

# Federal Grant Resources



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# Grants Work in the Senate Office



- Senator DeMint is committed to proactively engaging South Carolina citizens with the national competitive funding available at the federal level.
- As a fiscal conservative, Senator DeMint believes that competitive, merit-based grant opportunities are the transparent means of using national resources for the common good.
- Senator DeMint retains staff to specifically work with the federal granting agencies and work with South Carolina grant seekers for this purpose.

# Grants.gov



- Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over a thousand grant programs, and serves as the access point to over \$400 billion in annual awards (ARRA notwithstanding).
- Federal grants are defined as awards of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by U.S. law.
- Twenty-six federal agencies annually oversee the distribution of these programs and review processes.

# Educational Opportunities



- The Congressional Research Service provides products relating to funding streams, legislative history, and current budget considerations. This information must be accessed by your representative.
- The Grantsmanship Training Center out of Los Angeles, California conducts workshops around the country both relating to private foundation funding opportunities and federal grant applications.
- The Foundation Center out of Atlanta

# Getting Started



- Assess your organization's talents and strengths
- Identify and prioritize the community need/problem
- Determine mission oriented short-term and long-term goals for meeting the need
- Secure effective partnerships to reduce duplication and to multiply effectiveness of the proposal
- Secure DUNS number before searching for open opportunities and determine eligibility for program

# Where to find Federal Assistance



- Federally-administered Programs (both formula and discretionary)
- State-administered Programs (applicant submits proposal to State agency)
- Seek out training through target agency, find past advisors for expertise
- Look for examples of quality applications from successful grantees (FOIA)

# Completing the Application



- Funding descriptions provide a wealth of information, and directives to follow. Read fine print.
- Follow performance measures for the competition
- Reinforce reviewers' confidence in accountability
- Show evidence of research and means of data collection to support your research
- Provide efficiency measures to show cost per successful outcome
- Offer reflections of planning, scheduling, critical path, monitoring, evaluation

# Writing the Proposal



## Selection Criteria

- Need for Project
- Design & Services
- Personnel
- Evaluation
- Budget

## Application Components

- Narrative
- Budget
- Evaluation
- Editor
- *Keep it 'reviewer friendly' & proofread!*

# Cancer Funding Specifics

ARRA – February 17, 2009

Omnibus – March 11, 2009

- \$10.4 Billion for NIH
- \*\$1.26 Billion in new National Cancer Institute (NCI) funds.

- \$138 Million increase for NCI. (2.9%)
- Note: Congress has not proposed a budget yet this year, so appropriations are likely to go through Omnibus again.

# National Cancer Institute Priorities



- NCI is working to utilize the confluence of their new financial resources and the consistent scientific advances so that strides are made in cancer risk reduction, early detection, patient care & survivorship.
- Virtually every budgetary increase is quickly overtaken by demand, particularly in this era of complex and expensive genomic research

# National Cancer Institute Priorities



- Studying the human genome and genetics of cancer
- Developing a manifest vision for the development of new, targeted therapies
- Devising streamlined and innovative approaches to clinical research and trials
- Bringing the science to patients in their communities
- Eliminating inequities of cancer care
- Investing in supporting technologies and infrastructure

# Individual Investigators and Genome Science



- NCI houses the Research Project Grant (RPG) which has long been the mainstay of scientific investments and progress.
- NCI awarded 5,461 RPG's in FY2009 (5.5% increase over FY2008).
- The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) was launched in 2005 by NCI and the National Human Genome Research Institute. It is the nation's largest comprehensive effort to apply the knowledge of normal genome sequence to cancer.

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