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**Congresswoman Sewell Commends the Black Belt Community Foundation
on Receipt of Head Start Grant**

BBCF will receive over \$1.4 million in grant funding to service four Black Belt counties

PRESS RELEASE

Selma, AL – The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) was recently awarded over \$1.4 million by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to oversee the Head Start programs in Dallas, Choctaw, Marengo, and Wilcox counties in Alabama. With the help of this grant, an estimated 307 children in Alabama’s Black Belt will be able to receive critical investment in their early educational development through high-quality program options.

“This is outstanding news for children and families in the Black Belt region. It is so important that our children are supported at an early age with educational programs such as Head Start so that their learning capabilities can be cultivated throughout their formative years,” **states Representative Sewell**. “With this grant, the Black Belt Community Foundation will be able to bring valuable program offerings to children in the state that need this support the most.”

“We are excited to be selected as a first-time Head Start grantee and we are eager to expand our education and community development efforts by providing high-quality Head Start services to children and families in the region,” said Felecia Lucky, BBCF President. “With our programs, we have served over 50,000 children and families. Like Head Start, our programs emphasize the importance of starting early and working closely with families to improve academic outcomes.”

The Community Foundation will be hosting information sessions in the upcoming weeks to introduce its programs to the community and prospective families and staff.

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Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) is serving her fourth term representing Alabama’s 7th Congressional district. She sits on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and was recently appointed to the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. Sewell is a Chief Deputy Whip and serves on the prestigious Steering and Policy Committee of the Democratic Caucus. She is also a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and serves as Vice Chair of the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus, and Vice Chair of Outreach for the New Democrat Coalition.