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Grant Sources

This information was compiled by Stephanie Gerding and Pam MacKellar, authors of *Winning Grants: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians with Multimedia Tutorials and Grant Development Tools*. They maintain a blog at <http://librarygrants.blogspot.com/> that is frequently updated with new information.

1. Government Grant Sources

The web is the most reliable source for locating federal government grant resources today.

- **Grants.gov** <http://www.grants.gov> The access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies.
- **US Department of Education** <http://www.ed.gov/grantapps>
- **National Library of Medicine** <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/grants.html>
- **National Endowment for the Arts** <http://www.nea.gov/>
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services** <http://www.imls.gov>
- **National Endowment for the Humanities** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/index.html>
- **National Institute for Literacy** <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/national-institute-for-literacy.html>
- **Your State Library** http://www.publiclibraries.com/state_library.htm

2. Private Grant Sources

Foundations

- **The Foundation Center** <http://fdncenter.org> The largest and most comprehensive resource for researching foundations. Includes many tools for finding out about foundations, trends in grant making, and top foundations in your geographic region.
 - **Websites of Private Foundations** <http://inp.foundationcenter.org/finder.html>
 - **RFP Bulletin** <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp>
 - **Foundation Center Cooperating Collections** located throughout the US, mostly in libraries. Lots of books & databases! <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/gfr/coop.html>
 - **National Print Directories** of foundations that fund library projects:
 - Grants for Information Technology**
 - Grants for Libraries and Information Services**
 - National Guide to Funding for Libraries and Information Services**

Community Foundations have resource materials, local directories, and more information about funding opportunities in your area.

Council of Foundation's Community Foundation Locator

<http://www.cof.org/whoweserve/community/resources/index.cfm?navItemNumber=15626#locator>

Corporations Visit web sites of corporations that operate in your community for information about their priorities, grant guidelines, and deadlines.

National Directory of Corporate Giving is a print directory for finding funding from corporations from the Foundation Center.

Professional Associations give grants and awards to library projects and personnel.

- ALA Awards and Scholarships <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards-grants-and-scholarships>
- American Association of School Librarians http://aasl.ala.org/essentiallinks/index.php?title=Library_Funding
- SLA Scholarships and Grants <http://www.sla.org/learn/resource-guides-2/>
- Your state library association <http://www.ala.org/groups/affiliates/chapters/state/stateregional>

Local Sources

The Grantsmanship Center maintains information about your state's foundations, community foundations, corporate giving programs and the top 40 foundations that give in your state.
<http://www.tgci.com/funding/states.asp>

Clubs and Organizations

Research your local community directory at: http://fdncenter.org/getstarted/topical/sl_dir.html and Michigan State University's list of service clubs and civic organizations that provide funding at: <http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/servicec.htm>. Your yellow pages, friends, and staff may also help identify local clubs and organizations that provide funding.

3. Sources for Government and Private Grants

- **Big Book of Library Grant Money**: Profiles of Private and Corporate Foundations and Direct Corporate Givers Receptive to Library Grant Proposals, American Library Assn.
- **Annual Register of Grant Support** Information Today. A print directory that lists grants from both government and private sources.
- **National Guide to Funding in Arts and Culture** Foundation Center
- **Grants for Children & Youth** Foundation Center
- **Grants for Women & Girls** Foundation Center
- **National Directory of Foundation Grants for Native Americans** Corporate Resource Consultants
- **Directory of Building and Equipment Grants** Research Grant Guides

4. Newsletters, Bulletins, and Alert Services

- ***Library Grants Blog*** *Two librarians, Gerding and MacKellar, maintain this free website of library grant opportunities.* <http://librarygrants.blogspot.com>
- ***Primary Source*** The Institute of Museum and Library Services' monthly e-mail newsletter. http://www.ims.gov/news/primary_source.aspx
- ***NEH Connect!*** The National Endowment for the Humanities' electronic newsletter <http://www.neh.gov/news/nehconnect.html>
- ***RFP Bulletin from the Foundation Center*** <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/>
- ***Grants.gov Grant Opportunity Emails*** <http://www.grants.gov/search/email.do>
- ***Charity Channel Forum Online Discussion Groups*** <http://charitychannel.com/>
- ***Association of Fundraising Professionals*** <http://www.afpnet.org/>
- ***The Grantsmanship Center*** <http://www.tgci.com/training/tprogram.asp>
- ***Foundation & Corporate Grants Alert*** <http://www.grantsalert.com/>
- ***Chronicle of Philanthropy*** <http://www.philanthropy.com>

5. More about Grants and Fundraising

- Gerding, Stephanie & MacKellar, Pamela (2006). *Grants for Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual and CD-ROM*. Neal-Schuman. <http://www.amazon.com/Grants-Libraries-How-do-Librarians/dp/1555705359>
- ***The Foundation Center online tutorials*** <http://www.fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/>
- ***IMLS Project Planning Tutorial*** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>
- ***WebJunction's Fundraising for Libraries*** Online Course <http://webjunction.org>
- ***Univ. of North Texas - Grant Writing Basics*** Online Course by Gerding and MacKellar, available on <http://webjunction.org>