



Winning Grants Sources and Resources Handout

Government Grants

Grants.gov, grants.gov

This website provides access to over 1,000 grant programs with \$700 billion in awards from twenty-six federal grant-making agencies.

Federal Government Library Grant Sources

- Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), [imls.gov](https://www.imls.gov)
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), www.arts.gov/grants
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), www.neh.gov/grants
- National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement
- U.S. Department of Education (ED), www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html
- Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), nnlm.gov/funding

State Government Library Grant Sources

- state library administrative agencies, imls.gov/grants/grants-state/state-profiles
- state arts agencies, nasaa-arts.org/state-arts-agencies/saa-directory
- state departments of education, www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html
- state humanities councils, www.neh.gov/about/state-humanities-councils

Local Government Library Grant Sources, www.usa.gov/local-governments

This website provides access to contact information for city, county, and municipal departments of archives, arts, business, community development, environment, historical preservation, education, recreation, public health, youth, and technology.

Private Grants

Candid, candid.org

This nonprofit dedicated to connecting nonprofits to grant makers offers tools for researching foundations, funding opportunities, and grant trends. These tools are free with an account:

- FDO (Foundation Directory Online) Quick Start (fconline.foundationcenter.org/welcome/quick-start) provides background, purpose, and financial data on more than 100,000 foundations.
- GuideStar Search (www.guidestar.org) has a basic search option of in-depth profiles of 1.8 million nonprofit organizations.
- *Philanthropy News Digest* (PND) (philanthropynewsdigest.org) publishes RFPs and notices of awards that are searchable.

Council on Foundations, cof.org/page/community-foundation-locator

The Community Foundation Locator provides access to community foundations that have resource materials and information about local funding opportunities.

Grantsmanship Center, tgci.com/funding-sources

This organization maintains information on grant sources and priorities in each state, including community foundations, corporate giving, state government sources, and the top forty giving foundations.

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Professional Library Associations

Grants and awards for library projects and personnel are offered through state, regional, and special library associations, including divisions, special interest groups, and chapters.

- American Library Association, "Awards, Grants and Scholarships," www.ala.org/awardsgrants
- Public Library Association, "PLA Awards and Grants," www.ala.org/pla/about/awards
- ALA Public Programs Office, "Apply Now: Current Opportunities," www.ala.org/tools/programming/apply
- state library associations, "ALA Chapters Directory," www.ala.org/groups/affiliates/chapters/state/stateregional

Corporate Funding Sources

Some notable corporate foundations and giving programs providing library funding include Target, Dollar General, Best Buy, Walmart, and Barnes & Noble.

Local Clubs and Organizations

With a service or civic focus, many clubs provide local support, such as the Lions, Rotary, the Association of Junior Leagues, Kiwanis, Civitan, Soroptimist, and the Elks.

Local Businesses

Businesses that fund library grant projects often include banks, grocery stores, utility and energy companies, insurance companies, drugstores, restaurants, and technology stores.

Blogs, Newsletters, and Alerts

- The *Library Grants* blog (librarygrants.blogspot.com) is regularly updated with current opportunities and includes deadlines, descriptions, and links to more information.
- Candid (candid.org/stay-up-to-date/newsletters) newsletters and daily alerts, based on subjects of interest, include *Philanthropy News Digest* and *RFP Bulletin*.
- IMLS (imls.gov/news/subscribe) offers subscriptions to newsletters, grant announcements, and topics.
- *GrantStation Insider* (grantstation.com/public-resources/GrantStation-Insider) is a weekly newsletter with information on grant makers, upcoming grant deadlines, and news.
- Grants.gov (grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html) offers e-mail notification options.

Statistical Sources

- U.S. Census Bureau, data.census.gov
- Data.gov
- USA.gov
- IMLS, imls.gov/research-tools/data-collection
- American Library Association, www.ala.org/tools/topics/research, www.ala.org/tools/future/trends
- Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.aecf.org
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, www.rwjf.org
- Data USA, datausa.io
- City-Data.com
- Rural Health Information Hub, www.ruralhealthinfo.org