

## FUNDING RESEARCH TOOLS

### Federal

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). The CFDA is available online at [www.gsa.gov/fdac/queryfdac](http://www.gsa.gov/fdac/queryfdac). The online CFDA provides access to a database of all federal programs available to state and local governments; federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; domestic public and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. You may search the CFDA by keyword or program type, or download the print version into Adobe Acrobat Reader for free. The publication is also available in print for a fee from <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>.
- FirstGov.gov: "The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal." This website is a wealth of information about all government matters. The nonprofit area may be found at <http://firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit>. Under the "Grants, Loans, and other Assistance" link you may find information on surplus equipment, faith-based and community initiatives, state and local funding directories, and free information on writing a grant proposal. In addition, this website is a great resource for nonprofit information, such as tax regulations and registration and licensing requirements.
- Grants.gov. Available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies and is the access point for over 1,000 grant programs. Grant opportunities may be found by keyword, topic, posting date, or CFDA number. Grants.gov is also the place to apply for grants by downloading application packages and instructions, and submitting the complete, final versions. A training module is available at the site.
- Handbook of Federal Assistance. This printed publication provides information on more than 700 programs. It is produced annually. In Albuquerque, you can browse this book at the UNM library, or it is available for purchase for approximately \$150 at web sites such as Amazon.com.
- The Federal Register. The Federal Register is the official daily publication (Monday through Friday) for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents. It is available online at [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/). Publications dating from 1994 through the present are available. A simple search may be conducted by keyword or page number, or an advanced search includes options such as date range, publication section, volume number, and keyword. You may register to receive a free copy of the daily table of contents via e-mail, or you may receive a printed version for \$764/year.
- Federal Agency Websites. Each federal agency maintains a website that may be useful to you as you plan and search for grant opportunities. Just a few examples:
 

Administration for Children and Families Grant Programs:	<a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/index">www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/index</a>
Department of Education Grant Opportunities:	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps">www.ed.gov/GrantApps</a>
Department of Health and Human Services Grants and Funding:	<a href="http://www.os.dhhs.gov/grants/index">www.os.dhhs.gov/grants/index</a>

## State

- New Mexico Register. Available at [www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmregister](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmregister), the New Mexico Register publishes all Notices of Rulemaking and all Adopted Rules, including emergency rules, filed with the Commission of Public Records State Records Center and Archives. Agencies may publish proposed rules and other materials related to administrative law at their discretion. A subscription (\$270/year) or single issue (\$12) may be ordered through the website. Issues from 2002 through the present may be viewed as a pdf file online. While not a comprehensive source for grant funding through the state, regular review of the register allows for notice of some funding opportunities.
- State Agency Websites. Some New Mexico State agencies maintain websites that list granting information. The state government portal is available at [www.state.nm.us](http://www.state.nm.us), and you can search by your agency of interest. Some examples of agencies that offer funding information online include:

Children, Youth, & Families  
Department Requests for  
Proposals:

[www.cyfd.org](http://www.cyfd.org) (click into "Requests for  
Proposals")

Department of Health:

<http://www.health.state.nm.us/rfp.html>

Public Education Department  
(this site is *not* regularly  
updated):

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/> (scroll to  
bottom left)

New Mexico Arts:

[http://www.nmarts.org/grants\\_programs.html](http://www.nmarts.org/grants_programs.html)

## Foundation and Corporate

- New Mexico Funding Directory. Published by the University of New Mexico Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, the funding directory is available at [http://research.unm.edu/funding\\_opportunities/nmfd/](http://research.unm.edu/funding_opportunities/nmfd/). The directory contains funding agencies that make grants in New Mexico or the Southwest, including both foundations and corporations. While this may be a good starting point for your research, this directory has not been updated since 2003 and all information should be verified with another source. The directory is searchable online by keyword, or may be downloaded using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- The Foundation Center ([www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)). The Foundation Center offers The Foundation Directory online that may be searched by either foundation or grant. Subscriber fees range from \$19.95 to \$149.95 per month. Yearly subscription rates are also available. The "Foundation Finder" search tool is offered for free, which provides basic information on many U.S. foundations. In addition to online tools, the Foundation Center offers CD-Roms and print editions for sale on their website. The Foundation Center also offers access to Form 990s, which provides a great deal of financial information about the filing organization's financial condition, about its financial strength or weakness and about such things as the sources of its income. A wealth of other information can be found at this site as well, including information on finding funders, the Philanthropy News Digest, online tutorial services, and conferences and books available for purchase. Foundation Center tools may also be accessed at the main Albuquerque library downtown.
- GrantSelect. GrantSelect, at [www.grantselect.com](http://www.grantselect.com), is a fee-based service to which organizations can subscribe to the entire online database or to special interest areas.

GrantSelect boasts over 10,000 funding opportunities and is updated daily. Subscription rates range from \$300 and up.

- Guidestar ([www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)). Guidestar also offers subscription-based database services. Guidestar Basic is available for free, which organizations may use to look up foundation names and general information. For small nonprofits that are not required to file Form 990s, free registration allows access to Guidestar Select, which is an upgrade from the Guidestar Basic service. Guidestar also offers some unique services, such as free website development help for nonprofits.
- Foundation and Corporate websites. Most foundations and corporations now maintain websites with granting policies and other information online. A Google search for an organization of interest will yield the home website, as well as other potentially useful information, such as recent press releases.

#### **LOCAL FUNDING INFORMATION:**

The United Way Center for Nonprofit Excellence, The Grant Plant, and the Governor's Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives have partnered to create a funding resource for grant opportunities that are available to New Mexico nonprofits. Check out:

- Center for Nonprofit Excellence:  
<http://www.centerforprofitexcellence.org/funders.htm>
- The Grant Plant website: <http://www.thegrantplantnm.com/Calendar.htm>.

Both of these websites have federal, state, foundation, and corporate opportunities listed, and all are prescreened to ensure that New Mexico nonprofits are eligible.

*Please note that this is not intended to be a comprehensive document. Many other sources for researching available grant funding exist. Industry-specific organizations, public libraries, and other resources are available depending upon organization needs.*

The above information was compiled by The Grant Plant for training use. The Grant Plant is dedicated to providing superior and affordable resource development services specifically designed to assist nonprofit organizations in enhancing the quality of life for New Mexico residents. We offer a range of complementary services to help ease the demand of securing funding for nonprofit organizations, including prospect and data research, grant writing, editing, and reporting.

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