



Finding Funding

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The Foundation Center (<http://fdncenter.org/>) has a search tool that allows you to search private foundations by geographic area or subject keyword. Also see their Cooperating Collections (<http://foundationcenter.org/collections/>) which provides free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a [core collection](#) of Foundation Center publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grantseekers.

Community of Science (<http://www.cos.com/>) has a searchable database of over 400,000 funding opportunities, options to promote your own research and communicate with other researchers on current activities and opportunities. You must register to use this free service.

SRHM Foundation (<http://www.shrm.org/about/foundation/research/Pages/default.aspx>) funds original rigorous empirical research projects that advance the HR profession. The Foundation is seeking grant funding proposals for up to \$200,000 each from individuals and institutions.

University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://grants.library.wisc.edu/organizations/nonprofits.html>) includes links for resources for nonprofit organizations as well as funding sources for individuals.

National Science Foundation (<http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>) search for funding opportunities by key words or use the A-Z Index. Also has grants specifically for new, early, and first-time investigators.

National Institutes of Health (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>) has everything you need to find and apply for an NIH grant. Also has grants specifically for new, early, and first-time investigators.

Grant Writing Resources

1.) Where to start:

Professional Associations: Check the website or other materials from professional associations in your discipline. Some have compiled internet resources, tips relevant to funding sources for that discipline, and/or testimonials from colleagues who have successfully procured funding from the sources you'll be targeting. Many have internet links to funding agencies most relevant to its members. For example, the Social Psychology Network (<http://www.socialpsychology.org/grants.htm>) has numerous links to relevant funding information in both general and social psychology.

2.) Be sure to check out:

NSF (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1998/nsf9891/nsf9891.htm>) and (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04016/start.htm>) offer a "Guide to Proposal Writing" with tips specific to NSF reviewer criteria. These site include input from NSF Program Directors, panel reviewers and successful grantees, and information on writing workshops available from NSF staff.

NIH (http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/grant_tips.htm) offers grant-writing tip sheets and computerized tutorials to help biomedical investigators, especially new ones, plan, write, and apply for the basic NIH research project grant.

3.) Additional sites of interest:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting (<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>) offers a basic guide for grant writing beginners.

Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research (IASWR) (www.iaswresearch.org) offers tips especially helpful for individuals preparing NIMH grant applications.

Columbia University Health Sciences (<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/research/writing.htm>) offers a useful array of information and relevant links for faculty members preparing grant applications.

Next Wave Science Magazine (<http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2000/01/06/1>) an online publication from Science magazine, ran an entertaining, informative 6-piece series titled "How Not to Kill a Grant Application."

The Foundation Center (<http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html>) site includes a 2-part "Proposal Writing Short Course."

Developing And Writing Grant Proposals

(<https://www.cfda.gov/index?static=grants&s=generalinfo&mode=list&tab=list&tabmode=list>) A must-read for those applying for federal grants. By the staff of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

EPA Grantwriting Tutorial (<http://www.purdue.edu/dp/envirosoft/grants/src/msieopen.htm>) An online tutorial from Purdue University in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Grants.gov: Applicant Resources (<http://www.grants.gov/applicants/resources.jsp>) Includes Developing a Grant Proposal from the CFDA (above) plus terminology proposal writing links, links to application packages, grantmaking agencies, types of grants, and more.

How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal (<http://opencrs.com/document/RL32159/>) This report is intended for Members and staff assisting grant seekers in districts and states, and it includes writing proposals for both government and private foundations grants.

GrantProposal.com (<http://www.grantproposal.com/>) Well organized site on proposal writing. Includes an overview, inquiry and cover letters, standard components of a proposal, a sample proposal, advice from funders, and more. An excellent section on researching funding opportunities is included also.

National Network of Grantmakers: NNG Common Grant Application

(<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/635F46A0-8EF6-4CE7-A6AE-B33D3DBE35A6/0/NNGCommonGrantApplication.pdf>) This common grant application form is accepted by a number of foundations. It can also be useful in organizing the information needed in a project proposal.

Nonprofit Guides: Grant Writing Tools for Nonprofit Organizations (<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>)
An excellent grantwriting outline by the SeaCoast Web Design staff. Includes sample grant proposal, inquiry letter, proposed budget, applications and links to grantwriting resources.

The Foundation Center's Proposal Writing Short Course
(<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/index.html>) Free, online course.

The Foundation Center's Proposal Budgeting Basics
(http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/prop_budgt/index.html) Free, online course.

Foundation Center Webinars on Proposal Writing Basics
(http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pwb_webinar.html) Free; must register in advance.

The Foundation Center's Guide to Proposal Writing, 5th ed. - An Audio Book!
(<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/learnabout/audiobook.html>) Free audio book from the Foundation Center. Listen online now or download for later listening.

Winning Grant Proposals Online (<http://www.tgcgrantproposals.com/>) Provides funded grant proposals **for sale** in a variety of categories. Particularly well-stocked with federal grant proposals. A site from the Grantsmanship Center, a Los-Angeles based proposal training center.

Writing a Successful Grant Proposal (<http://www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm>) An excellent and thorough guide for writing grant proposals, from the Minnesota Council on Foundations. FAQs include pros and cons of hiring a professional grantwriter and what to do if a proposal is funded.

4.) One more avenue to explore:

Many for-profit services are also available to aid researchers in locating funding sources and preparing grant proposals. These run the gamut from subscription services for personally-tailored funding announcements, to grant-writing workshops run by experts, to software packages that guide users through all steps of the grant proposal process. Check out "grant writing tips" on your internet search engine to explore these opportunities.