

GRANTSEEKING

Special points of interest:

Plainfield Public Library Pathfinder

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There are aids to help you with seeking a grant both in print and online.

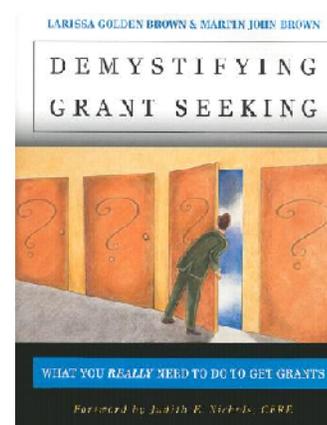
- The grant seeking process begins with the writing of a grant proposal by the seekers.
- A grant is a large single sum monetary donation to support a project or organization.
- A 502c3 is a federally recognized charity which is also a non profit corporation.
- Most nonprofits that experience steady success actually have a mix of grants and other funding sources.
- A helpful strategy is to try to see your organization's strengths through the perspective of the funder.

Overview Commentary

Whether you belong to a start-up organization or a seasoned non-profit, there are many resources available online and at your library. There may be community centers or programs which explain the process of grant seeking.

Also, it is important to realize that grant seeking is also a part of a process which involves seeking other financial support in many formats, which may include involving individual donors, fundraising, corporate funding (charitable giving), and sponsorships. Diversification in acquiring these forms of funding will often lead to a more successful non-profit.

At the Plainfield Public Library, you can find titles such as *Demystifying Grant Seeking: What You Really Need to Do to Get Grants* (658.152 BRO) to get started.



A handy title for grant seekers at the Plainfield Public Library (call number 658.152 BRO).

Some Highlighted Sources for Grant Seeking Help

The Plainfield Public Library has both printed and electronic sources of information of grant seeking. Amongst our printed and multimedia resources, we have *Grant Writing for Dummies* by Beverly A. Browning (call number CD 658.152 BRO), *Everything You Need to Know About Grants: How to Write the Grant; How to Get the Grant; Where to Get the Grant* by Anthony Hollis (call number 658.152 HOL), and *Webster's New World Grant Writing Handbook* (call number 658.152 WAS).

Also, ask the Reference Librarians to help you if you wish to seek additional sources on the Internet. They can walk you through a fact-finding demonstration on the WWW, if you would like.



Grant seeking involves a continual process of planning, communications, submission, performance, reporting, and research to reach the goal line.

"Our grant making process has four stages—one leading to the next. Throughout this process, we are continually learning by asking questions and reviewing progress".

Quoted from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation web site at:

www.gatesfoundation.org



In-house Books

- National Directory of Corporate Giving compiled and published by the Foundation Center (call number R 361.7 N22)
- Operating Grants for Nonprofit Organizations, published by Oryx Press (call number **R 658.152 OPE**)
- From Idea to Funded Project: Grant Proposals That Work by Jane C. Belcher (call number R 061 B41)
- The Foundation Directory published by the Foundation Center (call number R 061 FOU 2008 — this is a five volume set)

Articles

- M2PressWIRE. "\$30,000 in Grants to Non-Profit Groups in Metro New York and New Jersey Offered by Verizon Wireless." (2007), <http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=11&hid=101&sid=4c2df19a-ed20-43c2-b0fd-7321538de0d3%40seionmgr12&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWwhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=nfh&AN=16PU3915681942> (accessed January 6, 2010).
- Colimore, Edward. "Budget Cuts Imperil N.J. Nonprofits Aiding Disadvantaged." Philadelphia Inquirer, June 6, 2009, Page B01.
- P., Shankar. "Federal Grants Offer Survival Tools to N.J. Small Businesses." NJBIZ, 22, issue 27 (July 6, 2009): 19-19.

Online Resources

The library provides computers for Internet access for online research. Try some of these web sites for information on finding help in grant seeking:

- <http://grantseeking.net/>
- <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/free/gsb.html>
- <http://www.pewtrusts.org/default.aspx>
- <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/>
- <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>
- http://www.locationnj.com/Incentives_NJ_Grants.asp
- <http://www.njartscouncil.org/grant.cfm>
- <http://www.state.nj.us/oag/grants.htm>