



Locating Funding Resources

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about funders and funding/grant resources.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Foundation Center's User Friendly Guide: a Grant Seeker's Guide to Resources*, ed. by Margaret North and Sarah Collins (1996)
- The Foundation Center's User-Friendly Guide to Funding Research & Resources fdncenter.org/learn/ufg/index.html

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *The Foundation Directory*, by The Foundation Center, (published annually)
- *National Guide to Funding* (series)
- *Foundation Fundamentals; a Guide for Grantseekers*, by The Foundation Center (2004, 7th ed.)
- *The Iowa Foundation DataBook*, by Ford T. Pearson (2005, 3rd ed.)
- *Annual Register of Grant Support: A Directory of Funding Sources* by Information Today, Inc. (2004, 38th ed.)

Books

- *Demystifying Grant Seeking: What you Really Need to Do to Get Grants*, by Larissa Golden Brown and Martin John Brown (2001)
- *The Foundation Center's Guide to Grantseeking on the Web*, The Foundation Center (2003 ed.)
- *Grantseeker's Toolkit; a Comprehensive Guide to Finding Funding*, by Cheryl Carter New and James Aaron Quick (1998)
- *Grantmaking Basics; a Field Guide for Funders* by Barbara D. Kibbe, Fred Setterberg and Colburn S. Wilbur (1999)
- *Secrets of Successful Grantsmanship; a Guerrilla Guide to Raising Money*, by Susan L. Golden (1997)
- For more titles, check this bibliography – Materials at the State Library of Iowa www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-ia-libraries/funding-info/bibliography.html

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Grants and funding resources
- [insert field] funding
- [insert field] grants
- Funding for [insert field]

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Grants-in-aid
- Research grants
- Block grants
- Library finance
- Federal aid to [insert field]

Call Number

- 336.1; 352.73; 658.15 (Dewey Decimal)
- HG177-HG177.5;HV41.2 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Journals

- *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*
- *Federal Assistance Monitor*
- *Foundation Giving Watch*
- *Nonprofit Times*

Magazine Articles

- "Money, Money, Money: Taking the Pain Out of Grant Writing," by Jackson Maxwell. *Teacher Librarian* (February 2005)
- "How to Find Writing Grants," by Hope Clark. *Writer* (May 2005)

Web Pages and Web Portals

- State Library Internet funding resources website – a starting point with links to federal, state, and foundation sites www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-ia-libraries/funding-info/internet-resources.htm
- Search for IRS 990 reports listing funder grantees and contact information at the Foundation Center atgdata.fdncenter.org/990search/search.php
- School Grants, Grant Writing Links www.schoolgrants.org/Links/grant_writing.htm

Organizations and Special Collections

- Foundation Center Cooperating Libraries – Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Sioux City Public Libraries and Southwestern Community College; these funding information centers provide a core collection of Foundation Center publications; Sioux City Public Library has access to the *Foundation Directory Online*
- Local library – proposal writing materials in collection
- Larger area library – proposal writing materials in collection
- Local academic library – Sponsored Programs Office; material collections, newsletters and searchable electronic databases

Multimedia Resources

Many of these paid subscriptions are available at select institutions and available for searching on request.

- *FC Search: The Foundation Center's Database on CD ROM*
- *The Foundation Directory Online*
- *Sponsored Programs Information Network Database (SPIN)*
- *Community of Science (COS)*
- *GrantSelect Online Grant Resource*
- *Chronicle of Philanthropy's Guide to Grants.*

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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