

RECOURCES FOR GRANT SEEKERS

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This document contains a *non-comprehensive* list of resources that may be helpful for: 1) identifying possible grants; 2) learning how to apply for grants; and 3) staying abreast of the field of philanthropy. Inclusion in this list does not mean endorsement. While intended for those in state government who may be new to philanthropy, this document may be useful to anyone who is new to grant seeking.

1) Websites to search for grant opportunities

Following are examples of free and subscription-required sites that may be used to find government and/or private grant opportunities.

- a. [Grants.gov](#)
 - i. *Description:* The Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs.
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- b. [NC Network of Grantmakers](#)
 - i. The NC Network of Grantmakers (NCNG) is “a North Carolina membership network serving a diverse community of grantmaking organizations that are committed to learning and working together. Our members include family, private, public, independent, community and corporate foundations.”
 - ii. Free or paid: [This page](#) is open to view (free) and lists NCNG’s members, including many of their websites, which can be searched for grant opportunities.
- c. [GrantStation](#)
 - i. *Description:* GrantStation.com, Inc. offers nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects as well as resources to mentor these organizations through the grant seeking process.
 - ii. Free or paid: PAID
- d. [Grant Finder](#)
 - i. *Description:* GrantFinder is a real-time, online, searchable database of federal, state, foundation and corporate grant available to local governments and their community partners.
 - ii. Free or paid: PAID
- e. [GrantWatch](#)
 - i. *Description:* GrantWatch’s grant search engine identifies grants for: universities, hospitals, government agencies, schools, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, research institutions and some small businesses and individuals.
 - ii. Free or paid: PAID
- f. [Grant Gopher](#)
 - i. *Description:* Grant Gopher is a funding opportunity database that offers US-based organizations free basic searches and access to the details of their first five search results.
 - ii. Free or paid: Free access to search the database. Subscription required to set up email alerts specifically catered for your organization.
- g. [Grantmakers.io](#)
 - i. *Description:* Grantmakers.io is an open-source site that makes IRS Form 990-PF (filed by foundations) available to anyone with a web browser. It also has a

- searchable grants database and a central search function to access data on millions of historical grants
- ii. Free or paid: Free access to search the grant database.

2) Resources about how to apply for grants

The following list is not comprehensive but provides an array of sites that offer resources about how to apply for public and/or private grants. While many of these resources are geared towards nonprofit organizations, often they provide information and guidance that also may be useful for government agencies.

- a. Grants.gov - <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>
 - i. Description: "Provide a common website for federal agencies to post discretionary funding opportunities and for grantees to find and apply to them."
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- b. Candid Learning - <https://learning.candid.org/training/introduction-to-finding-grants-2/>
 - i. Description: "Candid's live and on-demand trainings, webinars, and other resources designed to improve your fundraising, overall sustainability, grantmaking, and transparency."
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE access to some trainings; PAID access to others.
- c. Community Colleges and Universities
 - i. Some community colleges and universities offer in-person or virtual grant writing classes that are open to the community but may require a registration fee. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 1. [Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College](#)
 2. [Duke University – Continuing Studies](#)
 3. [Durham Technical Community College](#)
 4. [Pamlico Community College](#)
 5. [Piedmont Community College](#)
 6. [Pitt Community College](#)
 7. [UNC-Charlotte – Continuing Education](#)
 8. [Wake Technical Community College](#)
 9. [Western Carolina University](#)

3) Sources of news and information about philanthropy and foundations

The following list of publications about philanthropy is not comprehensive but provides an array of news, insights and opinions about philanthropy.

- a. *Philanthropy Journal* - <https://philanthropyjournal.com/>
 - i. Description: "The *Philanthropy Journal* offers unsurpassed storytelling, original reporting, and curation of illuminating conversations from around the globe delivered each week. PJ provides provocative coverage of individuals and organizations whose work is making a positive impact in our communities...By connecting our audiences to this work, our readers have a clearer sense of how the nonprofit sector positively impacts each and every person on this planet."
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- b. *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* - <https://www.philanthropy.com/>
 - i. Description: "From deeply reported stories on the big ideas that shape the work of charities and foundations to the practical guidance in our online resource center, only the Chronicle of Philanthropy provides nonprofit professionals, foundation executives, board members, and others with the indispensable information and practical advice they need to help them change the world."

- ii. Free or paid: FREE
- c. *Inside Philanthropy* - <https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/>
 - i. Description: “We created Inside Philanthropy with a simple goal: To pull back the curtain on one of the most powerful and dynamic forces shaping society. Every day, our team of editors and reporters is digging into how foundations and major donors are giving away their money, and why.”
 - ii. Free or paid: PAID
- d. *Stanford Social Innovation Review* - <https://ssir.org/>
 - i. Description: “Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR) is an award-winning magazine and website that covers cross-sector solutions to global problems. SSIR is written by and for social change leaders from around the world and from all sectors of society—nonprofits, foundations, business, government, and engaged citizens. SSIR’s mission is to advance, educate, and inspire the field of social innovation by seeking out, cultivating, and disseminating the best in research- and practice-based knowledge.”
 - ii. Free or paid: PAID
- e. The Center for Effective Philanthropy - <https://cep.org/>
 - i. Description: “CEP provides data, feedback, programs, and insights to help individual and institutional donors improve their effectiveness. We do this work because we believe effective donors, working collaboratively and thoughtfully, can profoundly contribute to creating a better and more just world.”
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- f. *Philanthropy News Digest* - <https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/>
 - i. Description: “Philanthropy News Digest (PND) a daily news service of Candid, is a compendium, in digest form, of philanthropy-related articles and features culled from print and electronic media outlets nationwide.”
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- g. National Center for Family Philanthropy Blog - <https://www.ncfp.org/>
 - i. Description: “NCFP is a network of philanthropic families committed to a world that is vibrant, equitable, and resilient. We share proven practices, work through common challenges, and learn together to strengthen our ability to effect meaningful change. As we navigate individual journeys of reflection and transformation, we see the results of intentional, impactful giving.”
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- h. Philanthropy Women | A home for News and Conversation on Women Donors - <https://philanthropywomen.org/>
 - i. Description: “Philanthropy Women discusses funding for gender equity in all sectors of society including health, education, the arts, science and technology, music and entertainment, politics, and sports. By amplifying women donors’ activities in all of these social sectors, Philanthropy Women seeks to significantly shift the public discourse, particularly in philanthropy, toward increased action for gender equality.”
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE
- i. [Giving USA](#)
 - i. Description: *Giving USA: The Annual Report on Philanthropy* is produced by researchers at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and fundraising professionals from the The Giving Institute.
 - ii. Free or paid: FREE blog posts, but the annual report is PAID