

## Grant Writing: *Or, Where's the Money?*

Funds received from a private foundation (such as the [Council on Library and Information Resources](#)) or government-sponsored organization (such as the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)) by an individual, group, or institution in support of a worthy project or cause is known as a grant. In most cases, the recipient must compete for grant funds by submitting a proposal.

*Grantsmanship* is the art of successfully obtaining and administering grants and grants-in-aid, including the ability to recognize when an idea is fundable, locate funding sources, research the information necessary to fill out the application, establish a realistic timetable, write the proposal, and manage the grant process once funding is approved. When grant funding is a high priority, you may wish to consider working with a trained and experienced *grants administrator* to help teaching faculty and librarians negotiate the process.

### Resources

- ***Annual Register of Grant Support***
  - Information on funding sources published by *InformationToday*.
  - <https://informationtodayinc.com/reference/annual-register-of-grant-support/>
- ***The Foundation Directory***
  - published annually by The Foundation Center
  - <https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>
- ***Grants.gov***
  - For federal grant opportunities. Maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
  - <https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>
- ***Library Grants***
  - A blog for anyone interested in library grant opportunities.
  - <https://librarygrants.blogspot.com/>

The Idaho Commission for Libraries offers [monetary grants](#) to libraries, including:

- Continuing Education Grants,
- LSTA Grants,
- Mini-Access Grants,
- First-Time Conference Attendee Grants.

For more information on ICfL monetary grants, please contact Annie Gaines at [Annie.Gaines@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:Annie.Gaines@libraries.idaho.gov) or at 208-639-4151.

For E-rate and Broadband Grants, see <https://libraries.idaho.gov/grants-funding/e-rate-broadband/>.

For more information on E-rate and Broadband Grants, please contact William Lamb at [William.Lamb@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:William.Lamb@libraries.idaho.gov) or at 208-639-4135.

Grant opportunities are announced on the LibIdaho listserv as well as on ICfL blog posts.