On-Line Resources

Grant Searching

www.cfda.org
The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance provides information about every grant program administered by departments and agencies of the Federal Government. If you want to find out what type of grants are available at the Federal level, this is the pace to start.

www.access.gpo.gov
The on-line, no fee Federal Register, published by the Government Printing Office is the primary resource for locating information about available grants. After locating the home page, click on “GPO Access” Now click “Federal Register” located under the Quick Links section. Scroll down and make sure you select the current year register. Next click the “Notices” section and enter the dates you wish to search. It is a good idea to begin your search after the first day of the current month. In the “Search Terms” box type “grant” Other words with the “grant” term could include “education”, “workforce” “community” “healthcare”

There is no single source of on-line information for State, private or corporate grants. Contact the Office of Grants for FC-Search and other fee-based databases that will search these resources.

Learning About the Grant Writing Process

http://www.anovember.com/grants.html
A good introduction to the grant writing process. Download in a PDF the 22 page grant workbook handout.

http://fdncenter.org/
Go to “Learning Lab” in the pull down directory and then click virtual classroom. This valuable resource has online tutorials. Titles includes:
Orientation to Grantseeking
If you are new to grantseeking from private foundations, or if you'd like a refresher course, this online orientation is for you.

Guide to Funding Research
If you are a first-time grantseeker, a new nonprofit staff or board member, or a volunteer for your favorite charity, this online guide was created with you in mind. It is intended both as a basic primer on the grantseeking process and as an introduction to the resources available.

Proposal Budgeting Basics
This tutorial offers the basics of developing a project budget--an important component of the grant proposal. The course covers issues such as overhead costs, and employee fringe benefits, and provides links to sample budget templates.
Proposal Writing Short Course
The subject of this short course is proposal writing. But the proposal does not stand alone. It must be part of a process of planning and of research on, outreach to, and cultivation of potential foundation and corporate donors.

http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/msieopen.htm
A link to the Purdue University, Click on "Introduction" for an introduction to Grant Writing Tutorial through the Federal EPA website. This site also provides an opportunity to practice your grant writing skills in an on-line mock grant writing activity.

http://www.crcamerica.org/
Since 1981 the Community Resource Center (CRC) has provided technical assistance, training and consulting services to individuals, nonprofit organizations and community-based coalitions throughout Colorado and nationally. Click the “Colorado Grants Guide” for a common format grant application. Colorado's philanthropic community has proposed an unprecedented initiative that should streamline the grant-seeking process. Representatives from Colorado foundations and a broad range of nonprofit organizations have designed a Common Grant Application that will benefit both grant makers and grant seekers alike. Most Colorado foundations surveyed have agreed to accept the Common Grant Application, but nonprofits are advised to check with the funding source regarding current priorities and additional requirements.