

Grant Seeking

This list will help you get started searching for grants. You may want to start by preparing a Letter of Interest for local funders, and you may want to see if your city or county offers small grants. Run a search for the specific type of grant you're looking for, example: grant CA work force or funding work based learning. Even when you're on notification lists, you will learn about many grant opportunities from colleagues and general word of mouth.

There are services you can purchase that compile grants, but they are expensive. There are few I would invest in, and be very cautious of any online service you find that requires a fee.

Find some small grants and gain some success before tackling something like a federal grant. Look at how many awards will be granted to determine if it's worth the investment of your time.

Foundationcenter.org has become candid <https://candid.org>

Some sites require fees – typically, I use what's free. Whenever there's an option to get notifications about new grant releases, I sign up for those, example - <https://philanthropynewsdigest.org>
You can select the RFAs and they will send a weekly roundup of information.

Private funders

Many private funders request a LOI (Letter of Interest). The LOI is used to see if the funder and requester share the same mission and goals. If the funder is interest, they will request a full proposal. There are many examples of LOIs online. The wikihow provides a good overview
<https://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Letter-of-Interest-for-a-Grant>

To find local funders, you may search your city name with education funders or philanthropist, then visit the website to learn how to apply.

State

The CA Department of Education has a grants page

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/>

There are six links – each link has the option to join a list-serv

By the way, I have an email account just for list-serv notifications. I don't want my general email clogged with them. Some are not bad, and some are useless. If they do not serve my needs, I get off those lists.

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>

California Arts Council has an artist-in-schools grant opportunity, among others.

Federal

<https://www.grants.gov/>

Large federal grants are available on grants.gov, including National Science Foundation and National Education Grants. These grants are more challenging to write and have many requirements. Since most are investigative, you must work with a partner university. You will also need your organization

information including a SAM number, a DUNS number, and you will need to be approved an AOR (authorized organization representative).

<https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=pn>

For US Department of Ed, you typically need a partner university; these are extremely competitive grants.

- The Light Awards program is a great place to start. It funds professional development in Northern California. <https://lightawards.org/>
- <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>
- <https://learning.candid.org/> there are some free online trainings you can take from Candid, which used to be the Foundation Center
- <https://www.sbcf.org/> San Bruno posted community opportunities up to \$25K – there are many small, local grants. Found that opportunity here: <https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps>
- Be sure to investigate large corporations in your area for their foundation and community contribution opportunities