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"When you understand your obligations to the Creator, then you can understand your obligations to society." - H. Rap Brown

### TVW Begins Its Eighth Year

The Valley Weekly is entering its eighth year as a "positive, inspirational and educational" force in the Tennessee Valley.

The newspaper began as a concept in 2014 by Dr. Dorothy W. Huston, former educational administrator and current entrepreneur. Huston brought on Jerome Saintjones as Senior Editorial Consultant, along with a team of writers, and the result has been one of the most impactful now-online publications in North Alabama.

The first issue was launched on Friday, September 5, 2014. It featured



Julius Rosenwald and the popular Rosenwald Schools and the connection with noted educator and administrator Booker T. Washington.

That was some 364 weekly and consecutive issues ago, and continued growth lies ahead, says Huston.

### McIntosh Family Name Added to A&M Building

An 80-year-old structure on the Alabama A&M University campus received a renaming during a ceremony on Thursday, September 2.

The building named in honor of long-time AAMU administrator, educator and advocate George O. McCalep, Sr., and often referred to by the moniker "McCalep Building," now includes the names of a new generation of campus loyalists. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in front of the hillside structure now named George O. McCalep, Sr. & Ronald and Patricia McCalep McIntosh, Sr. Hall. The

McIntoshes are daughter and son-in-law to the late McCalep.

The building was constructed in 1942 to house the school's vocational programs and was subsequently named in honor of McCalep, the principal of the laboratory school and a social science teacher. The building later fell into disrepair until \$4.35 million was allocated for its renovation under the Andrew Hugine, Jr., administration. The monies were used to shore up the facility's ADA compliance needs; its mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; along with the upgrading of rest-



rooms, classrooms, office spaces; and the installation of an elevator.

The McCalep-McIntosh Building now houses the Department of English and Foreign Languages, in addition to the Department

of Social Work, Psychology and Counseling; and the Office of Distance Education and Extended Studies as renovations are continuing in Walter S. Buchanan Hall (formerly Bibb Graves).

### CENSUS: Some Major Cities Losing Black Populations

Various newspaper accounts around the country of 2020 Census data indicate that the black population of several U.S. cities is declining significantly.

The Bay State Banner reported that while Boston had gained 58,000 new residents over the past decade, it nearly 9,000 blacks "dropped from the city's count."

Detroit lost about 93,000

African American citizens between 2010 and 2020, while still providing them with a smaller 77.2 percent majority.

Since its black population peak of nearly 1.2 million in 1980, Chicago today has lost almost 400,000 of that number.

St. Louis had a decrease of 21,000 blacks, who are now (like in Washington,

D.C.) less than half the city's population. Out west, blacks now make up only 8 percent of the population of Los Angeles.

The declines are not only evident in major cities. Some smaller cities have seen declines in the black populations as well, according to new Census data.

For instance, Asheville, N.C., lost nearly 11 percent

of its black population, while its diversity numbers increased overall.

In every fast-growing city and county in South Carolina outside of Charleston, other ethnic groups experienced a larger population in 2020 than in 2010. However, no South Carolina city experienced a bigger decline in black population than Charleston.

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## Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The Senate is adjourned until Monday, Sept. 13. The House has no floor votes scheduled until Monday, Sept. 20, but House committees will return to work this week, including multiple committees that have already started marking up their portions of the \$3.5 trillion Budget Reconciliation Bill, which is the vehicle for the Biden Administration's American Families Plan. The House Ways and Means Committee, which will write a large part of the bill and come up with most of the offsets (including tax increases), is expected to do a 4- or 5-day markup this week to comply with House Speaker Pelosi's requirement that the committees report their portions of the Reconciliation bill to the Budget Committee by Sept. 15 to prep the package for the House's scheduled Sept. 20 return.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** On Tuesday, President Biden visited Queens, N.Y., and Manville, N.J., to view flood damage from the remnants of Hurricane Ida (the President toured hurricane damage in New Orleans last Friday). On Saturday, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist

attacks, the President and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden will visit all 3 sites: New York City, Arlington, Va., and Shanksville, Pa. In related news, last Friday President Biden issued an executive order directing the Department of Justice to make declassified FBI documents from its probe of the 9-11 attacks available to public over the next 6 months.

3. **TEXAS ABORTION LAW.** Last Friday, Travis County (TX) District Court Judge Maya Guerra Gamble granted a temporary restraining order barring Texas Right to Life and affiliated groups from attempting to sue Planned Parenthood, its physicians, and staff while litigation is ongoing over a new Texas law that bans women from having an abortion once a fetal heartbeat can be detected on an ultrasound scan (usually around the 6th week of pregnancy), which allows no rape or incest exceptions. The judge's order, which will expire on Sept. 17, was granted after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to halt the Texas abortion law from going into immediate effect in a 5-4 vote announced at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday night. Other states — including Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky and Ohio — have also passed "fetal heartbeat" laws, but those state laws

have been held up by legal challenges. The Texas law deputizes private citizens to sue anyone who performs an abortion or aids and abets a procedure, who may recover legal fees, as well as \$10,000, if they win. The New York Times reports that abortion providers in Texas estimate that 85% of patients seeking abortion are at least six weeks pregnant and would be denied care under the new state law. A preliminary injunction hearing will take place on Sept. 13. The case is Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson.

4. **HIGHER EDUCATION.** Last Friday, President Joe Biden signed an executive order that

moved an initiative aimed at helping historically black colleges and universities from the White House back to the Education Department. The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), which helps students compete for federal jobs and internships, had been housed under the Education Department for more than a decade until 2017. That year, former President Donald Trump signed an executive order that moved it to the White House, a decision HBCUs viewed as a way to increase their institutions' access to the White House. HBCU leaders have been hopeful about how their relation-

ship with the Biden White House will fare with Vice President Kamala Harris as the first Howard University and HBCU graduate in the White House's No. 2 spot. President Biden's order establishes the White House initiative on "Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges" in the Education Department, but focuses on a "government-wide policy-making effort to eliminate barriers HBCUs face."

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WHO IS MY  
NEIGHBOR?

In Luke 10:27, it says: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” It goes on to say in vs 29: “And who is my neighbor?”

You know, when Jesus tells this parable of the good Samaritan, it is in response to one of the most important questions of all. *What should I do to inherit eternal life?*

Now this question is a test from a Jewish teacher

that wanted to “trap” Jesus with his answer. You see, back then and even now, there was some “spiritual profiling” going on. Now, to *profile* means to predict the capabilities of a certain subgroup of people or to group people into a certain category, like the Samaritans. So, Jesus tells this parable that has an unexpected ending. Remember, after a man had been beaten and robbed, he was passed over by a Priest, then a Levite, but Jesus tells them that of all the people in the world to help this man, it ends up being a Samari-

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tan that the Jews despised. You see, the moral of this story is ‘be careful, because you never know who your blessing will come from.’ They could be black, white, Asian or Samaritan ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters

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4 p.m.

**September 30**  
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**October 9**  
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Louis Crews Stadium  
2 p.m.

**October 16**  
Bulldog Football  
AAMU vs. Florida A&M  
Louis Crews Stadium  
1 p.m.

**October 24**  
Historic Marker Dedication  
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Public viewing for MR. ROBERT L. STEELE (b. 1949) will be held Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorial service for EVANGELIST JOSEPHINE CLARK (b. 1943) was held Sunday, September 5, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Curtis Banks officiating.

Private graveside service for MRS. EVELYN ROBERSON (b. 1927) was held Saturday, September 4, at Huntsville Memory Gardens with the Reverend Michael Freeman officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. ESSIE PRICE (b. 1947) was held Saturday, September 4, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens with the Reverend Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MR. MICHAEL WAYNE (“BLACK-BO”) KELLEY (b. 1981) was held Saturday, September 4, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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Graveside service for MR. ELLIS TILLMAN BONE (b. 1940) will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 11, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Gary Battle officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. ROSE MARIE HARVEY (b. 1936) will be 11 a.m., Friday, September 10, at the Oakwood Memorial Gardens (1 HL Cleveland Way Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Richard Long officiating.

Graveside service for ELDER RODNEY E. SURLES, SR., (b. 1967) was held Saturday, September 4, at the Pine Grove Memorial Garden (759 Pine Grove Road Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LARRY JERRORD JOHNSON (b. 1959) was held Thursday, September 2, at the Rock Worship Center (3401 Holmes Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Rusty Nelson officiating.

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Funeral service for MS. WYNOA EDWARDS (b. 1976) was held Saturday, September 4, at Serenity Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MRS. ANITA DENISE HUMPHREY HAMBRICK (b. 1973) was held Friday, September 3, at Serenity Funeral Home.

This Sunday's Lectionary

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Track 1	or	Track 2
Proverbs 1:20-33		Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalms 19		Psalms 116:1-8
James 3:1-12		James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38		Mark 8:27-38

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## NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

*"The price of hating other human beings is loving oneself less."*

- Eldridge Cleaver

## Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Huntsville.

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## ALL FOR THE FAMILY

by Margaret Jan Kelly, Ph.D.

Family is defined as a group of individuals united by marriage, blood or adoption. It is not the same as "households."

The family is the primary social unit in society, and as an institution, the family is older than that of religion and state. It ensures the continuation of society.

As the basic building block of society, the family provides citizens that become the population of society.

It produces and socializes members, teaches them how to behave, provides emotional and practical support, regulates sexual activity and sexual reproduction, and provides its members with a social identity.

Today, fully half of all families in the U.S. do not

meet the traditional definition of the nuclear family with a father, mother (married for the first time) with at least one child, and live in the same household.

According to recent U.S. Census of the Bureau findings, while the majority of American's 73.7 million children under age 18, live in families with two parents (69 percent of U.S. households), the second most common family arrangement is children living with single mothers, almost 23 percent.

A more in-depth examination of today's families reveals a variety of types, including blended or step families, grandparent families, single adult families, elderly families, childless families and unconventional families.

While families may dif-

fer in forms and sizes, renowned family scholars have identified some distinct traits that strong, healthy families exhibit.

More about the diversity of contemporary family types, forms, and traits of strong, healthy functioning families, will be presented in next week's article.

~Think About It~

What type of family do you live in today? Are you satisfied with how your family is functioning?

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## NOTICE!!!

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm. ALL meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of COH City Hall located at 308 Fountain Circle, unless otherwise noted on the Huntsville-Area MPO website at [www.huntsvillempo.org](http://www.huntsvillempo.org). To review plans on the agenda for this meeting visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/> For all other information on these meetings visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/>



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## A Debrief on a Defrocked Cuomo (part 3 of 3)

Former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2020 rise and 2021 fall can teach us lessons on celebrity's cost, victory's fragility, and leadership's blinding spotlight.

Whether you aspire to higher positions or not, three of Cuomo's object lessons are worth us first observing - and then avoiding.

### 1. Celebrate the process, don't coronate the person.

God's first of the Ten Commandments, "Thou shall have no other gods before me," cautions us against glorifying imperfect humans and instead humanizing the perfect God.

While fellow humans will fail us, we can still be and have role models. Let's continue to have human role models but let's celebrate instead their accomplishments over their celebrity.

The process that made them notable - the hard work, good timing, and circumstances - is also available to many of us.

### 2. Big defeats often follow big victories

Why do sports champions rarely repeat as champs? Most times, they simply fail to continue the practices that made them champions: teamwork, selflessness, and humility.



Yes, celebrate your wins, but know your opposition is preparing now for your upcoming defeat!

### 3. Leadership Magnifies Defects

Cuomo's rise and fall show that our leadership also unmasks our shortcomings. Similarly, Jesus cautioned his disciples that all pretenses will become exposed. "Watch yourselves carefully so you don't get contaminated with Pharisee yeast, Pharisee phoniness. You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known. You can't whisper one thing in private and preach the opposite in public; the day's coming when those whispers will be repeated all over town" Luke 12:1-3.

Andrew Cuomo is now our poster child for how we can cause our fortunes to change. But before you hurl darts at his poster, ask yourself if you are the next poster child. Ask yourself what Jesus' disciples asked him at the Last Supper when he announced a betrayer amongst them: "Lord, is it I?"

Live so that your answer is not "Yes."

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## A&M Gets \$1 Million from Foundation

Alabama A&M University was recently awarded a \$1 million grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. This gift will be used to establish two new scholarships, the "STEM Achievers" Scholarship and the "Start Here. Go Anywhere Endowed Scholarship".

The former is a current use scholarship and will be awarded immediately as needed to STEM majors, while the latter will be endowed to facilitate the long-term support of current and potential students.

Based in Lansdowne, Virginia, The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation was founded in memory of the late business mogul who was a previous owner of the Washington Football Team, Los Angeles Lakers, and Los Angeles Kings, along with other business ventures.

Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$222 million in scholarships to over 2,800 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$115 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

Officials also note that Alabama A&M is the largest producer of minority STEM graduates in the state.

For more information on AAMU, visit [www.aamu.edu](http://www.aamu.edu). Additional information on the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation can be found at [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org).



THE VALLEY WEEKLY

# CALLLED 2 PREACH

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## Under and Over

Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 14:25

This familiar story allows for an easy and encouraging play on words to teach a lesson in faith while presenting the very common experience of dealing with storms. When the disciples found themselves in their storm, they thought that they were literally going *under* and that it was *over* for them. As the writer of Hebrews wrote, faith is the 'evidence of things *not seen*.' Based only on what they were *see-*

*ing* they questioned whether Jesus even cared or not.

However, this concentration on what they *saw* drowned out (pun intended) what Jesus had *said*; "Let us cross *over* to the other side." Had they had faith in Jesus' use of the word *over*, they would not have thought that they were going *under*.

Another storm recorded in Matthew 14 gives another *under* and *over* lesson. Again, Jesus instructed His disciples to go *over* to the

other side while He departed to pray. This storm became another teaching moment for Jesus. In the "fourth watch" of the night, the disciples noticed a figure 'walking on the water.' "If it is You, Peter said, bid me come." Jesus said "Come." For a while Peter also walked on the water until the wind became more obvious to him than the One who told him to "Come." The sinking Peter was rescued and when they entered the boat, the storm was *over*. I've got one more. What was *over* the disciples' heads, was *under* Jesus' feet. is symbolic of believers' battles in spiritual warfare. Gideon dealt with the same tension between faith and fear that all believers deal with. There are lessons here that are tucked away in the instructions given to him

that can be used in spiritual warfare as well. Gideon was told to build an altar *on top of the stronghold (rock)* and tear down the one to Baal. Gideon rightfully felt unable for this task. The obedience to the instructions that God gave him was the ultimate conduit for the miraculous power exhibited by God once Gideon took the battlefield. Gideon also rightfully named the altar; *The LORD is Peace*. The sin that produced the perils that Israel was in were enough for God to fight *against* them rather than *for*

them.

The Apostle Paul wrote about another 'stronghold' that sets itself against the *knowledge of God*. The way of Gideon is also the way of Paul. Gideon was told to build the altar *on top* of the stronghold and tear down Baal. Paul tells believers use our authority to *bring every thought into captivity*; another way of saying build our altars *on top* of those strongholds that seek to dominate by causing believers to trust in something or someone other than God. Gideon's



was physical; for the believer it's spiritual. The obedience required is the same. Victory is also guaranteed.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department has completed its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY20. A draft copy of this report may be viewed on line at [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) and at the Community Development Department Office located in the Yarbrough Office Center, 120 E. Holmes Avenue, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, located at 915 Monroe Street. Submit comments to Scott Erwin, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or [scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov) Deadline for comments is September 18, 2021. For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092 for requests.

### AVISO A LA CIUDAD PÚBLICA DE HUNTSVILLE

La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville ha terminado su informe anual consolidado del funcionamiento y de la evaluación (CAPER) para FY20. Un copy de bosquejo de este informe se puede repasar por el público en línea en [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) y en la oficina del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad situada en el centro de la oficina de Yarbrough, 120 E. Avenida de Holmes, y la biblioteca pública del condado de Huntsville-Madison, situada en la calle de 915 Monroe. Envíe sus comentarios a Scott Erwin, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Huntsville, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 o [scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov). La fecha límite para comentarios es el 18 de Septiembre de 2021. Para obtener más información sobre este aviso público o para solicitar adaptaciones especiales, llame al (256) 427-5400. Se recomienda a los residentes con problemas de audición o del habla que utilicen la línea TTY al (256) 427-7092 para realizar solicitudes.



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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

## Mrs. Ruby Jones Dickson

Mrs. Ruby Jones Dickson was born in Texarkana, Texas, on March 31, 1943, to the Reverend Elmer and Mrs. Nellie Jones. She attended New Town Elementary School and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School of Texarkana, Texas. She became a Christian at an early age and united with Red Springs Baptist Church. After relocating to the New Town community, she became a member of the New Town Baptist Church. She married the late Edward Ford in 1963, and to this union four children were born: Bridgette Ford May, Edward (Jerry) Ford Jr., Stephanie Ford Shanks, and Byron Ford.

From 1968-1972, she traveled as a military wife. During her travels, she sang with the K-Town (Kaiserslautern) Gospel Singers, which led her twice to (NATO) Belgium, a vast part of Germany, and one appearance on German television. In 1972, she relocated from Oakland, Calif., (via Texarkana, Texas) to Colorado Springs, Colo. There she became a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church and worked with the Mission, Sunday School, choir and sang with a gospel group (The Jubilets). She was employed and retired at Hewlett-Packard.

Dickson was inspired to write a meaningful and

memorable poem for her mother's retirement. This would be the beginning of her pursuit to become a God-given gift as a Christian poet. In 1988, it was in the divine plan of God that she would return to her home in Texarkana, Texas. She became an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She worked with the B.M. & E. State Convention of Texas Women's Auxiliary.

It was in Texarkana that she wrote and self-published her first three books: "The Holy Spirit Speaks," "O Taste And See," and "Think On These Things." She attended a Christian workshop at the Mount Orange Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas. The facilitator was from the Sunday School Publishing Board in Nashville Tenn. She asked him to look at the three books. He was very impressed and asked her to send them to Nashville as soon as possible. In December 1998 at the Winter Board in Nashville, Tenn., her first book signing was held.

In 1994, she married the late Reverend Russell Dickson, pastor of the Unity Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and the Mission. It would be two years later that she would publish her last book, "The Suffering Servant." In 2000, she relocated to Huntsville, Ala., and united with the St.



Luke Christian Church, under the leadership of Reverend T.C. Johnson. At St. Luke, she taught the new members class on church membership, facilitated women's ministries and programs, and served as ward leader for 20 families in the congregation.

She worked in Exodus, Inc., as an administrative assistant and teacher assistant in the computer lab. She attended Calhoun Community College, earning an AA in general education. She was inducted into the National Honor Society, was on the Dean's list, was noted in "Who's Who in Junior Colleges of America," was nominated among the top 10 students of Calhoun and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She attended Athens State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a minor in Christian education.

She is an author published by Townsend Press with four completed works of poetry.



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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION AVAILABILITY**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama, through its Community Development Department, is accepting applications for HOME funded projects that will utilize Alabama Housing Finance Authority Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Applications must be received by the Community Development Department, at one of the addresses referenced below, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 to be considered.

**Physical Address**

City of Huntsville  
Community Development Department  
120 Holmes Ave., East  
Yarbrough Office Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

**Mailing Address**

City of Huntsville  
Community Development Department  
P. O. Box 308  
Huntsville, AL 35804-0308

Copies of the HOME Funds Application, containing detailed application procedures and other information, may be obtained at the above physical address, on the City of Huntsville website at [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) or by contacting Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development, at 256-427-5423 or [scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov) for an electronic copy.

**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA DEPARTAMENTO DEL DESARROLLO  
DE LA COMUNIDAD DISPONIBILIDAD CASERA DEL USO DEL PROGRAMA**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, con su departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, está aceptando los usos para los fondos CASEROS, para ser utilizada en los proyectos que utilizarán Alabama que contiene créditos de impuesto de la autoridad de las finanzas. Los usos se deben recibir por el departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, a la una de las direcciones referidas abajo, no más adelante que 5:00 P.M. ser considerado el miércoles 15 de Noviembre de 2021.

**Dirección física**

Ciudad de Huntsville  
Departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad  
Edificio de oficinas de Yarbrough - 2nd Piso  
Avenida de 120 Holmes., del este  
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

**Dirección que envía**

Ciudad de Huntsville  
Departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad  
P. O. Caja 308  
Huntsville, Alabama 35804-0308

Se pueden obtener copias de la Solicitud de fondos de HOME, que contiene los procedimientos de solicitud detallados y otra información, en la dirección física anterior, en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Huntsville en [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) o comuníquese con Scott Erwin, Gerente de Desarrollo Comunitario, al 256-427-5423 o [scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov) para obtener una copia electrónica.

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