

Researching Grant Opportunities¹

Federal

- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** provides a full listing of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. Link: <https://www.cfda.gov/>
- **Grants.gov** An electronic grant application system. Most federal grants can be found and/or applied for on-line at this site. Some applications may be electronically submitted at the funding agency's website. Link: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- **Grants Management Common Rule** On March 12, 1987, the President directed the Federal grant making agencies to issue a grants management common rule to adopt government-wide terms and conditions for grants to States and local governments. In 1988, OMB revised Circular A-102 to include guidance to Federal agencies on matters not covered by the grants management common rule. The attachments to Circular A-102 were replaced by the grants management common rule.

It is important for a grantee to review the regulations of their Federal awarding agency. Therefore, the generic text of the common rule is not provided on this site but a link to the chart to locate the codified common rule for a particular Federal agency can be found on this federal government web page as well as other useful links. Link: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_attach

- **2 CFR** – Instructions or information issued by OMB to Federal agencies which regulate the use of federal funds through grants and agreements. Link: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=88067c2650c6be2fa501f6775e8f5168&mc=true&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2tab_02.tpl
- **The Federal Register** Sign up to receive daily Federal Register Table of Contents via email (see “Other Services” section). This site gives a listing of documents put out for public viewing which includes grant solicitations. Link: <https://www.federalregister.gov/>
- **USA.gov Government Made Easy** Source of links to Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans. Learn about government programs that provide financial help for individuals and organizations. Link: <https://www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans>

State

- **Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)** The GOSV is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Through the use of federal dollars, the GOSV currently funds 17 AmeriCorps*State programs to support disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families in Maryland. Link: <http://www.gosv.state.md.us/about.html>
- **Maryland General Assembly Search Site** Maryland General Assembly site to search for budget items by House Bill number, Senate Bill number, search topic, etc... Link: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>
- **Maryland Governor's Grants Office** a great resource for links and other information that assist local governments and community-based organizations in identifying federal grant opportunities, as well as State or private foundation grants. Link: <http://grants.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Redbook Online** For State grant programs, go to The Maryland Redbook Online, which lists all Maryland State grant programs. Link: <http://planning.maryland.gov/OurWork/redbook/>
- **Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM)** TAM is a statewide organization that is dedicated to improving mobility for all of Maryland's citizens. Link: <http://taminc.org/>

¹ Many of these can be found on Charles County's Grant website at <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/fas/grants/researching-grant-opportunities>

Other

- **National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NRCDV)**
NRCDV's mission is to improve societal and community responses to domestic violence and, ultimately, prevent its occurrence. We provide a wide range of free, comprehensive, and individualized technical assistance, training, and specialized resource materials and projects designed to enhance current intervention and prevention strategies. Link: <http://www.nrcdv.org/>

Non-Profit/Private/Foundation

- **Chaney Foundation** Their mission is to give generously each year, while retaining the financial strength to exist forever, to legitimate charitable and efficient organizations exempt from Federal tax under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that help individuals and/or communities in Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore. Link: <http://www.chaneyenterprises.com/index.cfm/go/WhoWeAre.main/id/Grants>
- **Community Foundation of Southern Maryland** The foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for the community of Charles County by aligning philanthropic interests with community needs through stewardship and collaboration. Link: <http://www.cfsomd.org/>
- **Funding Information Network (FIN)** Formerly known as Cooperating Collections, the Funding Information Networks are partners of the Foundation Center. They are free funding research and information centers with over 400 locations across the country, including 3 in Southern Maryland. The Network provides access to the Foundation Directory Online database with over 100,000 foundations and 2 million grants. Also available are Foundation Center publications, grant resource materials and training classes for grant seekers.
 - **To locate a FIN by state or zipcode**
Link: <http://grantspace.org/Find-US>
 - **GrantSpaceSM**, a service of the Foundation Center, offers information and resources that are specifically designed to meet the needs of grant seekers. Link: <http://grantspace.org/>
 - **Grant Space Classroom** - many free training courses for grant seekers.
Link: <http://grantspace.org/Classroom>
- **Idealware** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides thoroughly researched, impartial and accessible resources about software to help nonprofits make smart software decisions. They provide an online guide to the software that allows U.S. nonprofits—especially small ones—to be more effective. By synthesizing vast amounts of original research into credible and approachable information, Idealware helps nonprofits make the most of their time and financial resources. <http://www.idealware.org>
- **Maryland Nonprofits** The Maryland Association of Non-Profit Organizations ("Maryland Nonprofits") was established in 1992 as a result of a comprehensive statewide organizing effort in the nonprofit and philanthropic community involving hundreds of nonprofit executives and volunteer leaders. They exist for the sole purpose of benefiting the nonprofit sector in Maryland. Their mission is "To strengthen, educate, and engage nonprofit organizations, so they can successfully achieve their missions." Their members are large and small, emerging and established, representing every sub-sector: from environmental and health concerns to food security, housing and education. Members also include dedicated consultants and businesses that support the nonprofit community. Membership dues are based on your normal operating budget (exclusive of extraordinary grants and donations). Link: <http://www.marylandnonprofits.org>
- **National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS)**: The National Center for Charitable Statistics is the national clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. For quick answers about the nonprofit sector and information about how many organizations there are in the U.S. or Maryland, visit their Statistics and Profiles pages. Link: <http://nccs.urban.org/>
 - **Number of Nonprofit Organizations in Maryland, 2003-2013**
Link: <http://nccsweb.urban.org/PubApps/profile1.php?state=US>
 - **Revoked: A Snapshot of Organizations that Lost their Tax-Exempt Status**
Link: <http://www.urban.org/publications/412386.html>

IRS Revocation List The IRS publishes a list of organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual information return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years (Auto-Revocation List). Link: www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check

- **TechSoup** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that connects nonprofits, charities, foundations, or public libraries with technology products and services, plus the free learning resources you need to make informed technology decisions and investments. Link: <http://www.techsoup.org>
- **The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers** is a membership association composed of grantmakers in the Greater Washington region - Northern Virginia, suburban Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Their members represent a vibrant cross-section of philanthropy, including family, community, corporate, and independent foundations, as well as corporate giving programs, governmental grantmakers, grantmaking public charities, and individual philanthropists. They provide a variety of services to their members to facilitate more effective, strategic, and efficient grantmaking, thereby making the Greater Washington region a better place to live and work. Link: <https://www.washingtongrantmakers.org>

Grant Application/Proposal Writing Resources:

- **Choose Maryland.org** This site found within the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's website contains state industry and community profiles by county and/or region. Link: www.choosemaryland.org/Pages/default.aspx
- **Domestic Per Diem Rates** To look up rates throughout the continental United States (CONUS). Select a year, and click on a state. Link: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>
- **D-U-N-S** Data Universal Numbering System, abbreviated as DUNS or D-U-N-S, is a system developed and regulated by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) that assigns a unique numeric identifier, referred to as a DUNS number, to a single business entity. The Office of Management and Budget, a United States federal agency, announced in the June 27, 2003 issue of the Federal Register (68 FR 38402) that a DUNS number would be required for all grant applicants for new or renewal awards submitted on or after October 1, 2003. The DUNS number supplements other identifiers, such as the EIN, and is required whether the application is made electronically or on paper.² Link: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
- **Fact Finder** Census Bureau's website which is a good source for population, housing, economic, and geographic data. Link: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>
- **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)** The FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) is the reporting tool Federal prime awardees (i.e. prime contractors and prime grants recipients) use to capture and report subaward and executive compensation data regarding their first-tier subawards to meet the FFATA reporting requirements. Prime grant awardees will report against sub-grants awarded. Direct recipients of awards of \$25,000 or more will be required to report award information on any first-tier subawards totaling \$25,000 or more. The sub-award information entered in FSRS will then be displayed on www.USASpending.gov associated with the prime award furthering Federal spending transparency. Link: <https://www.fsr.gov/> To view a webinar on this requirement: <https://webinars.symplcity.com/fsrs/paoverview/paoverview1.htm>
- **Grant Proposal.com** A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff. The site contains numerous tips for proposal writers. Link: <http://grantproposals.com/>
- **Guide** For Writing A Funding Proposal. This website written by S. Joseph Levine, Ph.D., Michigan State University was created to help empower people to be successful in gaining funds for projects that provide worthwhile social service. Link: <http://www.learnerassociates.net/proposal/>
- **IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List** The IRS has started publishing a list of organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual information return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years. Before committing to work with a non-profit you can check to ensure that their non-profit status is still relevant. Link: www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check
- **Maryland Department of Labor** – This site is useful for pulling information on labor statistics to include employment and adult learning. Link: <http://www.dlir.state.md.us/lmi/>
- **Maryland State Clearinghouse** Under Executive Order 12372, the federal grant application process may require that the application be submitted for review by the State. The application would therefore be sent to the State Clearinghouse. The primary mission of the Clearinghouse is to ensure that financial and non-financial assistance projects operating within Maryland are consistent with State and local laws, regulations, and guidelines. This is accomplished by circulating requests for financial assistance, plans and development projects to State, regional and local public officials, to ensure that requests, plans, and projects are consistent with public policy. Link: <http://planning.maryland.gov/ourwork/grantresources.shtml>
- **M&IE Breakdown** Go to this page for Meals and Incidental Expense (M&IE) Breakdown. Link: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/101518>

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DUNS_NUMBER#Details

- **Non-profit Guides** This site includes grant writing tools for non-profit organizations. Link: www.npguides.org
- **System for Award Management (SAM)** SAM is combining federal procurement systems and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance into one new system. This consolidation is being done in phases. The first phase of SAM includes the functionality from the following systems:
 - Central Contractor Registry - CCR was the primary supplier database for the U.S. Federal government. The CCR collected data from suppliers, validated and stored this data, and disseminated it to various government acquisition agencies. Any organization wishing to receive grant funds from the federal government is required to register and receives a CAGE Code.
 - Federal Agency Registration (Fedreg) – Issued each Federal working day, the Federal Register provides a uniform system for publishing Presidential documents, regulatory documents with general applicability and legal effect, proposed rules, notices, and documents required to be published by statute.
 - Online Representations and Certifications Application – ORCA was the primary Government repository for contractor submitted representations and certifications required to conduct business with the Federal government.
 - Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) – the EPLS identifies those parties excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits.

Link: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>

- **USA Quick Facts** This site contains frequently requested Census Bureau information at the national, state, and county level. Link: <http://quickfacts.census.gov>
- **Value of Volunteer Time** To look up rates for Value of Volunteer Time for Grant Applications. Link: http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

*To view and download the training materials from this class,
please visit [http://www.charlescountymd.gov/fas/grants/other-
grant-trainings-and-funding-opportunities](http://www.charlescountymd.gov/fas/grants/other-grant-trainings-and-funding-opportunities)*