

How do I find the Money?

A Lesson In Persistence!

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I. The Search

Searching for a funding opportunity is similar to conducting a literature review for publication, presentation, or report. There are some questions you need to answer before you search:

1. How much am I looking for?
2. Am I interested in one year of funding or multiple years of funding?
3. What is my time frame?
4. What is the focus/purpose of project?

Still Searching...

Why is this important?

Knowing what you need will help you find what you need!

For Example:

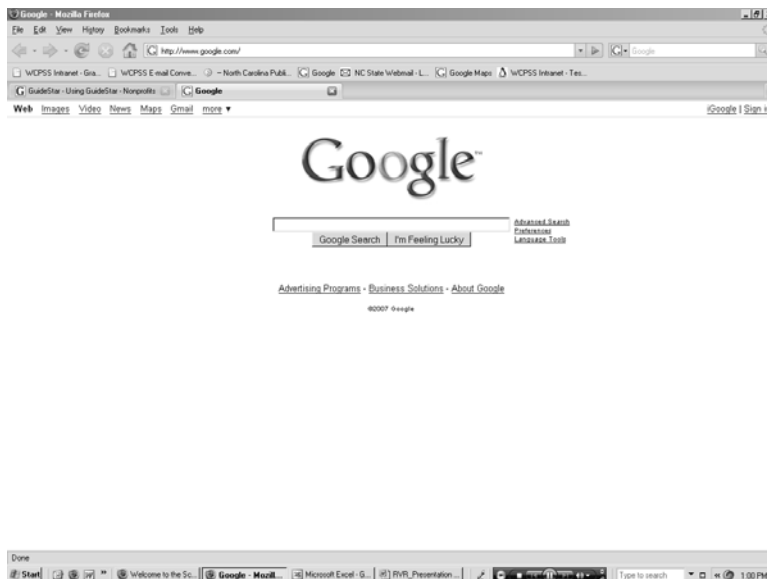
Period of Funding?

		One Year	Multiple Years
		Amount?	State grant, Foundation, or Federal agency
	Over \$10,000		
	Under \$10,000	Local or State grant	State grant or Foundation

My Time Frame?

		Less than a year	1 year or more
		Focus/ Purpose?	Local or State grant
	Narrow		
	Broad	Perhaps Federal grant – more likely a State grant or foundation	Federal grant

II. Can You Goooooogle?



III. Government Sites

A. Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) -



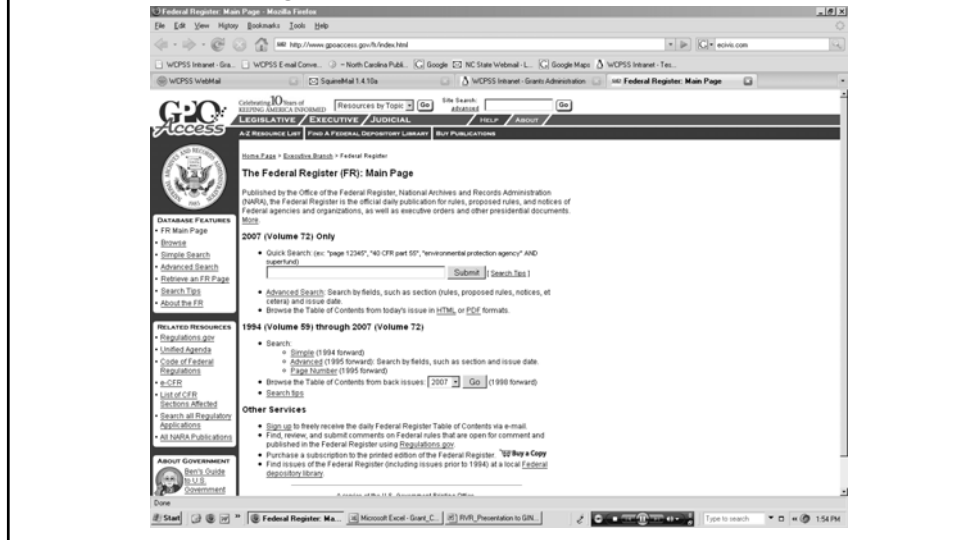
III. Government Sites (cont)

B. Grants.gov



III. Government Sites (cont)

C. Federal Register



III. Government Sites (cont)

D. No luck with the Feds websites!?!

Try going to a specific agencies website who may provide funding for your project and search for grants from the specific site. Some examples include:

1. The US Department of Education - <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>
2. National Science Foundation - <http://www.nsf.gov/>
3. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health - <http://www.nih.gov/>
4. National Endowment for Humanities - <http://www.neh.fed.us/>
5. The EPA <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/Webpages/Grants.html>
6. NASA - <http://education.nasa.gov/divisions/higher/grants/index.html>
7. US Department of Agriculture - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/grants.htm>

Let's Try A Few...

Keywords or Phrases Please?



IV. Commercial Sites

Sometimes you have to spend money to make money...
...but do you want too?

A. eCivis



IV. Commercial Sites (cont)

B. GuideStar.org



IV. Commercial Sites (cont)

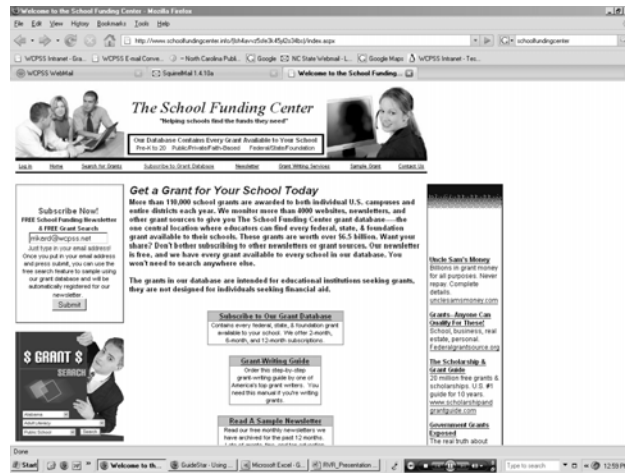
C. The Foundation Center



V. Specialty/Professional Organization Searches

If you are unable to locate a funding opportunity from any of the above sites; then try visiting specialty/professional organizations.

For example –
The School Funding Center



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Some other sites I suggest:

- The American Association of Grant Professionals
<http://www.grantprofessionals.org/>
- The Association of Fundraising Professionals
<http://www.afpnet.org/>
- The Council of Foundations <http://www.cof.org/index.cfm>
- The National Grants Management Association
<http://www.ngma.org/>
- The Philanthropy Journal
<http://www.philanthropyjournal.org/index.cfm>

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