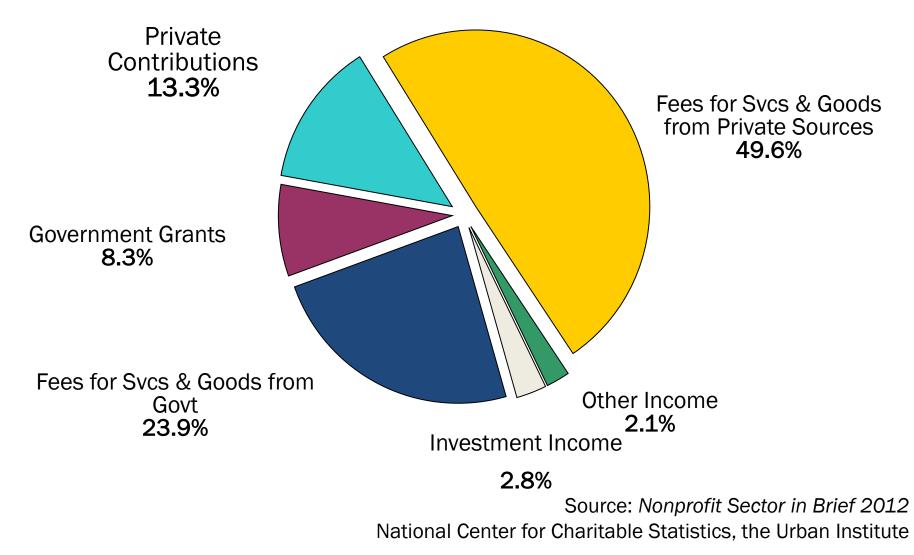
# Grantwriting: Beyond the Basics Trends & Resources

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# Where does a grant fit in your fundraising plan?



### **Proposals:**

# Necessary but not sufficient

### **Engage Funders**

- Go to events
- Use board
- Social media
- Volunteers

Not just at proposal submission time!

# Nimble

- Keep up with the news

   Field & philanthropy
   Vocabulary, RFP, new funding opportunities
- Basic files in order
- Donor tracking system
- Volunteer to review proposals

#### **Environmental Scan Resources**

- <u>www.grants.maryland.org</u>
- <u>www.washingtongrantmakers.org</u>
- <u>www.pnd.org</u>
- <a>www.philanthropy.com</a>
- <a>www.bizjournals.com/washington</a>
- Local papers

### **Trends in Proposal Preparation**

- Proposal formats more options
  - Narrative, Q&A, LOI
- Submission process more varied
  - 2 parts
- More info on Boards & staff
- Appendices

### Foundation Directory Online Professional

- 9 databases
- 130, 000 foundation & corporate donors
- 3 million grants
- Data is gathered from a variety of resources
- Continuously updated

### **Research Basics**

- Researching trends not certainties
- No perfect search

– Not every grant!

- Know the details of your program
- Don't start too narrow

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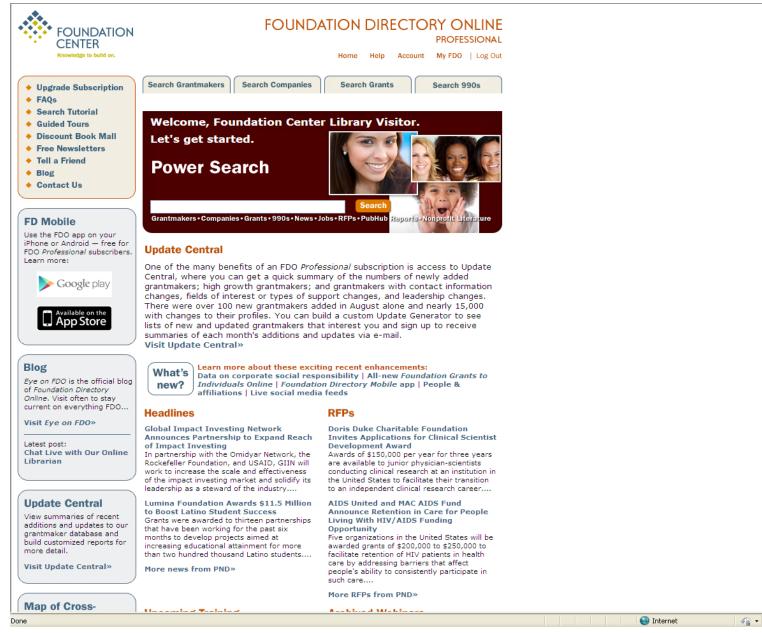
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• Info & training



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### **Database Navigation Tips**

• Must use index terms!

• Can join terms by AND/ OR (in caps)

• Use Quotation marks for "exact phrases"

• Last search saved!

### **Grantmaker Database**

- Foundations, Corporate Giving Programs, Grantmaking Public Charities
- Directory
  - Contacts, guidelines, etc.
  - Leadership, sample grants

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## Sample Search

- Field of Interest
- Type of Support
- Geographic Focus
- Key Word

### **Field of Interest**

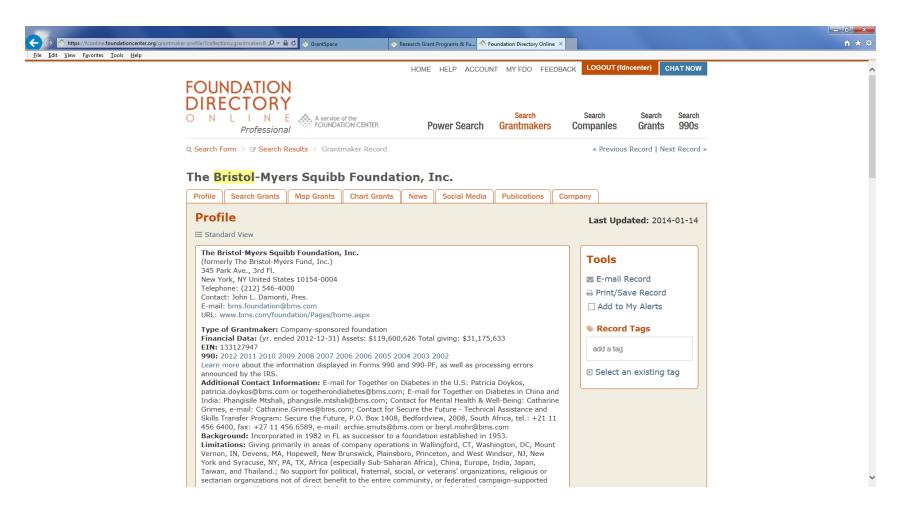
- Subjects
- Population Groups
   Military/veterans
- Countries & continents

## **Geographic Focus**

- States
- International
- National

### Searches

- Limit with state(s)/national
- Limit with subject
- Keyword
- "Applications not accepted"



### Grants

- Not every single grant
- Details on grants
   Amount, funder
- Ideas & search terms

# **Search Options**

- Subject
- Recipient Type
- Where grant was made
- Type of Support
- Keyword Search
- Link back to Grantmakers

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# **After FDO: Prioritizing**!

- Look at annual report/web site
- 990 or 990PF
- Internet & social media
- Send list to board, staff, etc.
- Ask around

### Submission!

One size does not fit all!

Letter of Intent

Online forms

**Common Grant Applications** 

#### **Government vs. Private Grantseeking**

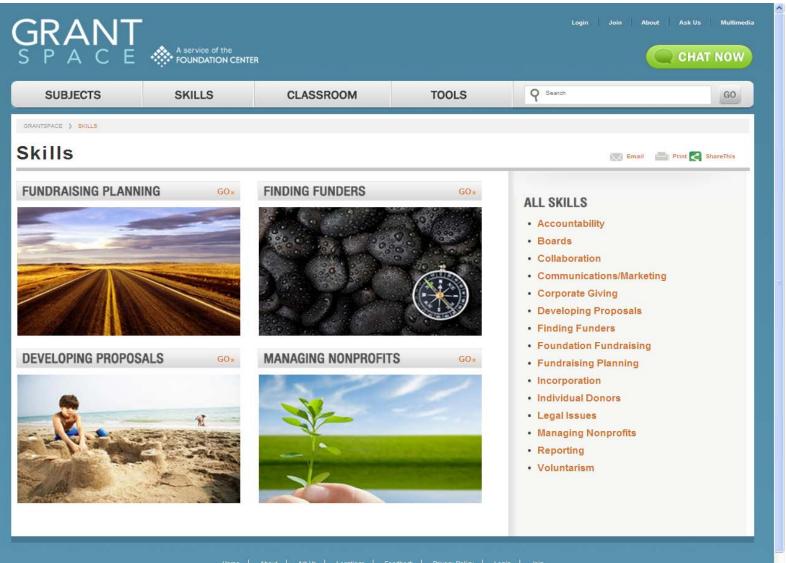
- More staff
- More readily available information
- More money
- More tech savvy
- RFP driven

- Shorter proposals
- Shorter process
- Less access
- More Flexible
- You present your projects
- Relationships important!

### Take-Aways!

- FDO is one tool!
- Relationships in community
- Grantseeking is an art not science
- Grants part of diversified funding plan

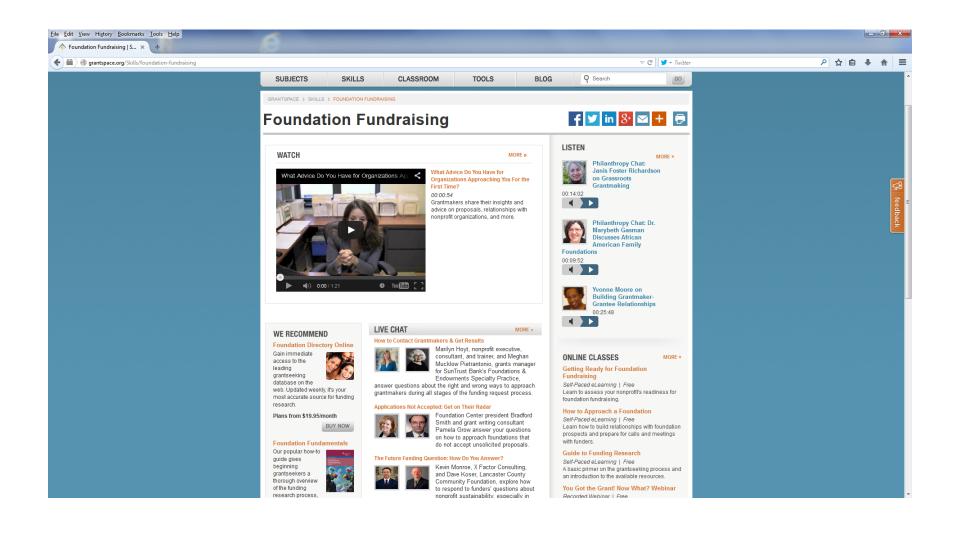
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the context of grant proposals.

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Q: How can I learn about researching and cultivating individual donors?

Q: Where can I find information about government grants?

Q: Where can I find information on corporate giving?

- Q: How do I find grants for my nonprofit?
- Q: How do I write a grant proposal?

#### SAMPLE DOCUMENTS

Cover Letter from Center for Effective Philanthropy to Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Request for multiyear general operating support for capacity building.

Letter Proposal from Puppies Behind Bars to Planet Dog Foundation

Letter proposal for training support.

Cover Letter from New York Hall of Science to the Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund

Request for general operating support.

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