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Featuring 37 Grant Opportunities

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Chapter 1 – Types of Grant Opportunities

Types of Grants

The categories of grant opportunities are determined by the source of the funding, which includes government entities, foundations and corporations. The Internet is the best way to search for grant announcements or requests for proposals (RFPs).

Government Grants

The federal government lists its available grants on the Government Grant website. (See the Resources section beginning on page 22.) Although most agencies of the federal government place their current grant opportunities here, you can also go directly to each agency's website. Government grants underwrite expenditures as wide-ranging as conference costs and research expenses. It is important that you check the eligibility requirements for each grant. **Note:** *Do not pay for government grant information. It is all free and available to the public online.*

Foundation Grants

Private Foundations: Nongovernmental, nonprofit organizations with funds and programs managed by their own trustees or directors. Private foundations are established to maintain or aid social, educational, religious or other charitable activities serving the common welfare, primarily through the making of grants.

Community Foundations: Nonprofit public charities with a wide range of charitable interests in a specific community.

The funds available through a community foundation are usually derived from many donors and held in an endowment that is independently administered; income earned is then used to make grants. A community foundation has an independent board that is broadly representative of the public interest, and it maintains a diverse grant program that is not limited in scope.

Company-sponsored Foundations: Private foundations whose assets are derived primarily from the contributions of a for-profit business. While a company-sponsored foundation may maintain close ties with its parent company, it is an independent organization with its own endowment and, as such, is subject to the same rules and regulations as other private foundations.

Corporate Grants

For-profit corporations may prefer to establish and administer grant-making programs within the corporation. Generally, the total of annual corporate gifts is directly related to company profits. Corporate giving programs are not subject to the same reporting requirements as company-sponsored foundations.

***Quick Tip:** Instead of limiting your search to one type of grant, explore each category to find the funding opportunities that are most appropriate for your organization.*

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