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# Surfin' for Funds



Those working in the best interests of youngsters always are on the look out for funding opportunities. The picture is constantly changing. We have moved into an era of creative financing. Fortunately, the Internet now provides a major tool for identifying many funding opportunities and offers access to helpful documents and organizations that share expertise related to relevant financial strategies.

This document is meant to help as you use the Internet to learn about what is available at the moment. It is meant to be a general do-it-yourself aid and as a supplement to seeking specific technical assistance from centers such as ours. (If you are not personally connected to the Internet, hopefully you have access through your work site, local libraries, or a friend.)

## *I. Accessing Information through Sites Compiling Information on Funding Opportunities*

### **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance - <http://www.cfda.gov/>**

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is a government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public. It details every federal grant, including description, eligibility, deadlines, and award procedures. It contains financial and nonfinancial assistance programs administered by departments and establishments of the Federal government.

### **eSchool News Technology Solutions Center - <http://www.eschoolnews.com/funding/>** Information on up-to-the minute grant programs, funding sources., and technology fund.

### **Federal Register - <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>**

The Federal Register is the "main" resource listing federal funding opportunities. It is published Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The current year's Federal Register database is updated daily by 6 a.m. Documents are available as ASCII text and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

### **GrantsAlert - <http://www.grantsalert.com/>**

GrantsAlert is a website designed to help in searching for grants and funding opportunities for organizations, schools, districts and other agencies.

### **National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention- <http://www.promoteprevent.org/>**

A resource page containing links to selected publications, websites, online events, and other resources.

### **Notices of Funding Availability - <http://www.grants.gov>**

See the electronic storefront for Federal Grants at the above site.

Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) are announcements that appear in the Federal Register, printed each business day by the United States government, inviting applications for Federal grant programs. This page allows you to generate a customized listing of NOFAs.

### **Snapshot from SAMHSA - <http://www.samhsa.gov>**

Snapshot is a new series dedicated to simplifying and amplifying information about SAMHSA's grant programs.

**School Grants - [http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant\\_opps.htm](http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant_opps.htm)**

Posts all types of grants for schools, teachers, and students. Provides links to federal and state agencies and foundations (<http://www.schoolgrants.org/Links/links.htm>)

**The Finance Project - <http://www.financeproject.org>**

The Finance Project is a national initiative to create knowledge and share information that will lead to the improved well-being of children, families, and communities. The Finance Project develops working papers and other tools and products, convenes meetings, roundtables, and forums, and conducts technical assistance activities. Their website lists New Initiatives and Project Descriptions and publications & resources such as: *Federal Financing Issues and Options*; *State & Local Financing Issues and Options*; *Financing Comprehensive, Community-based Supports, and Services*; *Results-based Planning, Budgeting, Management, and Accountability Issues*; *Financing Early Childhood Supports and Services*; *School Finance Issues* . The Finance Project also hosts the Information Resource Network, a valuable source of information regarding welfare, income security, and welfare to work programs – <http://www.financeproject.org/irc/win.asp>

**The Foundation Center - <http://www.foundationcenter.org/>**

The mission of the Foundation Center is to foster public understanding of the foundation field by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects. It publishes the *Philanthropy News Digest*, a weekly listing of requests for proposals (RFPs) from U.S. grantmakers. (See - <http://www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/>)

**American Psychological Association - <http://www.apa.org>**

Go to *Search*; type in Grants. Provides a useful summary listing of many funding opportunities.

**II. Major Public Funding Agencies**

**Department of Health & Human Services - <http://www.hhs.gov/agencies/>**

The simplest way to check for grants in the various agencies of this Department is to go to the Catalog of Federal Administrative Assistance as listed in the previous section of this document - <http://www.cfda.gov/>. Alternatively, go to the Department's web address and click on the agency you want to check out (e.g., Administration for Children and Families -- ACF, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -- CDC, Health Resources and Services Administration -- HRSA; National Institutes for Health -- NIH; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration -- SAMHSA. Once at the site, you can go to the Grants pages and find out about agency grants, including what the various units are offering.

For example:

On SAMHSA's grant page (<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/index.aspx>), you will find information on grants from the Center for Mental Health Services, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

On NIDA's funding page (<http://www.nida.nih.gov/Funding/default.html>), you will find announcements.

On NIAAA's grant page (<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/researchinformation/extramuralResearch/>), you will find program announcements, requests for applications and other relevant information.

Examples of types of relevant grant opportunities the DHHS has funded recently include:

- >Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with SED
- >Conference Grants Program
- >Homeless Families Program
- >Community Action Grants for Service Systems Change,
- >National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Children
- >Violence Prevention/Resilience Development -- School and Community Action Grants
- >Violence Prevention Coordinating Center
- >Community-Initiated Prevention Interventions
- >Family Strengthening

- >Substance Abuse Prevention/HIV Care
- >Adolescent Treatment Models
- >Targeted Capacity Expansion Program
- >Community Action Grants
- >Practice/Research Collaboratives
- >Comprehensive Community Treatment Program for the Development of New and Useful Knowledge
- >National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants
- >National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care
- >Adolescent Health Center for State Maternal and Child Health Personnel
- >Maternal and Child Health Provider Partnerships
- >Community Organization Grants (COG) Program
- >Interagency -- with Departments of Justice and Education – <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>  
Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative  
School Violence Prevention and Early Childhood Development Activities

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)- <http://cms.hhs.gov/>**

Provides general information on service funding related to Medicaid/EPSDT and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Specific information can be found on each state's website, which can be accessed via the U.S. State & Local Gateway - [http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/State\\_and\\_Territories.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/State_and_Territories.shtml)

**Department of Education - <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>**

The simplest way to check for grants in the various units of DOE is to go to the site listed above or go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml> or to the Catalog of Federal Administrative Assistance as listed in the previous section of this document - <http://www.cfda.gov/>. Another quick option related to the most recent application notices is to go to **Federal Register ED Announcements** - <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html>

Examples of types of relevant grant opportunities the DOE has or may fund include:

- >Alternative Strategies: Grants to Reduce Student Suspensions and Expulsions, and Ensure Educational Progress of Suspended and Expelled Students
- >Neglected and Delinquent/High Risk Youth Program
- >Even Start Statewide Family Literacy Initiative Grants
- >21st Century Community Learning Centers Program
- >Parental responsibility/Early Intervention Resource Centers
- >Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants
- >Character Education
- >Emergency Immigrant Education Program
- >Goals 2000 Comprehensive Local Reform Assistance Program
- >Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Program
- >Linking Policy and Practice Audiences to the 1997 Amendments of IDEA
- >State and Federal Policy Forum for Program Improvement
- >Center on Achieving Results in Education for Students with Disabilities (special educ.)
- >Rehabilitation Short-Term Training (special educ.)
- >Centers for Independent Living (special educ.)
- >Special Demonstration Programs (special educ.)
- >Community Parent Resource Centers (special educ.)
- >Elementary School Counseling Demonstration
- >Middle School Drug Prevention and School Safety Program Coordinators
- >State Grants for Incarcerated Youth Offenders
- >Civic Education
- >Systems-Change Projects To Expand Employment Opportunities for Individuals With Mental or Physical Disabilities, or Both, Who Receive Public Support
- >Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- >Interagency --with Departments of Justice and HHS – <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>  
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**Note:** To Foster service coordination, there are several ways to use existing dollars provided to a district by the federal government. See :Using Federal Education Legislation in Moving Toward a Comprehensive, Multifaceted, and Integrated Approach to Addressing Barriers to Learning” – <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/federallegislation.pdf>

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Department of Justice - <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>**

See OJJDP website for Notice of Comprehensive Program Plan for Fiscal Year 2000  
Examples of types of relevant grant opportunities in which the Department of Justice is or has been involved:

- >Mental Health and Juvenile Justice: Building a Model for Effective Service Delivery
- >Fiscal Year 2000 Missing and Exploited Children's Program
- >Interagency --with Departments of Education and HHS – <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>  
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This site also offers a gateway to other Department of Justice and federal agency funding opportunities (i.e., Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, Transportation) - <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/funding/funding.html>

### ***III. Foundations***

As noted in Section I of this document, **The Foundation Center** - <http://www.foundationcenter.org/> collects, organizes, analyzes, and disseminates information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects. It publishes the *Philanthropy News Digest*, a weekly listing of requests for proposals (RFPs) from U.S. grantmakers. (See -- <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/>). Many foundations include a focus on health, mental health, and schools. For example, Annie E. Casey Fdn., Robert Wood Johnson Fdn., W. K. Kellogg Fdn., Charles Stewart Mott Fdn., Commonwealth Fund, Pew Charitable Trusts, DeWitt-Wallace/Readers Digest Fdn., W. T. Grant Fdn., Rockefeller Fdn., Harris Fdn., Public Welfare Fdn., R. G. Hemingway Fdn., Carnegie Corp. You can, of course, go directly to the websites for any foundation and find the information about what they currently fund. However, direct contacts to discuss what one wants to propose often is a strategically good step.

### ***IV. A Few Other Resources with Relevant Summaries, Reports, and Analyses***

#### **Basic Elements of Grant Writing - <http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>**

This website offers an easy guide to the basic elements of grant proposal writing and is offered to assist applicants in writing funding sources. It offers guideposts to help you through each stage of the process.

#### **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant - <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/blockgrant/index.htm>**

Overview of Prevention Health and Health Services Block Grant. Lists of state selected programs that illustrates the innovative ways in which the block grant is used to support existing, programs, develop and implement new programs and respond to unexpected emergencies.

### ***V. Accessing Information Through Our Center***

Whenever we learn about funding opportunities, we cite them in our monthly electronic news and, as appropriate, in our quarterly newsletter. These documents, then, are added to our website for ongoing access. In addition, as we become aware of reports and other documents that discuss sources, explore issues, and provide analyses, we add these to our Center Clearinghouse and reference them in documents we produce to provide overviews on different topics such as financial strategies. You can easily find what we have by using the search features on our Website.

You should begin with a *Quick Find Search*. This type of search yields basic information on specific topics for which we receive frequent requests, such as “Financing and Funding.” (<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/websrch.htm>) To do a Quick Find search, go to the site <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/> and click on *Search*, you will see the Quick Find section and a place to “Select a response to a frequent request.” Since you are interested in funding opportunities, find the topic “Financing and Funding” and hit “go.” It will provide you a list of resources you may find useful, and when you scroll down, you will find a list of agencies and Website links which you can then access.

**A Final Note:** In the spirit of creative financing, it is important to think in term of collaborative partnerships. One type of partnership involves seeking funds with University colleagues. This opens up access to a variety of research funds and strengthens applications for programs that involve a major evaluative component.