

Online Resources for Grants, Fund-Raising, and Prospect Information

This collection of Web resources provides useful information for component executives and AIA150 champions seeking to raise supplemental funds to support local Blueprint initiatives. Each of the recommended sites consists of a unique set of links, offering access to the most current online resources and tools to identify and qualify prospective donors and other potential sources of funding.

Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement

<http://www.aprahome.org/researchlinks/index.html>

Maintained by the professional association of prospect researchers, this comprehensive site offers end users a wealth of resources, including the Web-based collections of many highly respected research professionals and assessment tools for real estate.

The Non-Profit Gateway

<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

This site's basic, no-frills index format links directly to 14 federal department home pages, and to special pages created for nonprofits, including the Government Information Locator Service (to search government publications) and an option that enables a keyword search on each department's site. These information-rich resources often contain a wealth of information on federally funded grants.

Developing and Writing Federal Grant Proposals

http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GRANT_PROPOSAL_DYN.show

Produced by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, this resource provides an overview of the key strategies for effective federal grantsmanship.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

<http://philanthropy.com/>

Widely regarded as *the* newspaper of the nonprofit world, the Chronicle has a reputation for presenting some of the most thoughtful, timely writing about the state of the philanthropic sector. The site includes a wide array of current news items, features, and information tools and resources for fund-raising, development, and grantsmanship.

Mickey's Grant and Grant Writing Resources

<http://mickeys-place-in-the-sun.com/grants.html>

This site contains a plethora of information on grants, grant writing, and funding information, and may require additional time to load depending on your Internet connection. There is a wealth of pertinent information within these pages, from grant writing how-to's to specific information on community development in both urban and rural areas.

GrantSmart

www.grantmart.org

This database nearly 574,000 tax returns filed by 101,377 private foundations and charitable trusts. The IRS supplies the date, which was most recently updated with returns filed in January 2006. These tax returns are, by law, public records and contain valuable information on the foundation's funding priorities and net assets.

GrantStation

<http://www.grantstation.com/>

This site features good information on both free and fee-based services. Work your way through the valuable links in the left margin, including the Grantseekers' Toolkit and other resources.

GuideStar

<http://www.guidestar.org/>

GuideStar offers a database of more than 700,000 U.S. nonprofit organizations, which includes some 60,000 private foundations. Useful for finding potential partners, as you can search by keyword and location, among other criteria. If you are looking for information on a specific funder, you can find basic address and financials here, then link to downloadable PF-990s (federal tax filings) for more detail.

The Foundation Center

<http://fdncenter.org/>

"Your gateway to philanthropy on the World Wide Web." You can use the free Foundation Finder to search by name for basic contact and financial information on more than 10,000 of the largest foundations. Or for about \$20 a month you can subscribe to Foundation Center Online, which gives access to the complete searchable foundation database.

Public Money Line

<http://www.tray.com/>

This online portal allows users to gain information on political contributions to various PACs. Search for individual contributions by the donor's last name, employer, or zip code. As an alternative, or to help augment your search, Opensecrets.com, <http://www.opensecrets.org/indivs/index.asp>, provides information on "soft money" contributions.