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Public Grant Writing Workshop to Focus on Long-Term Community Recovery

MONTGOMERY – Two public grant writing workshops are being offered to Alabama residents, specifically those affected by the April 27 tornadoes. The workshops are being presented by the offices of Gov. Robert Bentley, Sen. Jeff Sessions and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

On Sept. 19, Jessica Dent of ADECA will present “A Primer on Grant Writing” to give basic information about grants and various aspects of the application process. It will introduce community-planning tools to assist in writing for highly-competitive grants that can help fund community development, economic development, educational improvement and more.

More in-depth information will be provided at a “Grant Writing Workshop” to be held on Sept. 20. This event will serve as a follow-up to the previous day’s workshop or act as a refresher course for those who may already be familiar with the grant process. It is being presented by Allison Newton, coordinator of proposal development for Jacksonville State University’s Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, and Michelle Tims of Sen. Sessions’ office.

Both workshops will be held at the Phil Campbell campus of Northwest Shoals Community College in the Lou B. Beville Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is no charge to attend. RSVP to Kristin Kizziah by calling (571) 439-1560 or emailing kristin.kizziah@dhs.gov.

“Each year our office hosts workshops throughout the state to guide constituents on how they can apply for competitive grants. Unlike earmarks, federal grants, which are included in the annual federal budget, are awarded through a competitive process to select the most meritorious recipient of funds from a national pool of applicants,” said Sessions. “It is important to me for those areas affected by the tornadoes are equipped to know how to receive the grant funding available to help them continue the rebuilding process.”

Many Alabama residents affected by the April storms are forming committees to develop and implement long-term recovery plans. These plans often contain projects for redevelopment or mitigation that require funding. The workshops are designed to help these residents to successfully apply for grants that can be competitive and difficult to attain.