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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO FINDING AND OBTAINING GRANT MONEY

OVERVIEW

We read nearly every day about government spending, but many of us do not realize that we might be eligible to receive some of the money the government gives away every year. There are thousands of grant programs for established businesses and newcomers. Whether it's to develop a unique invention, continue or change your career path through education, work at your artistic vocation or simply obtaining help with living expenses, there are numerous sources out there for you to tap.

But how to identify them? This is the bigger stumbling block to those that even think they might qualify for government funds in some way. But the key to obtaining grant money is not a big secret. Generally, if you are an organized, detail-oriented person who can follow instructions, chances are you could qualify for a grant.

There is even a bimonthly magazine you can subscribe to called Humanities, which is published by the National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 410, Washington, D.C. 20506, phone number (202) 606-8443. This publication features listings of recent grants by discipline, a calendar detailing application grant deadlines and guide sections for those who are thinking of applying for a National Endowment of the Humanities grant -- and there are many! This magazine can give you tips to help you qualify!

Grant money can provide you with the independence you need to start your own business or launch you on a new career destination. These dollars can help you acquire schooling you've either lacked or need to change course.

All it takes is organizational skill, the ability to write a proper grant proposal and knowing who to write to for applications. This booklet will be your guide and can improve your chances of securing grant money dramatically!

HOW TO WRITE YOUR PROPOSAL

Writing a grant proposal can be as simple as following the directions in your application packet. Add a little flare

and your grant application can stand out, making your chances of selection better.

Every agency bestowing grants has different rules for application which is why reading the packet you receive thoroughly is so important. The government is a stickler for details, so if you can't follow directions or make just one small mistake, your application will be disqualified.

There are reference sources in your library to consult about grant proposal writing in addition to the advice given here. It's best to read as much as you can in preparation for your grant writing duties.

If you are requesting a grant for a specific idea or project, contact the agency after you receive the packet to see if they have recently awarded any grants for this type of work. If they have, it may be that no further grant money is available for that project. You will then have to come up with another idea to obtain your dollars.

Whatever your idea, try to enlist written support from individuals in your community who may know you and like your idea. Grant applications backed by letters from local government, community and business leaders improves your chances of receiving the award. Federal grant money may actually require these letters of endorsement. Your application packet will inform you of the specific requirements.

Even if not required, support letters are encouraged. It gives further credence to your idea and may make the difference if the grant award comes down to a couple of applications and the agency is forced to choose.

If you have a partner or two who have a different expertise than you, add their names and qualifications to the overall proposal. Having assistance on the project often encourages agencies who make grants available as the project's chances of completion are heightened.

Bouncing your idea(s) off the agency individuals who will be considering your grant request is a sound move. Many of these employees have been there a substantial length of time and will be well-versed in the ins and outs of grant obtainment. They often appreciate that you asked their advice up front and can do wonders for you in terms of saving time and effort in heading down the wrong track.

You could make, if convenient, a personal visit to the specific agency to meet the individuals who will be considering your proposal. There may be pertinent

reference information in the agency which can help you with your proposal. It always helps to put a name to a face and a professional look will help you in their estimation.

By all means, stay in contact with these people, especially if they work in the agency to whom you will be submitting your bid(s). Even if you don't get a positive response on the first grant proposal, keep in touch! They can often tip you off to what future projects have a chance of being funded. If it's in your area of expertise, you have an inside track to the next fund availability.

You will likely not be the only one writing for grant money, so you have to do a better job of it than your competitor. By making sure that there is:

- a need for your idea or project;

- sufficient research done on your part to satisfy the grantors;

- no question that you are the best candidate to receive the grant;

- time for you to spend reviewing the application process and preparing your grant proposal;

then you will be ready to write your first proposal draft.

Here are the essential parts of a grant proposal:

1. Summary. This generally outlines the proposed idea or project and is naturally slotted for the opening paragraph. Keep it both brief and interesting. It will be the first impression the grantor(s) will have of you and your abilities, so work hard on this part of the document. Poorly written, this opener could end your chances immediately. Conversely, well-written beginnings are encouraging to the reader(s) and improve on your chances. Be sure only your key points are in this portion. Don't oversell it with too much detail. Make this part easy to read, but informative.

2. About You (and your Business). The next section deals summarizes your qualifications and those of any others that will be working with you. You may want to include up to date biographies of all involved. Let the grantor(s) know about your recent work and success, especially if you've been successful with any other grant program.

3. Problem Statement. This is where you summarize the need for this project or idea. You will need to note your idea's purpose, who will benefit, how they will benefit, what socio-economic area will be affected, hard data supporting the nature of the problem, what is currently

being done (or not done) about the problem, what will happen if your idea is not funded and implemented and how you intend to solve the problem. This may be the longest part of your proposal. Get any supporting documents you need from local community and government organizations. Be sure you can defend all your thoughts contained in this section. It's the what, why and how of the grant proposal.

4. Objectives. These are the actual means by which you will solve the problem you outlined in step #3. Outline them in detail, provide cost analyses of each to support your funding request and lay them out in logical, sequential order. The agency will periodically review the progress of your project or idea once the grant is given and it will likely be these actual objective points that will be used to measure your work.

5. Detailed Objectives. While step #4 provided a summary of your objectives, all of the activities relating to accomplishing these objectives will be laid out in detail here. This could include dates, resources needed, staff needed, progress checkpoints, relevant diagrams, charts or drawings and all relevant detail. Highlight any innovative work that will be used to help accomplish your objectives. Provide any reference material necessary to back up your details.

6. Evaluation. Here, you will need to identify the results that will come from the project. You briefly stated these in your opening, but more specifics will be needed here. The only way to evaluate the project may be from seeing if it meets the results expected. You are solving a problem, after all, so your results should be your solutions and their resulting benefits. Some agencies have standard evaluation techniques, so be sure you reference those here if that is the case.

7. Future Funding. What will happen to the idea or project once finished? If it is self-completing, say so. If further maintenance will have to be done to keep the problem at bay, record how this is to be funded. You might be able to arrange for local support once the initial funding is depleted and the problem solved if it is something that requires ongoing work.

8. Budget. While it would be nice to see the grant money fund the full cost of your idea or project, current federal budget cuts may not make that feasible. If you are securing other funding or have a plan for money to pick up the additional expenses of the project, let the agency know that. Write out a detailed budget listing (and justifying) the assorted expenses. You may receive all of the funding you need from the one grant, but you really shouldn't count on it. It's often easier to secure government funding if you have also tapped into other sources to help cover the costs, even if it's a small investment on your (and, if applicable, your partner's part.

While these are the key elements of a proposal you will write, get as much help as you need depending on the size of the project. Obtain as much input from area experts as you need before writing the proposal. They might have excellent suggestions and could play a role in helping you to complete the various activities associated with accomplishing your stated objectives. They might even be helpful in writing certain aspects of the proposal, especially the details of the work and tasks necessary to meet your objectives.

Do a first draft. Then -- get feedback! Give it to people who have helped you, or whom you trust to be properly judgmental about it. The best writing is done during the rewriting phase, so it's important to have people take a critical look at your first draft. You're too close to be thoroughly objective. That's O.K.! Just know that you should get others to help you analyze your initial work in preparation for a second draft.

Go through the same process with your second draft. This should be shorter and less feedback should come in if you elicited enough comments the first time around.

Make any changes necessary and get it to final draft form. Then have it proofread and bound into a booklet for submission purposes. You're ready to submit!

Remember that the grant should be written after you've obtained the agency's application and grant guideline forms. There are many places to contact for potential grant information, and your decision should be closely allied with your skills and interests. The following list should help get you started isolating the agencies you fell are best possibilities for you.

THE WIDE ASSORTMENT OF RESEARCH GRANTS

Research opportunities exist in virtually every field imaginable. The proposal writing for this may not have to be as in-depth as a field project, but significant information is necessary and it's a good idea to follow your proposal format without regard to the type of grant being sought. The more complete -- the better! Special Emphasis Outreach Program Grants for Agricultural Research & Special

Grants Office of Advocacy and Enterprise US Dept. of Agriculture 14th and Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20250

Research Grants Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service, US Dept. of Agriculture 14th and Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20250

Cooperative Forestry Research Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service 14th and Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20250

Grants for Agricultural Research Competitive Research Grants Chief Scientist, Competitive Res. Grants Rm. 323, 14th and Independence Ave. Washington, D.C. 20250

Animal Health and Disease Research U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250

Higher Education Strengthening Grants U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250

Technical Agricultural Assistance Office of International Cooperation and Development Technical Assistance Division U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250

Research and Evaluation Program Room H-7319 U.S. Dept. of Commerce Washington, D.C. 20230 Anadromous Fish Conservation Act Program Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation & Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD. 29010

Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation & Management National Marine Fisheries Service 1335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD. 20920

Sea Grant Support Director, National Sea Grant College Program National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. 1335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD. 20920

Marine Sanctuary Program Chief, Sanctuaries & Reserves Div. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management National Ocean Service, NOAA 1825 Conn. Ave., NW Room 714 Washington, D.C. Undersea Research Director, Office of Undersea Research National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration1 335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD. 20910

Climate & Atmospheric Research Director, Office of Global Programs National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin. 1335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD. 20910

Measurement & Engineering Research and Standards National Institute of Standards and Technology Gaithersburg, MD. 20899

Regional Centers for the Transfer of Manufacturing Technology Director, NIST MTC Program Room B112 Chemistry Bldg., NIST Gaithersburg, MD. 20899

Minority Business Development Centers Assistant Director, Office of Operations Room 5063, Minority Business Dev. Agcy. U.S. Department of Commerce 14th & Constitution Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20230

American Indian Program Assistant Director, Office of Operations Room 5096, Minority Business Development Agency U.S. Department of Commerce 14th & Constitution Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20230

Procurement Technical Assistance for Business Firms Defense Logistics Agency, Cameron Station Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (DLA-U) Room 4C112 Alexandria, VA. 22304-6100

Maternal & Child Health Federal Consolidated Programs (SPRANS) Maternal & Child Health Bureau HRSA, Public Health Service Room 9-11, 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20852

Adolescent Family Life Research Grants Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs Office of Population Affairs Office of the Ass't Secretary of Health Hubert Humphrey Building 200 Independence Avenue, SW 736E Washington, D.C. 20201

Food and Drug Administration Research Grants & Assistance Agreements Section Division of Contracts and Grants Food and Drug Administration HFA-520, Room 3-20 Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20852

Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards Director, Div. of Extramural Research and Training Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Science, Public Health Service Dept. of Health & Human Services P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Applied Toxicological Research &

Testing Director, Division of Extramural Research & Training National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Public Health Service Dept. of Health & Human Services P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Biometry and Risk Estimation -- Health Risks from Environmental Exposures Director, Division of Extramural Research & Training National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Public Health Service Department of Health & Human Services P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC. 27709

AIDS Activity Grants Management Branch Procurement & Grants Office Centers for Disease Control Dept. of Health & Human Services 255 E. Paces Ferry Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30305

Oral Disease & Disorders Research Extramural Program National Institute of Dental Research National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD. 20892

AIDS Education and Training Ctrs. Director, Division of Medicine Bureau of Health Professions Health Resources and Services Admin. Room 4C05 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Injury Prevention & Control Research Projects Division of Injury Epidemiology & Control Center for Environmental Health & Injury Control Center for Disease Control Public Health Service Atlanta, GA. 30333

Conference Grant (Substance Abuse) Office for Substance Abuse Prevention Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Mental Health Administration, Rockwall II Bldg. 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Health Services Research & Development Grants Agency for Health Care Policy and Research PHS, DHHS, Suite 601, Exec. Office Center 2101 E. Jefferson Street Rockville, MD. 20852

Mental Health Research Grants Director, Division of Basic Brain & Behavioral Sciences National Inst. of Mental Health 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Occupational Safety & Health Research Grants Procurement & Grants Office, CDC DHHS, 255 E. Paces Ferry Rd., NE MS-E14 Atlanta, GA. 30333

General Clinical Research Centers General Clinical Research Ctrs. Program Nat'l Center for Research Resources National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD. 20892

Biomedical Research Technology Biomedical Research Technology Program National Center for Research Resources National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD. 20892

Head Start Admin. for Children, Youth & Families Head Start U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services P.O. Box 1182 Washington, D.C. 20013

Social Services Research & Development Director, Div. of Research & Evaluation Office of Policy & Evaluation Administration of Children & Families Room 334-C, L'Enfant Promenade, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

Social Security - Research & Demonstration Chief, Grants Management Staff Office of Acquisition and Grants, ODCM Soc. Sec. Admin., 1-E-4 1710 Gwynn Oak Avenue Baltimore, MD. 21207

Population Research Chief, Office of Grants & Contracts National Institute of Child Health & Human Development National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD. 20892

Aging Research Director National Institute of Aging, NIH Bethesda, MD. 20892

Research for Mothers & Children Chief, Office of Grants and Contracts Nat'l Inst. of Child Health & Human Devel. National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD. 20892

Employment & Training Research and Development Projects Chief, Division of Research & Demonstration, Employment & Training Administration U.S. Dept. of Labor Washington, D.C. 20210

Promotion of the Humanities - Regrants Centers for Advanced Study Division of Research Programs Centers for Advanced Study, Room 318 National Endowment for the Humanities Washington, D.C. 20506

Engineering Grants Program Analyst, Directorate for Engineering National Science Foundation Rm. 1126e, 1800 G St. NW Washington, D.C. 20550

Mathematical & Physical Sciences Ass't Director, Mathematical & Physical Sciences National Science Foundation 1800 G ST NW Washington, D.C. 20550

Safe Drinking Water Research & Demonstration

Director, Office of Research Grants RD-675, EPA Washington, D.C. 20460

Toxic Substances Research Director, Research Grants Staff RD-675, EPA Washington, D.C. 20460

Energy-Related Inventions Director, Office of Technology Evaluation and Assessment National Institute of Standards and Technology Gaithersburg, MD. 20899

Minority Educational Institution Research Travel Fund Office of Minority Economic Impact MI-2.2, DOE, Forrestal Bldg. Room 5B-110 Washington, D.C. 20585

Fossil Energy Research & Develop. Director, Dept. of Energy Fossil Energy Program, FE-122 Germantown, MD. 20545

Environmental Restoration Office of Environmental Restoration Office of Restoration & Waste Management Dept. of Energy Washington, D.C. 20545

Library Research & Demonstration Library Programs Office of Educational Research & Improvement U.S. Dept. of Education 555 New Jersey Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20208-5571

Educational Research & Development U.S. Dept. of Education Office of Educational Research and Improvement 555 New Jersey Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20208

National Inst. on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Office of Assistant Secretary for Special Education & Rehab Services U.S. Dept. of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-2572

National Adult Education Discretionary Program Division of National Programs Office of Vocational & Adult Education U.S. Dept. of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-7242

ARTS AND HUMANITIES GRANTS

Actors, Mimes & Playwright Grants Theater Program, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Rm. 608 Washington, D.C. 20506

American Culture & Folk Art Grants Folk Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Rm. 725 Washington, D.C. 20506

Arts Education & Successful Teaching National Arts Education Research Ctr. NYU School of Education, Health, Nursing & Arts Profession 32 Washington Place, #42 New York, NY 10003

Artists as Teachers Grants Arts-in-Education, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Rm. 602 Washington, D.C. 20506

Classical Music Concerts Public Affairs Office Library of Congress Washington, D.C. 20540

Dance & Choreography Grants Dance Program, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Rm. 621 Washington, D.C. 20506

Distinguished Designer Fellowships Design Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. Rm. 625 Washington, D.C. 20506 Fashion, Graphic, Industrial Designers Grants Design Arts Program, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Rm. 625, Washington, D.C. 20506

Folklife Crafts & American Traditions Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies Smithsonian Institution 955 L'Enfant Plaza Washington, D.C. 20590

Jazz Performers, Choruses and Grants for Other Musicians Music Program, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Rm. 702 Washington, D.C. 20506

Museum Artistic Initiative Grants Museum Program, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 624 Washington, D.C. 20506

Musicians Overseas Concert Tours Artistic Ambassador Program Office of Private Sector Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Information Agency 301 Fourth St. SW Room 224 Washington, D.C. 20547

Opera and Musical Theater Funding Opera-Musical Theater Program Nat'l Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 703 Washington, D.C. 20506

Overseas Speaking Opportunities for Artists American Participants Office of Program Coordination & Develop. United States Information Agency 301 Fourth St., SW Room 550 Washington, D.C. 20547

Surveys of Educational Schooling Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Grants and Contracts 109 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright St. Champaign, IL. 61820-6242 Studios, Exhibits and Funding for Artists Presenting & Commissioning Program National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Rm. 726 Washington, D.C. 20506

Theater Company Funding Theater Program, Nat'l Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Rm. 608 Washington, D.C. 20506

Visual Media Grants to Artist s Visual Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Rm. 729 Washington, D.C. 20506

You can also write to Art Grant Application Guide, Public Information Offices, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 617, Washington, D.C. 20506 for a free publication which outlines the various programs and grants currently available with a listing of calendar deadlines and application information.

STATE MONEY FOR THE ARTS

So far we have listed Federal agencies for various grant opportunities. But there is plenty of state money out there, too. While each state has their own individual guidelines, there is usually a residency requirement necessary. Listed below are the contact points for each state for money specifically for artists, actors, filmmakers and similar individuals in the arts.

Alabama Alabama Arts Council 1 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL. 36130-5810 (205) 242-4076

Alaska Alaska State Council on the Arts 411 W. 4th Avenue Suite 1E Anchorage, AK. 99501-2343 (907) 279-1558

Arizona Arizona Arts Commission 417 W. Roosevelt St. Phoenix, AZ. 85003 (602) 255-5882

Arkansas Arkansas Arts Council 225 East Markeham St. Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 324-9337

California California Arts Council Public Information Council 2411 Alahambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA. 95817 (916) 739-3186

Colorado Colorado Council on the Arts 750 Pennsylvania Denver, CO. 80203 (303) 894-2617

Connecticut Connecticut Commission on Arts 227 Lawrence Street Hartford, CT. 06106 (203) 566-4770

Delaware Delaware Division of the Arts 820 North French Street Wilmington, DE. 19801 (302) 577-3540

District of Columbia D.C. Council of Arts 410 Eight St., NW 5th Floor, Stables Art Center Washington, D.C. 20004

Florida Florida Arts Council Division of Cultural Affairs Department of State Tallahassee, FL. 32399-0250

Georgia Georgia Council for Arts 530 Means St., NW Ste. 115 Atlanta, GA. 30318 (404) 651-7920 Hawaii Hawaii State Foundation on Culture & Arts 335 Merchant St., Room 202 Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 548-4145

Idaho Idaho Commission on Arts 304 West State St. Boise, ID. 83720 (208) 334-2119

Illinois Illinois Arts Commission State of Illinois Center 100 W. Randolph St. Suite 10-500 Chicago, IL. 60601 (312) 814-6750

Indiana Indiana Arts Commission 402 W. Washington St. Rm. 072 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa Iowa Council on Arts Capitol Complex Des Moines, IA. 50319

Kansas Kansas Arts Commission Jayhawk Tower 700 Jackson, Suite 1004 Topeka, KS. 66603-3714 (913) 296-3335

Kentucky Kentucky Arts Council 31 Fountain Place Frankfort, KY. 40601 (502) 564-3757

Louisiana Louisiana State Division of Arts P.O. Box 44247 Baton Rouge, LA. 70804 (504) 342-8180

Maine Maine Arts Commission State House Station 25 Augusta, ME. 04333 (207) 289-2724

Maryland Maryland Arts Council 15 W. Mulberry St. Baltimore, MD. 21201

Massachusetts Massachusetts Cultural Council 80 Boylston St. 10th Floor Boston, MA. 02116

Michigan Michigan Council for the Arts 1200 Sixth Street Detroit, MI 48226-2461

Minnesota Minnesota State Arts Board 432 Summit Ave. St. Paul, MN. 55102

Mississippi Mississippi Arts Commission 239 North Lamar St. Suite 207 Jackson, MS. 39201 (601) 359-6030

Missouri Missouri State Council on the Arts Wainwright Office Complex 111 N. 7th St. Suite 105 St. Louis, MO. 63101-2188 (314) 340-6845

Montana Montana Arts Council 48 N. Last Chance Gulch Helena, MT. 59620 (406) 444-6430

Nebraska Nebraska Arts Council 1313 Farman on the Mall Omaha, NE. 69102-1873 (402) 595-2122

Nevada Nevada State Council on the Arts 329 Flint Street Reno, NV. 89501 (702) 688-1225

New Hampshire New Hampshire Division of Arts Council of the Arts, 40 N. Main St. Concord, NH 03301-4974 (603) 271-2789

New Jersey New Jersey State Council on the Arts CN 306 Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 292-6130

New Mexico New Mexico Cultural Affairs Art Division 224 East Palace Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501 (505) 827-6490

New York New York State Council on the Arts 915 Broadway New York, NY 10010 (212) 387-7000

North Carolina North Carolina Arts Council Department of Cultural Resources Raleigh, NC 27601-2807 (919) 733-2821

North Dakota North Dakota Council on Arts Black Building #606 118 Broad Way Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 239-7150

Ohio Ohio Council on Arts 727 East Main Street Columbus, OH. 43205-1797 (614) 466-2613

Oklahoma State Arts Council of Oklahoma 640 Jim Thorpe Bldg. Oklahoma City, OK. 73105-4987 (405) 521-2931

Oregon Oregon Arts Commission 550 Airport Rd. SE Salem, OR. 97301 (503) 378-3625

Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Room 216, Finance Bldg. Harrisburg, PA. 17120 (717) 787-6883

Rhode Island Rhode Island State Council on the Arts 95 Cedar St. Suite 103 Providence, RI 02903 (401) 277-3880

South Carolina South Carolina Art Commission 1800 Gervais St. Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 734-8696

South Dakota South Dakota Arts Council 108 W. 11th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57102-0788 (605) 339-6646

Tennessee Tennessee Art Commission 320 6th Avenue North, Ste. 100 Nashville, TN. 37243-0780 (615) 741-1701

Texas Texas Commission of the Arts P.O. Box 13406 Capitol Station Austin, TX. 78711-3406 (512) 463-5535

Utah Utah Council of Arts 617 E. South Temple Salt Lake City, UT. 84102-1177

Vermont Vermont Council on Arts 133 State St. Montpelier, VT. 05633-6001

Virginia Virginia Commission for the Arts Lewis House, 223 Governor St. Richmond, VA. 23219-2010 (804) 225-3132

Washington Washington State Arts Commission 110 9th & Columbia Bldg., MS-GH11 Olympia, WA. 98504-2675 (206) 753-3860

West Virginia Dept. of Culture & History Arts & Humanities Division Capitol Complex Cultural Center Charleston, WV 25305 (304) 558-0220

Wisconsin Wisconsin Arts Board 131 W. Wilson St. Suite 301 Madison, WI. 53703 (608) 266-0190

Wyoming Wyoming Arts Council 2320 Capitol Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82002 (307) 777-7742

FEDERAL MONEY FOR STUDENTS

There are many federal and state programs designed to provide financial assistance for education to people of all ages, including the elderly. The following is a listing for some of those resources.

Minority Research & Teaching Grants MRTP Small Grants Programs Director, Minority Research and Teaching Programs Office of Advocacy & Enterprise U.S. Dept. of Agriculture 14th and Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250

Food & Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants Director, Higher Education Programs U.S. Department of Agriculture Administration Bldg. Room 350-A 14th and Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20250

Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program Assistant Secretary of Defense Pentagon, Room 3E325 Washington, D.C. 20301-1500

Health Education Assistance Loans Director, Division of Student Assistance Bureau of Health Professions HRSA, PHS, Room 8-39 5600 Fishers Ln. Rockville, MD. 20857

Grants for Preventive Medicine Residency Training Director, Division of Medicine Health Resources & Services Admin. 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Grants for Podiatric Medicine Training Director, Division of Medicine Health Resources & Services Admin. 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships Division of Nursing Bureau of Health Professions Health Resources & Services Admin. PHS Room 5C-13 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students Division of Student Assistance Health Resources & Services Admin. PHS Parklawn Bldg. Rm. 8-23 5600 Fishers Ln. Rockville, MD. 20857

Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training Nat'l Health Service Scholarship Prgm. Health Resources & Services Admin. PHS, DHHS, Parklawn Bldg. Rm. 7-16 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Health Professions Student Loans Division of Student Assistance Health Resources & Services Admin. PHS Room 823 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD. 20857

Nursing Student Loans Division of Student Assistance Health Resources & Services Admin. PHS, DHHS, Parklawn Bldg. Rm. 8-23 Rockville, MD. 20857

Child Development Associate Scholarships Director, Head Start Bureau 400 6th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20024

Medical Library Assistance Director, Extramural Programs National Library of Medicine Bethesda, MD. 20894

Minority Access to Research Careers Program Director, MARC Nat'l Inst. of General Medical Sciences NIH Bethesda, MD. 20892

Community Development Work-Study Program Dept. of Housing & Urban Develop. Community Planning & Development Office of Program Policy Develop. Technical Assistance Division 451 7th Street, SW Washington, D.C.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Kings Point Director, Office of Maritime Labor & Training, Maritime Administration U.S. Dept. of Transportation Washington, D.C. 20590

Federal Summer Employment Staffing Policy Division Career Entry & Employee Develop. Group, Office of Personnel Mgmt. 1900 E. St., NW Washington, D.C. 20415

Promotion of the Arts -- Arts Admin. Fellows Program Arts Administration Fellows Program National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20506 Young Scholars Director, Div. of Research Career Development National Science Foundation 1800 G. St., NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Veterans Educational Assistance U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs Central Office Washington, D.C. 20420

Adult Education - State Admin. Basic Grant Program Director, Division of Adult Education Office of Ass't Sec'y for Vocational and Adult Education U.S. Dept. of Education Washington, D.C. 20202-7320

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Director of Policy & Program Development Student Financial Assistance Program U.S. Dept. of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202

Library Career Training Library Development Staff Library Programs U.S. Dept. of Education 55 New Jersey Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20208

Perkins Loans Director, Division of Program & Policy Development U.S. Dept. of Energy 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202

Business & International Education International Studies Branch Center for International Education U.S. Dept. of Education Room 3053 Washington, D.C. 20202

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CONCLUSION

Securing a grant is no easy task. But for the dedicated and persistent, it's there for the asking. Government budgets are set up to spend all the cash they are allocated. People like yourself are awarded these funds all the time. This time next year -- it could be you on the receiving end of this money -- and on your way to a new career!