

# Money is Easy: Grant Writing Secrets That Work

## Introduction

Writing grant proposals can be a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. This book, *Money is Easy: Grant Writing Secrets That Work*, is a comprehensive guide that will help you write winning grant proposals and secure funding for your organization.

In this book, you'll learn everything you need to know about the grant writing process, from finding the right sources of funding to writing a compelling proposal. You'll also get tips on building relationships with grantors and avoiding common mistakes.

Whether you're a seasoned grant writer or just starting out, this book has something for you. The book is packed with practical advice and real-world examples

that will help you write proposals that stand out from the competition.

So if you're ready to take your grant writing skills to the next level, then this book is for you. With *Money is Easy: Grant Writing Secrets That Work*, you'll have all the tools you need to secure the funding you need to make a difference in your community.

In this book, you'll learn:

- How to find the right sources of funding for your organization
- How to build a strong grant writing team
- How to write a compelling grant proposal
- How to get organized and manage your grant writing process
- How to comply with grant reporting requirements
- How to build relationships with grantors
- How to avoid common grant writing mistakes

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Order your copy of *Money is Easy: Grant Writing Secrets That Work* today and start writing winning grant proposals tomorrow!

# Chapter 1: The Preliminaries

## 1. Finding the Right Sources of Grants

Before you start writing grant proposals, you need to find the right sources of funding. There are many different types of grants available, so it's important to do your research and find the ones that are most relevant to your organization and project.

One of the best ways to find grants is to use a grant database. These databases contain information on thousands of grants from a variety of sources, including government agencies, foundations, and corporations. Two popular databases are Grants.gov and The Foundation Center.

Another way to find grants is to network with other organizations in your field. Talk to people who have been successful in getting grants and ask them how they found the funding. You can also attend workshops and conferences on grant writing and funding.

Once you've found a few potential sources of funding, you need to research each one carefully. Read the grant guidelines and make sure that your organization and project are eligible. You should also find out how much funding is available and what the deadline is for submitting proposals.

It's important to start your search for grants early. The process of finding the right grant, writing a proposal, and getting it approved can take several months. So don't wait until the last minute to start looking for funding.

Here are some additional tips for finding the right sources of grants:

- Be specific in your search. The more specific you are about your organization and project, the easier it will be to find grants that are a good fit.
- Be flexible. Don't limit yourself to one type of grant or one source of funding. Be open to considering all options.

- Be persistent. Finding the right grant takes time and effort. Don't get discouraged if you don't find the perfect grant right away. Keep searching and you'll eventually find one that's a good fit for your organization and project.

Finding the right sources of grants is the first step in the grant writing process. By doing your research and being persistent, you can increase your chances of finding the funding you need to make a difference in your community.



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## 2. Grants vs Loans: Understanding the Differences

Grants and loans are both forms of financial assistance. However, a significant difference between the two comes down to repayment. Grants do not need to be repaid, while loans do. This fundamental difference has important implications for organizations seeking funding.

### Grants

- **Definition:** A grant is a sum of money given to an individual or organization for a specific purpose, such as research, education, or community development.
- **Advantages:**
  - **No repayment:** Grants do not need to be repaid, which means organizations can

use the funds without worrying about future financial obligations.

- Flexibility: Grants often come with fewer restrictions than loans, allowing organizations more freedom in how they use the funds.
- Disadvantages:
  - Competition: Grants are often highly competitive, and organizations may need to submit multiple applications before securing funding.
  - Limited availability: Grants may have specific eligibility criteria, and organizations may not qualify for certain grants.

## **Loans**

- Definition: A loan is a sum of money that an individual or organization borrows from a bank

or other lender and agrees to repay over time, typically with interest.

- Advantages:
  - Predictability: With a loan, organizations know exactly how much they need to repay and when, which can make it easier to budget and plan.
  - Larger amounts: In general, loans offer larger funding amounts than grants.
- Disadvantages:
  - Repayment: Loans must be repaid, which can put a strain on an organization's budget.
  - Interest: Loans accrue interest, which increases the total amount of money that must be repaid.
  - Collateral: Loans often require collateral, which is an asset that can be seized by the lender if the loan is not repaid.

Ultimately, the decision between seeking a grant or a loan depends on the organization's specific needs and circumstances. Organizations should carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages of both options before making a decision.

# Chapter 1: The Preliminaries

## 3. What Agencies Offer Grants

Many different agencies offer grants, from federal and state government agencies to private foundations and corporations.

### **Federal Government Agencies**

The federal government is the largest provider of grants in the United States. There are dozens of federal agencies that offer grants to organizations and individuals for a wide variety of purposes, including research, education, and community development.

Some of the most popular federal grant-making agencies include:

- The National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- The National Science Foundation (NSF)
- The Department of Education (ED)

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

### **State Government Agencies**

State government agencies also offer grants to organizations and individuals. The types of grants available vary from state to state, but common grant programs include:

- Grants for education
- Grants for community development
- Grants for economic development
- Grants for healthcare
- Grants for environmental protection

### **Private Foundations**

Private foundations are nonprofit organizations that provide grants to organizations and individuals.

Foundations are typically funded by wealthy individuals, families, or corporations.

Some of the largest private foundations in the United States include:

- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- The Ford Foundation
- The Rockefeller Foundation
- The Carnegie Corporation of New York
- The Surdna Foundation

## **Corporations**

Corporations also offer grants to organizations and individuals. Corporate grants are typically used to support causes that are related to the company's business or mission.

Some of the largest corporate grant-making companies in the United States include:

- Walmart

- Microsoft
- Google
- Amazon
- JPMorgan Chase

## **How to Find Grants**

There are a number of ways to find grants. You can:

- Use a grant search engine
- Contact a grant writer
- Attend a grant writing workshop
- Talk to other nonprofits in your community

Once you have found a few grants that you are interested in, you can start the process of applying for them.



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