

Getting Comfortable Applying for...

Grants



Why do grants scare me?

Who is afraid of grants and why?



Types of Grants



- Foundations: private & public, nongovernmental
 - <https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/>
- Corporations: for-profits set aside money to give to 501(c)(3) organizations
 - Research corporations, their focus, projects they do/do not fund, type of support they offer
- State grants: often support education initiatives
- Federal grants
 - Strict documentation & follow-up procedures
 - <http://www.grants.gov/>

* Each grant varies in length (typically by amount offered), questions asked, projects they support, and follow-up procedures

Where do I start?

1. Know your site's history, mission, major programs, and stats!
 - a. Have a general grant information document ready to go
2. Get a copy of your site's W9 & Federal Tax ID (EIN)
 - a. Schools- secretary or principal will have this, EIN will probably be for the district
3. Ask your principal, secretary, or director about procedures
4. Print grant guidelines
5. Print the grant and make a draft before submitting the final!



Where can I look?

1. Where to shop...

- a. Shop local (even the big businesses)
 - i. May be called “community giving program”
- b. GOOGLE is great! (“grant database,” “art grants,” “ASC grants,” etc.)
- c. Online databases
 - i. <http://grantspace.org/>
 - ii. <https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/>
 - iii. <https://www.grantforward.com/index>

2. Online Presence

- a. <http://www.donorschoose.org/>
- b. <https://www.gofundme.com/>

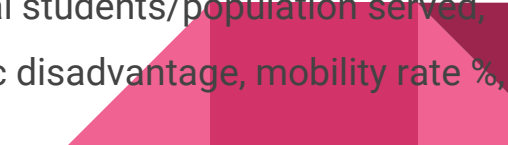
3. Subscribe for website updates (Points of Light, generationOn, UServeUtah, etc.)

* ALWAYS fill out grants exactly according to the guidelines!

Frequently Asked Grant Questions...

- When was your organization established?
- Who is in charge? Who is the grant contact?
- What is your organization's mission?
- Who does your organization serve? How many? What is your reach?
- What service does your organization provide?
- How does your organization fit into our mission/focus area?
- What need will your project address?
- What is the primary purpose of your project?
- What type of support are you requesting?
- How will you recognize us for our support?
 - Online (anywhere), logos (anywhere), newsletters, pictures & follow-up letter

Grant Information Document

- Organization's mission statement (may need to expand on motto)
 - Services offered (list or general paragraph)
 - Major Programs, for each...
 - title, # people served, age range, demographic breakdown, % economic disadvantage, # dedicated staff
 - W9
 - EIN (federal tax ID) and DUNS (location identifier)
 - Other info...
 - Contact/location info, principal/director, year established, total students/population served, gender & ethnicity breakdown, average class size, % economic disadvantage, mobility rate %, # homeless, # teachers/staff, % ESL, % SPED
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Any Grant Ideas?

Who has received a grant?

Where was it from?

What for?

How much?

How was the application?

