownfields sites in economic development projects and the increase of economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons as part of the creation or retention of businesses, jobs and increases in the local tax base.

BEDI funds are used as the stimulus for local governments and private sector parties to commence redevelopment or continue phased redevelopment efforts on brownfields sites where either potential or actual environmental conditions are known and redevelopment plans exist. HUD emphasizes the use of BEDI and Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds to finance projects and activities that will provide near-term results and demonstrable economic benefits. HUD does not encourage applications whose scope is limited only to site acquisition and/or remediation (i.e., land banking), where there is no immediately planned redevelopment. BEDI funds are used to enhance the security or to improve the viability of a project financed with a new Section 108 guaranteed loan commitment.

- **Economic Development Initiative (EDI):** The Economic Development Initiative consists of one major component – the Special Purpose EDI – which are Congressionally earmarked. The entity named by Congress in the FY 2004 Conference Report is the official recipient for the EDI-Special Project grant. This entity sends in the application and HUD then awards the grant to them.

Contact: Program Office (202) 708-3773.

- **Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED):** The Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) Program provides for capacity building at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Funds made available under this program are awarded competitively on an annual basis through a selection process conducted by HUD.

Eligible Activities: Funds are available in 2 categories: Capacity Building and Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development activities. Capacity building involves the enhancement of existing organizations to carry out new functions and/or perform more effectively existing functions. The maximum award amount under this category is \$150,000. Possible activities include hiring and training staff, purchasing software and other tools, obtaining expertise from outside sources, developing an accounting system, conducting asset inventories, developing strategic plans, seeking technical assistance, improving management capability, and purchasing or leasing office space. Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development activities is intended for, but not limited to, other costs for innovative housing and economic development activities. The maximum amount awarded in this category is \$400,000. Possible activities include: preparation of plans, architectural drawings, acquisition of land and

buildings, demolition, provision of infrastructure, purchase of materials and construction costs, use of local labor markets, job training and counseling for beneficiaries and financial services such as revolving loan funds and Individual Development Accounts or IDAs. Other possible activities include: homeownership and financial counseling, application of innovative construction methods; provision of financial assistance to homeowners, businesses, and developers; and the establishment of CDFIs, lines of credit, revolving loan funds, microenterprises, and small business incubators.

- **Youthbuild:** Youthbuild shows young people how to build new homes for people in need, and new lives for themselves. Each year, youths who participate in Youthbuild receive a combination of classroom academic and job skills development and on-site training in a construction trade. With support from HUD, Youthbuild participants are able to put their newly acquired skills to good use rehabilitating and building housing for low-income and homeless people in their communities.

Youthbuild provides funding to public and private non-profit organizations, that include community-based organizations, community action agencies, state or local housing agencies, community development corporations, and any other entity including States, and units of general local government eligible to provide education and employment training. More than \$485 million in grants have been awarded since the program's inception in 1993 enabling over 47,000 young people to construct or rehabilitate more than 13,000 affordable housing units in their communities.

Jefferson County Community Development Block Grant Programs

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- **Deferred Loan Program**
Through this Jefferson County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Jefferson County can loan up to \$10,000 (or 50%) of available equity to eligible low and moderate income homeowners for necessary repairs to their property. The program is primarily designed to help those whose incomes are so low that they cannot be reasonably expected to repay the loan. Jefferson County holds a mortgage on the property, but repayment is deferred until the property changes hands.
- **Housing Demolition Program**
Through this program, Jefferson County will demolish substandard housing units and clear the site. This is done in conjunction with the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. The beneficiaries of this program are eligible low and moderate income homeowners for necessary repairs to their homes.
- **Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program**
Through this program, Jefferson County is able to loan up to \$24,000 to eligible low- and moderate-income homeowners for the necessary repairs to their homes. The typical loan term is 10 -15 years and the fixed interest rate will vary from 1% to 3% depending upon family size and total family income level. The county holds a mortgage on the property.

- **Housing Rehabilitation Joint Venture Loan Program**
Through this program, Jefferson County has developed a joint venture rehabilitation program with one or more private lenders. The beneficiaries of this program will be eligible low and moderate income homeowners for necessary repairs to their homes.
- **Lead Abatement Grant Program**
Jefferson County has funded and has implemented a Lead Abatement Grant Program to provide assistance to qualified low and moderate income homeowners who are participating in one or more of Jefferson County's Housing Rehabilitation programs. All housing must have been built on or before 1977 and have, as permanent residents, children ages 6 and under.

Jefferson State Community College

Jefferson State Community College Workforce Development and One Stop Center boasts an available pool of applicants, applicant/job matching, and applicant recruiting. The college offers 23 academic programs, a one-year certification, a two-year associate degree, a university parallel curriculum and a non-credit professional development program. Training programs are available in welding, real estate licensing and other vocations including ISO 9000 training. Financial training is provided in association with the American Institute of Banking.

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Law Enforcement Equipment Procurement Program

The program provides units of government with the ability to purchase law enforcement equipment at reduced prices through federal government procurement channels. The program was created by the National Defense Reauthorization Act of 1993 in an effort to enable local governments to counteract drug activities. A wide variety of drug-enforcement-related items are available through the program. It is an ongoing program so there are no deadlines for state or local agencies to meet. Law enforcement agencies may obtain equipment at discounts of 20 to 30 percent of the usual cost. Program assistance is obtained through the Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

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Lawson State Community College

The Lawson State One Stop Center / Workforce Development offers a broad range of technical training is provided through 26 training programs focused on healthcare, technology, business and professional services. Workforce training is provided to new and expanding industries including a mobile workshop that brings training programs to the work site.

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Local Law Enforcement Block Grants

The Bureau of Justice Assistance provides law enforcement support for hiring, training and employing additional law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel; paying overtime to presently employed law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel for the purpose of increasing the number of hours worked by such personnel; procuring equipment, technology and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

- Tammy Shelton, State Policy Advisor - (202) 305-2361
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Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program

The Low-Income housing tax credit program is the largest production and incentive program funded by the federal government for new construction and rehabilitation of low-income housing. Its special tax incentives help provide equity dollars needed to develop low-income rental housing through 10-year tax credits, which offset the taxes owners and investors in the property would pay otherwise. The Alabama Housing Finance Authority determines which projects will receive credits each year.

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Merchant Capital, LLC

Merchant Capital, LLC is a regional investment banking firm with offices in Alabama and Georgia. Services provided by Merchant Capital include: Municipal bond financing for states, counties, cities, colleges and universities and other governmental and public entities; Financial advisory services for governmental and corporate clients; Project financing for industrial, commercial, multifamily housing, healthcare and other types of business ventures; Venture capital.

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Operating Assistance for Troubled Multi-family Housing Projects Program

To provide loans to restore or maintain the physical and financial soundness, to assist in the management and to maintain the low-to-moderate-income character of certain projects assisted or approved for assistance under the National Housing Act or under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. Eligible applicants includes nonprofit organizations, profit-motivated organizations, limited dividend or cooperative owners. Public bodies do not qualify for this program.

- Herman Ranson – (205) 290-7648 ext. 4412
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Operation New Birmingham

Operation New Birmingham is a unique public-private partnership with a dual mission: To make the City Center the #1 choice for business, healthcare, living, the arts & entertainment, and to Promote communication, understanding and harmony among the diverse racial and ethnic groups in the Birmingham community. Founded in 1957, ONB is a Section 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization supported equally by a contract with the City of Birmingham and contributions from business, individuals and Jefferson County.

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Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

The Regional Planning Commission assembles detailed transportation planning data, population data and area studies to facilitate community and economic development projects in the six county region. .

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Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

The Service Corps of Retired Executives is an organization that provides counseling to businesses by individuals who have experience in a particular field but are not retired.

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Shelby County Park Program

Funding through the Shelby County Park and Recreation Grant Program is designed to parallel recreation facility development activities in Shelby County. This general category of funding for parks and recreation facilities is designed to increase the user capacity of non-County owned existing facilities, to acquire property to increase the physical size of existing facilities, and/or provide for the capital development of facilities in public areas unserved by present facilities.

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Small Business Administration

Many area banks are available to process SBA 7(a) loan guarantees. Through the SBA Guaranty Loan Program, the participating bank is provided a guaranty of up to 80% of a small business loan less than or equal to \$100,000 and 75% for loans over \$100,000. This guaranty reduces the bank's risk and enables financing for a business that could not be financed without the guaranty. Visit us on the web at www.sba.gov or www.rpcgb.org.

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Southern Development Council

Administers SBA section 504 loan funds for eligible business; small for profit businesses with fewer than 500 employees, net worth less than \$6 million, net after tax less than \$2 million, must create jobs.

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State Industrial Development Authority

Counties, municipalities, local industrial development board/authorities, economic development councils/authorities, airport authorities, port authorities, public corporations or certain state agencies/departments may apply for State of Alabama Industrial Development grants for the preparation of a project site. Grant funds may be utilized for (1) preparation of a means of access to the site; (2) provision for adequate drainage of the site to prevent the accumulation of excess national waters thereon; (3) boundary and topographical surveying, clearing, grubbing and excavating; (4) the reasonable rehabilitation of buildings and other structures and (5) other work relative to site preparation deemed necessary or appropriate. The amount of funds provided through the grant will be a percentage of the capital costs involved in the qualifying project.

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University of Alabama at Birmingham, Center for Urban Affairs

The UAB Center for Urban Affairs conducts a variety of public policy research, planning and technical assistance services for foundations, federal, state and local governments that result in improved living conditions in the Birmingham metropolitan area. The center provides expertise in community development, demographic analysis, economic development policy analysis, environmental issues, geographic information systems, governmental policies, procedures and administrative structures, housing, survey design and transportation.

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US Department of Commerce International Trade Association

The Commercial Service of the US Department of Commerce in Birmingham is part of a worldwide service delivery network with offices in more than 70 cities in the United States and in 69 countries overseas. The mission of the Commercial Service is to support US commercial interests in the United States and help small to medium size companies increase sales and market share around the world.

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USDA Rural Development

The USDA Rural Development office offers the following programs:

- Business and Industry guaranteed loan program, Intermediary Re-lending Program, Rural Economic Enterprise Grants, Technical Assistance and Training Grants, Water and Waste Water Disposal and Guaranteed Loans and Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants Program.
 - Dan Anderson, St. Clair County – (205) 831-0662
 - Kennedy Howard, Blount, Walker, Jefferson, Shelby and Chilton Counties – (205) 758-2864
 - Theresa St. John, Blount, Walker, Jefferson, Shelby and Chilton Counties – (205) 758-2864

- Chris Harmon, Rural Economic Development Zero Interest Loans and Rural Economic Development Grants - (334) 279-3615
- Cathy Horn, Rural Water Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Program - (334) 284-1489
- Jo Nall, Rural Broadband Telecommunications Loan - (615) 591-7654

Violence Against Women Act Program

Grant funds may be used to develop and enhance victim services' programs; train law enforcement officers, expand the number of personnel in law enforcement and prosecution agencies to target violent crimes against women; develop more effective policies, protocols, orders and services to prevent violent crimes against women; and apply advance technology to improve communication and data collection systems for purposes of identifying and tracking arrest, protection orders and prosecutions.

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Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Grant Program

The purpose is to provide funds to (1) build or expand correctional facilities to increase bed capacity, (2) build or expand temporary or permanent correctional facilities, including facilities on military bases, prison barges and boot camps, for the confinement of convicted nonviolent offenders and criminal aliens and (3) build or expand jails.

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Walker Area Community Foundation

The Walker Area Community Foundation funds public service projects from throughout Walker County.

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The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham

The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham is a component fund of The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, dedicated to improving the status and quality of life for women and girls in the Greater Birmingham area through purposeful philanthropy and the establishment of a permanent endowment. The fund is committed to: supporting critical programs for women and girls through community initiated and board initiated grants and providing a vehicle for women to assume greater roles as philanthropists.

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