Helping Nonprofits Help our Community

Funding Information Network collection at the Martin County Library

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What is the Foundation Center?

The Foundation Center is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting philanthropy by providing resources to connect nonprofit organizations with the grantmakers supporting them.

The Foundation Center aims to provide these resources to the nonprofit sector through its national network of more than 450 Funding Information Network collections. The Martin County Library System is part of this network.

What resources are available?

Databases: (only available from within the Blake Library)

Foundation Directory Online Professional - The most important resource for grant seekers we have at the library is the Foundation Directory Online Professional database. This resource provides access to detailed information on over 140,000 grant makers as well as separate databases on companies, grants, and grant recipients. This database is available in the Blake Library only and can be accessed any time the library is open.

Foundation Grants to Individuals Online - Foundation Grants to Individuals Online is an online database of nearly 10,000 foundation and public charity programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grant seekers.

Foundation Maps – A graphical version of Foundation Directory Online displaying maps showing the locations of foundations and grant recipients.

Books:

We have a core collection of books from the Foundation Center as well as books of our own for nonprofits. These are some of the books that can be checked out from our collection:

- Capital campaigns : a guide for board members and others who aren't professional fundraisers but who will be the heroes who create a better community

- The complete book of grant writing : learn to write grants like a professional

- The complete idiot's guide to grant writing

- Effective fundraising for nonprofits : real-world strategies that work

- Every nonprofit's guide to publishing

- The Foundation Center's guide to proposal writing

- Foundation fundamentals : a guide for grant seekers

- Fund raising realities every board member must face : a 1-hour crash course on raising major gifts for nonprofit organizations

- Getting grants : the complete manual of proposal development and administration

- How to write successful fundraising letters

- Nonprofit financial planning made easy

- Nonprofit law & governance for dummies

- The only grant-writing book you'll ever need

- Proposals that work : a guide for planning dissertations and grant proposals

- Securing your organization's future

- Strategic planning for nonprofit organizations

Classes

Classes on using the *Foundation Directory Online Professional* database are held several times a year at the Martin County Library.

The Foundation Center also provides many free online classes, tutorials, and webinars through their companion website Grantspace.

Grantspace

The following list of online classes and tutorials can be accessed for free at:

http://www.grantspace.org

Online Training Courses

▶ **Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits**

▶ **Grantseeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts**

▶ **Introduction to Corporate Giving (Newly Revised)**

▶ **Introduction to Finding Grants**

▶ **Introduction to Fundraising Planning**

▶ **Introduction to Project Budgets (formerly Proposal Budgeting Basics)**

▶ **Introduction to Proposal Writing (formerly Proposal Writing Basics)**

▶ **Your Board and Fundraising**

Other Grantspace Tools

▶ **Knowledgebase**
http://grantspace.org/tools/knowledge-base

Grantspace has a knowledgebase with answers to many frequently asked questions such as "How do I start a nonprofit organization?"

▶ **Sample Documents**
http://grantspace.org/tools/sample-documents

Grantspace has helpful sample documents such as proposals, cover letters, budgets and letters of inquiry which can be valuable in structuring and writing your own documents

▶ **Free version of Foundation Directory Online**
http://grantspace.org/tools/foundation-directory-online

A free version of the FDO database is available which will let you find information about a grantmaker if you know the foundation's name.

▶ **Catalog of Nonprofit Literature**
http://cnl.foundationcenter.org/

The Foundation Center maintains a database of articles on the nonprofit sector. If you are looking for articles related to philanthropy you can search the Catalog of Nonprofit Literature by author, title, subject or keyword. If you find a citation or abstract to an article you need, we can request it for you from the Foundation Center.

▶ **Live Chat**

Grantspace has a "Chat Now" button in the top left corner of their website so you can ask a question through a live chat session with someone from the Foundation Center

Websites:

The following websites have useful information on grants and foundations:

Foundation Center
http://foundationcenter.org/

GrantSpace
http://www.grantspace.org

Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin County
http://www.cfpbmc.org/

GuideStar
http://www.guidestar.org/

GrantsWeb
http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/grantsweb/index.cfm

Association of Fundraising Professionals
http://www.nsfre.org/