

This guide is intended as a brief introduction to resources for identifying potential funding opportunities.

Databases for Identifying Funding Sources

- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**
<http://www.cfda.gov/>
This is a complete listing of federal programs, projects, services and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public. It includes summary program descriptions and is searchable by keyword.
- **Catalog of Nonprofit Literature**
<http://lnps.fdncenter.org/>
A searchable database that provides bibliographic references with abstracts to literature on philanthropy, the foundation world, the nonprofit sector, and works related to charitable giving, including project reports, studies, and statistical analyses. Updated regularly by the Foundation Center.
- **Colorado Grants Guide**
[Available on-site at PIC only](#) or at various library locations
Searchable database of over 500 Colorado funders. Search by specific area of interest, geographic location or type of grant, such as general operating support or capital campaigns. Includes profiles on: local foundations and trusts, corporations, national funders, government agencies, and religious organizations.
- **Foundation Finder**
<http://inp.fdncenter.org/finder.html>
Basic information on grantmakers in the U.S. including private foundations, community foundations, grantmaking public charities, and corporate giving programs.
- **Grants.gov**
A common web site for all federal grant opportunities. The site is searchable by keyword, federal funding agency, date, or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number. Recovery Act opportunities are also available at this site.
- **GrantSmart.org**
Search grantmaker name or location to view grantmakers' IRS tax returns (990 PF forms). The IRS Form 990 PF shows an organization's charitable giving activities and lists grant recipients for the year.
- **GrantsWeb**
<http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/grantsweb/index.cfm>
SRA International is a membership society supporting research administrators and provides GrantsWeb as a portal to resources for finding government and private funding sources.
- **GuideStar**
<http://www.guidestar.org/>
Site includes a huge database with descriptions of nonprofit organizations, including public charities and some private foundations. Based on IRS filings, database entries also include a breakdown of the organizations' assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditures. Requires a free registration to get some data, and fees for all data.

On the Web

- **Grants and Foundation Support: Sources of Information on Government and Private Funding – Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**
<http://www.house.gov/pelosi/crs1036.htm>
A “bibliography to help planners learn about assistance programs and sources of funds.”
- **A Guide to Funding Resources – USDA Rural Information Center (RIC)**
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcf/contents.htm>
The Rural Information Center (RIC) provides services for rural communities, local officials, organizations, businesses and rural citizens working to maintain the vitality of America's rural areas.
- **Accessing 2009 Recovery Act and Stimulus Funding Opportunities. – YouthBuild USA**
http://www.unitedwayoc.com/admin/Newsletter/pdfs/ARRA_Guidance_FINAL_61709.pdf
An introduction to seeking stimulus funds. Though intended for YouthBuild USA and local affiliated YouthBuild program staff, may provide a good overview for other organizations.
- **A Toolkit for Funding – Connect for Kids**
<http://www.connectforkids.org/node/245>
A compilation of resources for funders, getting funded, identifying upcoming grants, and searching for grants by topic.

Grant Announcements and Funding Alerts

- **Chronicle of Philanthropy: Deadlines**
<http://philanthropy.com/deadlines/>
Grant **announcements** and requests for proposals in a wide variety of subject areas.
- **Foundation Center RFP (Request for Proposals) Bulletin**
<http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/>
A weekly bulletin of funding announcements and requests for proposals in a variety of areas.
- **Grants.gov: Grant Email Alerts**
http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp
Sign up to receive notifications of new grant opportunity postings and updates on Grants.gov. You do not need to be a registered user of Grants.gov to sign-up for this service.

Supporting Organizations

- **Association of Fundraising Professionals**
<http://afpnet.org/>
A membership association that "fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession."
- **BoardSource**
<http://www.boardsource.org/>
Works to "support and promote excellence in board service," including resources to help board members understand their roles and responsibilities (such as fundraising).
- **Colorado Non-profit Association**
<http://www.coloradononprofits.org/>
"A statewide nonprofit membership coalition connecting nonprofits of all sizes, missions and geographic locations" that provides "tools for communication, networking and administration."
Community Resource Center (CRC)
<http://crcamerica.org/>
CRC "creates opportunities, tools and strategies to develop nonprofits and community groups to strengthen Colorado."
- **Foundation Center**
<http://foundationcenter.org>
"A national nonprofit service organization recognized as the nation's leading authority on organized philanthropy, connecting nonprofits and the grantmakers supporting them to tools they can use and information they can trust."
- **iBakesale**
<http://www.ibakesale.com>
A cash-back reward program that allows your organizations to receive money back from purchases made from various merchants.
- **National Center for Charitable Statistics**
<http://nccs.urban.org/>
A clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector providing state and national data, data analysis tools, and access to raw data.
- **Richard Male & Associates**
<http://www.richardmale.com/>
Nonprofit consulting maintaining a site of free resources, including articles, tutorials, recommended reading, and the Rich Tips Newsletter that offers advice on fundraising, organizational development, management, and more.
- **Society for Nonprofit Organizations**
<http://snpo.org>
A membership organization that provides "nonprofit staff members, volunteers, and board members with affordable resources and information to work more effectively and efficiently towards accomplishing their mission."

And don't forget...

- **Board members:** take full advantage of your board's resources and contacts.
- **Corporations:** those that relate to your mission may have a division, department or philanthropic entity (have you talked to your bank yet?).
- **Development committee:** is there, or can there be a subset of your board or organization with fundraising ability?
- **Friends and colleagues:** don't overlook friends of friends.
- **Your local public library:** your public library may have a business or non-profit resource librarian as well as special reference collections or fee-based databases.