

#### WINNING WITH GRANTS

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#### AGENDA

**Types of Grants** Locating Grants Assessing Eligibility Planning a Grant Writing the Grant Proposal Review and Follow-up **Grant Management** 

#### WHAT IS A GRANT?

Funding awarded by a government agency, foundation, corporation or other entity. This award can be used to fund or fulfill a particular project.

Generally awarded to organizations as opposed to individuals.

#### TYPES OF GRANTS

<u>Operating Grants</u>-running a program to meet community needs.

<u>Special Project Grants</u>-new project or project with limited timeframe.

<u>Capital/Equipment Grant</u>-specified amount for construction, renovation, expansion, purchase land or equipment.

Endowments/Grants-planned gifts, will or trust.

#### **GRANT SOURCES**

<u>Government</u>—Federal, State, Local—26 Federal Agencies (900 programs)

<u>Foundations</u>—2<sup>nd</sup> largest source

Direct Corporate

### ASSESSING FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

- Type of organization
- Geographic Restrictions
- Population
- Income Levels
- UEI (Unique Entity Identification Number)
- SAM.gov Registration
- Size of the Award
- Sufficient amount to complete program activities as well as ongoing maintenance

Project Focus

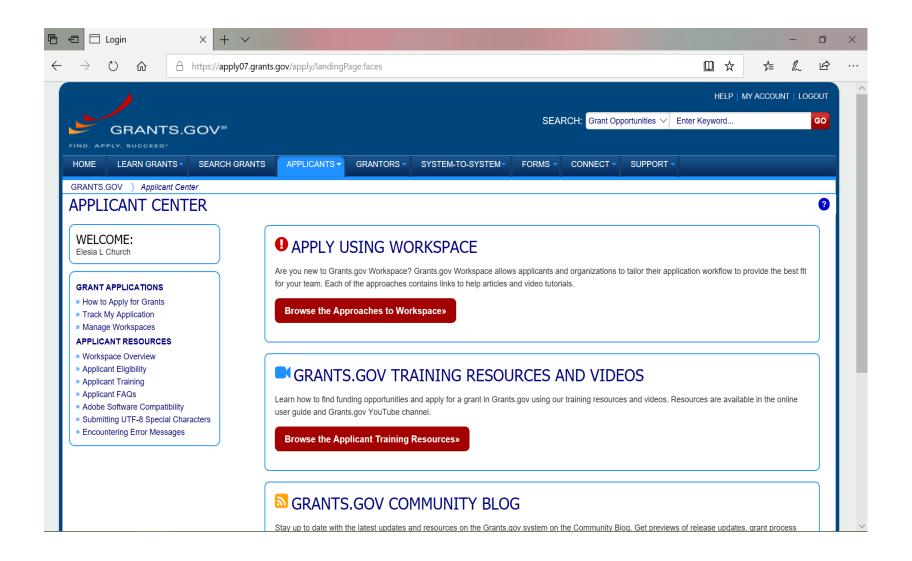
Project complements funder's goals and priorities

#### ASSESSING FUNDING ELIGIBILITY CONT.

- Type of Activity. •Specified use of funds
- Restrictions
- Matching funds
- Expenditure limitations
- Evaluation requirements (benchmarks)

### SEARCHING FOR GRANTS

Web Searches Web Alerts Grants.gov GrantFinder.com\*(OML) Many Others



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	ELIGIBILITY:	Income Security and Social Services  Law, Justice and Legal Services  Natural Resources  Other (see text field entitled 'Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity' for clarification)  Recovery Act Regional Development	<ul> <li>I All Department of Energy [DOE]</li> <li>All Department of Energy - Office of Science [PAMS]</li> <li>All Department of Health and Human Services [HHS]</li> <li>All Department of Homeland Security [DHS]</li> <li>All Department of Housing and Urban</li> </ul>				~

#### TOP WAYS TO GET FUNDED

Read the RFP.

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# READ THE RFP! READ THE RFP!!!

#### WHAT'S AN RFP?

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WHAT WHEN WHERE REQUIREMENTS

#### PLANNING

Start with your need or project.

Document the need or project.

Find grant opportunities that match the need or project.

Target the grant.

Review successful and recent awarded grants.

Identify partners whether funding or in-kind.

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Who are the people with the need?
- Where are the people with the need?
- What is the need?
- Why does the need occur?
- What evidence supports the need?
- What are the consequences of the need?
- How is the need linked to your entity?

### **KEY POINTS**

Clear relationship to your organizations mission and goals.

Focus on need in the community, target population, or area.

Support need with evidence!

Make proposal easy to read and understand.

Make evaluation requirements attainable.

#### BUDGET

Establish budget period.

Estimate expenses (get and current reliable quotes).

Decide whether and how to include overhead costs. Overhead costs are real costs.

Estimate donated goods and services, based on real costs and valid resources.

Estimate project revenues.

#### DIRECT EXPENSES

Salaries and Increases

Utilities, insurance, rental space, and equipment.

Food, transportation, and telephone.

Evaluation systems, audits and accounting systems.

Materials and supplies

### INDIRECT AND OVERHEAD COSTS

Liability Insurance Copier Lease Financial Management

#### MATCHING FUNDS

#### <u>Personnel</u>

- Fringe Benefits
- Travel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Labor

#### <u>Contractual</u>

- --Construction
- --Miscellaneous
- --Indirect Costs

#### SUBMISSION PROCESS

#### Read submission requirements early. (RFP)

Plan ahead (submit at least 1 week early).

Follow Funder Process (check list make one if they don't provide one)

Double Check (everything)

2nd pair of eyes (maybe ev en two) to evaluate work.

Track submission with follow-up note, call, or electronic verification.

#### LIFE AFTER GRANT

Grant is Accepted! Awesome move on to next Grant.

Grant is Rejected

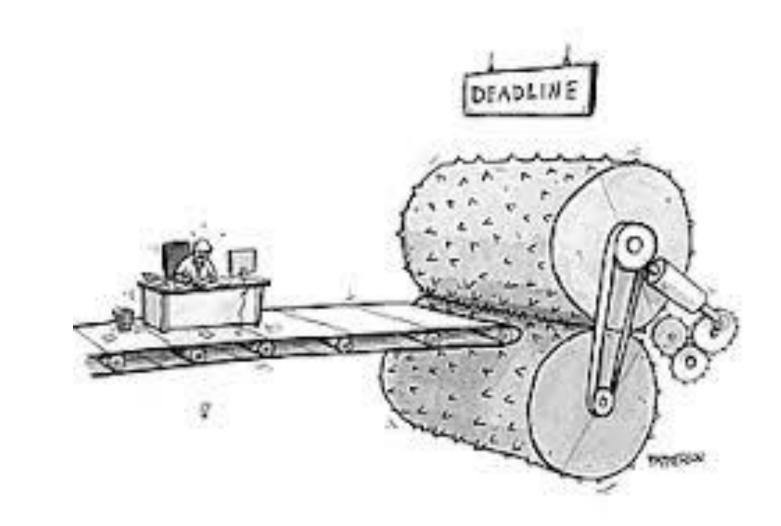
--Obtain reviewer comments

--have a minute of depression and regroup

--You will never get a grant if you never write a grant!

--Remember, YOU LEARN FROM EVERY GRANT YOU WRITE!

--KEEP WRITING!





#### **GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

The real work begins. (Read the RFP) Maintain records.

Accounting.

Personnel.

Reporting.

IF IT'S NOT WRITTEN DOWN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

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