

Grant Resources and Assistance

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Where can I find information about what grants are available?

The majority of this information is available online, and much of it is free, particularly when it comes to Federal and state grants. Federal and state governments have a lot of grant information on their websites, and many private foundations and corporate giving programs have information on the web as well. An internet search is often all you'll need to find the information you're looking for.

Federal Grants

[Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from most Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov is the single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies.

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> -- The **Federal Register** is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations.

State (New Jersey) Grants

New Jersey departments and agencies provide financial assistance for a variety of programs through grants. The overwhelming majority of state grant funds are awarded to local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other public entities (like public schools, community colleges, etc.) There is no one-stop-shop for finding this information. Some information is available on department/division/agency webpages, and some information is posted in the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE).

System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE)

[Dept. of Community Affairs Portal \("Green" SAGE\)](#) (this is where new user access is established by your agency's officials)

[NJ SAGE Legacy \("Blue" SAGE\)](#) (for NJ Dept. of Transportation and Div. of Highway Traffic Safety Grants)

[NJ SAGE \(IG16\)](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Agriculture](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Law and Public Safety](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Children and Families](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Education](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Health](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Human Services](#)

[N.J. Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development](#)

[N.J. Dept. of State](#) (cultural, historic, faith-based, community service, travel & tourism)
[N.J. Dept. of Transportation](#)
[Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse](#)
[N.J. Economic Development Authority](#)
[N.J. Office of Emergency Management](#)
[Garden State Preservation Trust](#)
[N.J. Historic Trust](#)

<http://www.njslom.org/grants/> -- **New Jersey State League of Municipalities** Grant Resource Center. This site contains links to grant opportunities, proposal writing courses, and grant news and information.

Private, Family, and Corporate Foundation Grants

<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/> -- **The Foundation Center**, founded in 1956, is the nation's leading authority on philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. To locate and use Foundation Center resources (free at certain libraries), use this link <http://foundationcenter.org/about/locations.html> and also check the **Funding Information Network** link on that page for a list of libraries that may be closer to you.



The Foundation Directory Online, Grants to Individuals Online and Foundation Maps are available for use at the **Hillsborough Branch of the Somerset County Library System**. Library staff are available to assist patrons access and search these online databases, which are also available free of charge and do not require a library card or county residency. Location, hours, and more can be found [here](#).

<http://www.njnonprofits.org/Fundingops.html> -- **The Center for Nonprofits** is a charitable non-profit umbrella organization providing advocacy, services, research and membership benefits to New Jersey's charitable groups.

Where Can I Find Information About How to Write a Grant or Proposal?

Numerous books, blogs, and videos can be found on the internet pertaining to grant and proposal writing.

[Grants.gov](#) -- The Federal government offers a Grants 101 primer on applying for federal grants, as well as information that explains Federal grant policy, eligibility, reporting, and much more.

[The Foundation Center](#) -- The Foundation Center offers free online tutorials, including Orientation to Grantseeking, Guide to Funding Research, Proposal Budgeting Basics, Proposal Writing Short Course, and Demystifying the 990-PF.

<http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/>

<http://grantspace.org/skills/find-foundation-corporate-donors>

<http://grantspace.org/skills/proposal-writing>

<http://grantspace.org/training>

[GrantStation](#) has a number of resources – some free and some by subscription (like the searchable grantmakers database).

- [PathFinder](#) has information to help people learn the art of grantseeking with resources in the area of grant research, writing, and management, as well as strategic planning.
- [TrendTrack](#) is the source of information on the latest in grantseeking and grantmaking, including special reports like the State of Grantseeking Reports issued every spring and fall.

[Charity Channel](#) features books and blogs written by the top experts in the nonprofit world on fundraising, grants, and much more. Charity Channel's [Grants and Foundations blog](#) is a good place to learn more.

[The Grantsmanship Center](#) -- The Grantsmanship Center, founded in 1972, conducts some 200 workshops annually in grantsmanship and proposal writing, in addition to publishing a magazine and its well-known and respected proposal writing guide, *Program Planning and Proposal Writing*.

Professional Associations

[Grant Professionals Association](#) -- The Grant Professionals Association, a nonprofit membership association, builds and supports an international community of grant professionals committed to serving the greater public good by practicing the highest ethical and professional standards.

Grant Professionals Association – New Jersey Chapter: Join other grant colleagues across the Garden State. Learn more at <http://www.grantprofessionalsnj.org/>

[American Grant Writers' Association](#) – the American Grant Writers Association is a national association of professional grant writers and grant managers.

[National Grant Management Association](#) – the National Grant Management Association is a membership association that supports and maintains high levels of grants management competency and establishes standards of excellence for grants managers.

[Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) – The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** (AFP) is the professional association of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support for a wide variety of nonprofit, charitable organizations.

Association of Fundraising Professionals New Jersey Chapter -- <http://www.afp-nj.org/>
Association of Fundraising Professionals New Jersey Southern Chapter -
<http://afpnjsouthern.afpnet.org/>