



## Grant Writing Roadmap From Idea to Application **TOOL: Funding Databases**

### National:

#### **Foundation Center** (<https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>)

The Foundation Center provides the Foundation Directory Online which offers profiles on more than 240,000 grant makers. The searchable database in Foundation Directory Online is compiled from IRS Forms 990 and 990-PF, grant maker websites, annual reports, printed application guidelines, the philanthropic press, and various other sources. Grantmaker profiles are included for private & independent foundations, corporate foundations, U.S. federal funders, public charities and international foundations.

*MSU/MSUE staff members can access the full features of this subscription-based service through the MSU libraries at <https://lib.msu.edu/general/account/?ref=q/>.*

#### **Grants.Gov** ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov))

Grants.gov is the gateway to most if not all federal grant opportunities. It is a searchable database that can be refined by topic, funding agency, audience, eligible applicants among other search variables. Users can subscribe to receive grant notifications by content and/or topic or by funding agency. The database also provides notice of grant opportunities that are forecasted, providing opportunities for application planning. The database includes current and retired grant notices. And for registered users, searches can be saved to return to at a later time. This is also the portal by which many federal grant applications are submitted. The site also provides links to complete grant application packages as well as a wealth of tools to assist grant writers in the federal grant application process.

Note that many federal agencies also have grant web sites that provide information on their specific grant availability, application processes and instructions, guidelines, and requirements.

### State of Michigan:

#### **Council of Michigan Foundations** (<https://www.michiganfoundations.org/members>)

The Council of Michigan Foundations is the support and advocacy organization for the Michigan philanthropic Community. Their website provides links to some (but not all) of their community foundation, corporate foundation and family foundation members.

*The complete Michigan Foundation Directory can be accessed through the MSU Libraries at: <https://lib.msu.edu/general/account/?ref=q/>.*

## **EGrAMS – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Grant Database**

(<https://egramsmi.com/mdhhs/user/home.aspx>)

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is the largest of the 18 Michigan state departments. MDHHS is responsible for health policy, human service support and delivery, and management of the state's publicly funded health and human service systems. The MDHHS uses EGrAMS, its Electronic Grants Administration & Management System, to aid users in the grants process.

The EGrAMS website offers access to information on current grant opportunities without user ID on its home page, but access to the system for complete application information, application submission and management requires users have a valid User ID.

*Check with your MSUE Institute Director to determine if you can be granted access to the system or how an MSUE grant application may be supported. The system is password protected and only authorized users can gain access.*

## **Michigan Department of Agriculture Grants and Funding Opportunities**

([https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1570\\_51684---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1570_51684---,00.html))

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development administers various grants to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, promote expansion of value-added agriculture production within the state, and support infrastructure in rural communities. Specific MDARD grant programs include: Agriculture Preservation Fund, Animal Welfare Fund, County Fairs Capital Improvement, Fertilizer Research, Food Safety Education Fund, Food and Agriculture Investment Fund, Livestock and Commodity Exposition, Michigan Craft Beverage Research, Rural Development Fund, Specialty Crop and Value Added and Regional Food Systems.

## **Michigan Department of Education Grants**

Grants Website (<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236---,00.html>)

MDE Grants Management System-MEGS+ ([https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236\\_6049---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236_6049---,00.html))

The Michigan Department of Education lists grant opportunities on its website's grants link and manages application for those grants through the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+), the automated Web-based information system used to create, submit, approve, track, and amend grant applications. All school districts, local educational agencies, public school academies, and other education-related agencies use MEGS+ to apply for their federal formula grants and the majority of the Michigan Department Education (MDE)-sponsored competitive grants.

## **Michigan SIGMA** (<https://sigma.michigan.gov/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>)

The SIGMA Vendor Self Service database allows institutions and individuals to register and maintain grantee account information. Grant opportunities for some State of Michigan agencies are published within the grant portal of the SIGMA VSS page. Some state agencies may also continue to use their existing departmental systems as well. The database provides listing and notices of grants across 23 "commodities" or content areas. Grant opportunities are available for viewing by both registered and non-registered (guest access) users.