Surfing for Dollars: Online Resources for Grantseekers
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The Internet has fast become an essential tool for locating new sources of funding, and locating resources for successful grant writing and fundraising.

The following are just a few of the many web sites where you can find information and resources about grant and fundraising opportunities:

The Donors Forum of Chicago  www.donorsforum.org
The Donors Forum is an excellent source of information on private foundations and corporate giving programs in Illinois. The Donors Forum administers a special library on philanthropic and funding research affiliated with the Foundation Center of New York. This public library houses the Midwest's largest collection of resources on philanthropic and nonprofit issues and organizations. The Donors Forum publishes a Directory of Illinois Foundations and offers workshops on proposal preparation and writing.

The Foundation Center  www.fdncenter.org
The Foundation Center's list of private grantmakers http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/ The Foundation Center provides grantmaker information, an online library of foundation and nonprofit resources, a marketplace for Center publications, resources, and training courses, and links to the web sites of over 600 grantmakers and fundraising resources. Publications include: The Foundation Directory; Guide to US Foundations; The Foundation 1000; The Foundation Grants Index; National Directory of Corporate Giving National Guide to Funding for Children, Youth and Families; The Foundation Center's Guide to Grantseeking on the Web; The Foundation Center's Guide to Proposal Writing.

The Council on Foundations  www.cof.org/
The Council on Foundations a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations, includes general information about foundations and links to member foundations and corporations on its web site.

The Grantsmanship Center  www.tgci.com/
The Grantsmanship Center offers training programs for nonprofit organization staff on grant writing, fundraising, and business development. The Center offers publications and other resources on grantwriting and researching appropriate funding sources for your organization.

Foundations On-Line  www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html
Foundations On-Line provide a directory of foundations and grantmakers and provide links to each organization's home page.

The Family Foundation Forum  www.familyfoundation.com/
The Family Foundation Forum offers information, assistance and services to Family Foundations, links Foundation directors to discuss areas of interest and concern and provides a location for grantmakers and grantseekers to connect.

The Philanthropy Journal Online  http://philanthropy-journal.org
The Philanthropy Journal Online was created by the North Carolina Journal of Philanthropy and has links to over 100 foundations, in addition to current information about trends in philanthropy.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy lists and summarizes a number of requests for proposals from various foundations.
The Internet Nonprofit Center  http://www.nonprofits.org/
The Internet Nonprofit Center site has information about nonprofits, public charities and foundations. It also features a Nonprofit Locator that will find the address of any nonprofit organization.

U.S. Government Web Sites
Department of Education  www.ed.gov
The U.S. Department of Education offers guides to grantwriting, an online library for grant seekers, a “Money Matters” section with information on how to apply for grants and contracts, and links to its many programs and services.

   Education Department Grants & Contracts Page  http://gcs.ed.gov
   Education Department Grants Administrative Regulations  http://gcs.ed.gov/grntinfo/edgar.htm

FedWorld Information Network provides links to more than 130 federal bulletin boards, including the Department of Education’s grants database.

Federal Register  www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html
The Federal Register provides information on regulation and legal notices issued by federal agencies.

GrantsNet  www.os.dhhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/index.html
GrantsNet is a vehicle for finding and exchanging information about DHHS and other Federal grant programs.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)  www.nih.gov/
   NIH Office of Extramural Research (Grant Programs)  www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

Foundation Home Pages
The Foundation Center estimates that there are nearly 39,000 foundations. However, there are currently fewer than 500 foundations with web sites. Do not limit your search to the Internet, but do use the following sample of web sites as a starting point.

Selected Private Foundations
The Benton Foundation  www.benton.org/
Annie E. Casey Foundation  www.aecf.org
Carnegie Corporation of New York  www.carnegie.org
DeWitt Wallace-Readers Digest Foundation:  www.dewittwallace.org
The Ford Foundation  www.fordfound.org
Foundation for Exceptional Children  www.cec.sped.org/fd-menu.htm
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  www.gatesfoundation.org/default.htm
Joyce Foundation –  www.joycefdn.org/home.htm
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation  www.emk.org
W. K. Kellogg Foundation  www.wkkf.org
John & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (IL)  www.macfdn.org
Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation (IL)  www.rrmtf.org
A. L. Mailman Family Foundation  www.mailman.org
The Markle Foundation  www.markle.org
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation  www.mott.org
David & Lucille Packard Foundation  www.packfound.org
Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health  www.lpfch.org/about/
Pew Charitable Trusts  www.pewtrusts.com
Rockefeller Brothers Fund  www.rbf.org/rbf
Lila Wallace-Readers Digest Foundation  www.lilawallace.org

Corporate Foundations & Giving Programs
Abbot Laboratories Fund (IL)  www.abbot.com/community/abtfund.htm
American Express Corporate Giving Program  www.americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy
Ameritech Foundation (IL)  www.ameritech.com/community/index.html
Amoco Foundation  www.amoco.com
AT&T Foundation  www.att.com/foundation
Dayton-Hudson Foundation  www.dhc.com/dhf
General Electric Fund  www.ge.com/fund/ibfuna1.htm
GTE Foundation  www.gte.com/g/community/foudat.html
Hewlett (William and Flora) Foundation  www.hewlett.org/
Hewlett-Packard  www.corp.hp.com/Publish/UG/
Metropolitan Life Foundation  www.metlife.com/companyinfo/community/Found/index.html
Sprint Foundation  http://sprint.com
Wal-Mart Foundation  http://www.walmartfoundation.org

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The Foundation Center,  www.fdncenter.org