

Tips and Tools to Search for Funding

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High Country Consulting is pleased to provide you the following information to help your business or organization look for funding. This information is included on our website www.hccwy.com and it is updated regularly.

Wyoming Grants Information

Catalog of Wyoming State Grants: Compiled by the Wyoming State Library.

The Catalog of Wyoming State Grant Programs is a starting point for potential grant applicants and provides basic information on representative programs.

You can access it on line at www.needwebsite

- A Sampling of Specific Organization Websites
 - Wyoming Foundations Directory
(<http://www.wycf.org/search.aspx>)
 - Wyoming Council for the Humanities Program
(<http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/humanities/Grants/default.asp>)
 - Farmer/Rancher Research Grants-Wyoming
(<http://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>)
 - Union Pacific Foundation
(<http://www.up.com/found/whocan.shtml>)
 - Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association Literacy Grants
(<http://www.mountainsplains.org/about.html>)

Wyoming Business Council: The WBC offers several programs to assist businesses and organizations with their financing and training needs—Challenge Loan, Workforce Training Funds, Community Development Block Grants and Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. Additionally the WBC **Financial Resources Guide 2006** is now available. And includes Agriculture Finance Sources; Business Finance Sources; Community Loan and Grant Sources; Housing Finance Sources; Additional Programs; and Other. You can find information on these resources by calling WBC or visiting their website at www.wyomingbusiness.org/financial/financial_resources.aspx

The Wyoming Business Council has also subscribed to **Grant Station**, which is a database containing over 5,000 funding sources. You can Contact Jacalyn Neely, Senior Research Specialist at 307.777.2806 for any non-profit grant requests.

Finally the WBC funds **Wyoming SBIR/STTR Initiative (WSSI)** to assist qualified Wyoming small businesses and individuals in accessing funds available through the federal SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) and STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer) programs. Eleven federal agencies provide more than \$2 billion annually in research and development grants and contracts to qualified small businesses. The Business Council uses the program as one method for small businesses in Wyoming to access federal funding to develop their innovative technology-based products. Unique to Wyoming, the Business Council sponsors the Wyoming SBIR Phase 0 Program, which provides successful applicants a \$5,000 award to develop competitive proposals for federal funding. Want to learn more? Visit www.uwyo.edu/sbir or contact Gene Watson, WSSI Program Manager at 307.742.7162

Wyoming Community Foundation: The WCF works with a wide range of donors to create permanent, named funds to meet critical needs. And they use their expertise in community building to grant the earnings from these funds to nonprofit organizations across Wyoming. The WCF provides organization grant making guidelines which can be found at www.wycf.org/grants.asp and a search engine of grant makers and/or funding opportunities at (<http://www.wycf.org/search.aspx>).

Wyoming Foundations Directory 2001: Compiled and edited by M. Ann Miller. Laramie County Community College. This is a print "guide to public and private foundations with interest in the State of Wyoming...its main purpose is to match grant seekers with grant makers within Wyoming." Contact LCCC's Instructional Resources Center at 307-xxx-xxxx for purchase information, or check WYLD for library locations. Go WYLD Guide to Wyoming Foundations and Grant & Funding Opportunities, it can be found at (<http://gowyld.net/wyoming/resources.html>)

Wyoming Rural Development Council: The WRDC has created an online community Development database (The Wyoming Community Network), to assist community organizations and local governments in funding searches, Partnered with the Wyoming Rural Development Council to bring their Rural Resource Team program to all interested Wyoming Communities, Matched community needs with the WCN Partners's Programs. To learn if your business or organization qualifies and to search for funding visit www.wyomingrural.org/wcn.asp or call 307-777-6430

Wyoming Community Development Block Grants: The US HUD provides annual funding to the City of Cheyenne and the City of Casper ...

Other Wyoming Resources

Cooperating Foundation Center Libraries: The Foundation Center sponsors cooperating collections in libraries all over the country, including Wyoming. These facilities own all materials published by the Center. They also have full text financial reports filed with the IRS (990-PF) for foundations located in their state. Visit (<http://fdncenter.org/collections/index.html>) to learn more.

Federal Grants Information

CFDA: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.PDF_CATALOG_DYN.show

The online Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance gives you access to a database of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and non-profit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.

Pay particular attention to "Appendix IV: Agency Regional and Local Office Addresses" as you may have benefit by contacting your local/regional rep to get the information you need..

Federal Register (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>) Grants information is available by searching the Federal Register.

Grants.gov: Grants.gov is your source to FIND and APPLY for Federal government grants. There are over 1,000 grant programs offered by all federal grant making agencies. Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants.

Search Engines for a fee:

Guidestar's (<http://www.guidestar.org/>) is a national database of funding sources. Grant Explorer as well to research the grant activity of grantmakers.

Searching: Sites and Tips

To search for current information:

In the Search Terms box type, Grants and Wyoming and press <Submit>. Search results are available in full text (PDF or ASCII) or Summary Format.

**For more information search the WYLD Database. Be Aware when you search for Grants as a keyword in the WYLD database you will get over 1,600 hits. Some of these will include "grants three wishes to...", "Grants Pass, Oregon"...

In order to narrow your search here are some suggestions:

Grants in Word or Phrase=1600+ hits
Grants and Wyoming= 60 hits
Grants and Proposals= 30 hits

Note the "Try these too..." categories in the right hand column for further ways to narrow your search.

Other topic suggestions:
Foundations and Wyoming = 14 hits
Grant Writing =56 hits
Grantsmanship =13 hits

More Information

Getting Grants (<http://LibrarySpot.com/features/grantsfeature.htm>)

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The link to the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance pages that you can download and print yourself. Pay particular attention to "Appendix IV: Agency Regional and Local Office Addresses" as you may have better luck contacting your local/regional rep to get the information you need. Also, "Appendix VI: Developing and Writing Grant Proposals" will be helpful.

Data and Information Sources:

Wyoming Rural Development Council: Community Assessment

The Wyoming Rural Development Council has facilitated community assessments to nearly every Wyoming community. The objective of the Community Assessments is to provide experts in economic and community development to assist rural communities with locally conceived and driven development strategies. You can your community assessment at www.wyomingrural.org/community.asp