A WINNING GAME PLAN:

USING WEB-BASED RESOURCES TO FIND, DEFINE, AND CONSTRUCT YOUR NEXT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL

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OBJECTIVE:

To identify web resources that can be used to:

- Locate and align funding opportunities
- Mine for data
- Assist in the development of competitive proposals; and
- Support program dissemination, continuation, and operation post-award

SHOW ME THE MONEY

The "Deep Dive" Search Process

- Find the Funder (Funding and Funder websites)
- Getting to know you...Know the Funder
 - GuideStar, Charity Navigator
- Grant writers..... Start Your Engines (Search Engines)
 - The key is in the word or words (Keywords)



WHY "FIND" THE FUNDER

Fast Facts:

Q: How many federal agencies, sub-agencies, and departments are there?

A: The Federal Register indicates there are over 430 departments, agencies, and subagencies in the federal government

https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Q: How many foundations are there?

A: According to data from The Foundation Center, there are 86,726* registered foundations.

http://data.foundationcenter.org/

Q: What are the total assets and total giving of grant-making foundations?

A: Total Assets: \$865,249,516,054 Total Giving: \$60,244,456,505

FINDING THE FUNDER

Federal funding opportunities

- All federal agencies: www.grants.gov
- Department of Education:
 - http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html
- Department of Labor:
 - http://www.dol.gov/dol/grants/funding-ops.htm
- National Science Foundation
 - http://www.nsf.gov/funding/
- Department of Health and Human Services (SAMHSA, HRSA, ACF, CMS)
 - http://www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/index.html

FINDING THE FUNDER - THE SEARCH CONTINUES

State, Private, Corporate, Foundation Funding Opportunities

Council on Foundations:

http://www.cof.org/members-directory/non-members

Grantmakers in Health:

http://www.gih.org/About/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2885&navItemNumber=537

- Fundsnet Services: http://www.fundsnetservices.com/
- Foundation Center: http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/
- Chronicle of Philanthropy:

http://philanthropy.com/section/New-Grants/270/?cid=fifHome

Boost Collaborative:
 http://www.boostcollaborative.org/fundingopportunities

A PEAK INSIDE THE FUNDER'S PLAYBOOK

Form 990 - Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. Tax-exempt organizations, nonexempt charitable trusts, and section 527 political organizations

WHERE DO I FIND THE 990?

- www.guidestar.org
- <u>www.charitynavigator.org</u>

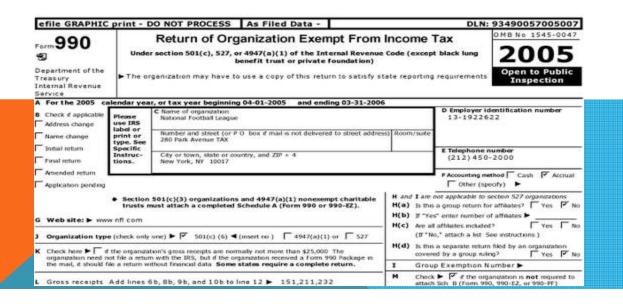


THE 990 PART OF THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS

HTTP://WWW.IRS.GOV/PUB/IRS-PDF/F990.PDF

- 1) Identity and Tax Status Important to know if it is initial filing or final return
- 2) Income and from what sources Character of the organization (multiple years)
- 3) Expenses Program, Management, Fundraising
- 4) Net Assets (Are assets greater than liabilities? Line 27- Unrestricted Net Assets)
- 5) Types of Programs and How Much is Spent on Them
- 6) Names of Board Members

7) Grant awards made with amounts (size, focus, geographic, history); current and future



DATA MINING

- United States Census Bureau: http://www.census.gov/ Everything USA (populations, demographics, income, poverty, health insurance coverage, etc.)
- Central Intelligence Agency: https://www.cia.gov/index.html Home of The World Factbook, world maps, etc.
- Commerce Department: http://www.commerce.gov/ Everything economic (U.S.) such as economic indicators
- Bureau of Economic Analysis: http://www.bea.gov/ Everything economic, (U.S. and international, such as trade, gross domestic product
- UDS Mapper: http://www.udsmapper.org/ Use it to examine community health, medical professional shortage areas, etc.
- Research.gov: http://www.research.gov collection of journal publications and the final accepted version of the peer-reviewed manuscript or the version of record as a demonstration of its functionality and eventual expanded content.
- Pew Research Center: http://www.pewresearch.org Numbers, facts, and trends shaping our world
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: http://www.rwjf.org Health care providers, cost, and access to care

SEARCH ENGINES AND DATABASES

- Google: www.google.com (Google is my friend)
- Yahoo: <u>www.yahoo.com</u> (The classic)
- Bing: <u>www.bing.com</u>
- Dogpile (Yahoo, Google): http://www.dogpile.com/ (3-in-1)
- Business publications: http://www.bpubs.com/
- CEO Businesses, Etc: http://www.ceoexpress.com/home
- Magazine articles: http://www.magportal.com/
- News Topics, Trends, Companies: http://www.individual.com/sample.php
- International Search Engines: http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/
- Federal government: http://www.usa.gov/
- Fed Stats: https://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/

EFFECTIVE SEARCHES

- Be familiar with terms you are searching for
- Be concise, while still covering area you want to find
- Form keywords (Main topic of search)
- Phrases (Avoid common phrases unless they are in quotes)
- Use nouns and pronouns, with most important term first

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WEB RESOURCES

Tools for Select Sections

- Statement of Need (See Data Mining)
- Project Design
- Logic Model Builders
 - https://cyfar.org/tools/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2ftools%2fLogicModel%2fList
 - https://toolkit.childwelfare.gov/toolkit/home.do
 - www.innonet.org (Point K Learning Center)
 - https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/hispanic-serving-institution-logic-models
- Data Management Plan
 - https://dmp.cdlib.org/
- Evaluation Plan
 - www.innonet.org (Point K Learning Center)
 - https://cyfar.org/search_evaluation_instruments (Evaluation Instruments)
- Strategic Planning
 - http://www.independentsector.org/charting_impact (Charting Impact)

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- Budget Builders
 - https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/budgetform.pdf
- Project / Activity Timeline
 - http://www.ganttproject.biz/download
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rHCSa5ad34&feature=youtu.be
- References:
 - http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/ (Purdue Owl Research and Citation Resources)
 - http://citationmachine.net/index2.php (Son of Citation Machine)

FINISHING TOUCHES

- Acronym Creator http://acronymcreator.net/
- Refining your words Expresso http://www.expresso-app.org/
- File and Document Sharing and Project Management
 - www.dropbox.com Dropbox: allows users to create a special folder on each of their computers, which it then synchronizes so that it appears to be the same folder (with the same contents) regardless of which computer is used to view it. Files placed in this folder also are accessible through a website and mobile phone applications.
 - www.basecamp.com is a web-based project-management tool; offers to-do lists, wiki-style web-based text documents, milestone management, file sharing, time tracking, and a messaging system.
- Program evaluation https://cyfar.org/learning-mods-home

QUESTIONS

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