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From top experts in the field, the definitive guide to grant-writing Written by two expert authors who have won millions of dollars in government and foundation grants, this is the essential book on securing grants. It provides comprehensive, step-by-step guide for grant writers, including vital up-to-the minute interviews with grant-makers, policy makers, and nonprofit leaders. This book is a must-read for anyone seeking grants in today's difficult economic climate. The Only Grant-Writing Book You'll Ever Need includes: Concrete suggestions for developing each section of a proposal Hands-on exercises that let you practice what you learn A glossary of terms Conversations with grant-makers on why they award grants...and why they don't Insights into how grant-awarding is affected by shifts in the economy Nine out of ten grant proposals are rejected. Grant Proposal Makeover shows how to transform lackluster proposals into excellent ones—that have the potential to be funded. This book stands out from other traditional grantwriting books because it illustrates common flaws and problems in proposals and shows exactly how to fix them. It also includes helpful tips and quotes from foundation program officers and funding community insiders taken from an international survey of foundation professionals. Rev. ed. of: Thank you for submitting your proposal. c2006. Often, those who are charged with the task of writing grant proposals have little or no training in the process, and many actually feel intimidated by the act of writing. In Storytelling for Grantseekers, consultant and trainer Cheryl A. Clarke helps fundraisers overcome these hurdles by presenting an organic approach to proposal writing. Grantseekers who have used this unique

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process discover that telling the organization's story in narrative form (complete with settings, characters, antagonists, and resolutions), can help them connect with grantmakers and ultimately have greater success with funders. *Storytelling for Grantseekers* contains the resources needed to help craft a persuasive synopsis, package a compelling story, and create a short story approach to the inquiry and cover letters that support the larger proposal. Clarke walks grantseekers through all the phases of developing an effective proposal and highlights the creative elements that link components to each other and unify the entire proposal. Clarke also stresses the need to see proposal writing as part of a larger grantseeking effort, one that emphasizes preparation, working with the entire development staff, and maintaining good relations with funders. Using the suggestions outlined in *Storytelling for Grantseekers*, new and seasoned grantseekers will discover how to channel their passion and creativity to tell their organization's tale and create winning proposals. *Strong grant proposal writing made easy* From small startups to established national organizations, nonprofits large and small depend on grant funding to survive and thrive. *Winning Grants Step by Step: The Complete Workbook for Planning, Developing, and Writing Successful Proposals* has long been the go-to resource for individuals and organizations looking for a clear, easy-to-follow approach to tackling the grant-writing process and winning funds. Now, in this revised Fifth Edition, changes and developments in the not-for-profit sector are integrated into the time-tested grant-writing formula that has proven effective time and again. New to this edition, you'll find an expanded discussion of the importance of relationship building, social media, and online resources to successful nonprofit funding. The text has also been revised to include guidance for nonprofit program budgets for both foundation and public funding grants. Never before has *Winning Grants Step by Step* been so easy to comprehend. Updated worksheets and forms will

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improve your comprehension and make your grant proposals stronger and more successful than ever. Learn the proven step-by-step approach to writing strong grant proposals for foundation grants and public funds Complete worksheets and activities to practice your grant-writing skills and break the process down into easy pieces Understand how to integrate your ideas and insights with research and facts to demonstrate your organization's potential Learn the best approaches to building relationships and networking both in-person and online to push strong grant proposals into the winner's circle This guide is perfect as an introduction for the novice grantseeker or a refresher for the more experienced. Whether your organization needs only a thousand dollars or several million, following this step-by-step process will improve your ability to transform an idea that needs financial support into a proposal that deserves to be funded. Illustrates an integrated process of planning and writing persuasive grant proposals. In the fifth edition of our essential Guide, author Jane C. Geever provides detailed instructions on preparing successful grant proposals. Incorporating the results of 40 interviews with grantmakers across the nation, the Guide reveals their priorities in reviewing submissions and provides insight into what makes a winning proposal. The Guide outlines the entire proposal-writing process: Pre-Proposal Planning Tips - This helps you decide when your nonprofit is ready to raise funds and determine how to best define your project. Components of the Proposal - Review actual cover letters, project descriptions, budgets, and examples of important follow-up communications with prospective donors. Guidance from Grantmakers - Interviews highlight new trends in grantmaking: preferred proposal formats, funder cultivation strategies, tips on re-submitting a rejected request, and on how to capture and sustain a grantmaker's interest. To illustrate key points, excerpts from successful grant proposals are inserted throughout the Guide. And a complete model proposal is included in the appendix. An updated bibliography features

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selected resources on proposal development, including web and print sources. A new chapter focuses on crafting an effective evaluation component, addressing the heightened interest in outcome-based assessment of funded projects. Book jacket. The revised 5th Edition of *Foundation Fundamentals*, a thorough overview of the fundraising process, teaches you the skills you need to target the most receptive funders. The volume will show you how to: use funding research directories and databases to develop your prospect list; target grantmakers by subject interest and geographic area; submit your request; shape your proposal to reflect the special concerns of corporate funders; and much more! A revised chapter on corporate grantmaking reflects the most recent trends in the field, featuring information on non-cash support. Full of revised charts and worksheets to help you manage your fundraising program, the 5th Edition of *Foundation Fundamentals* should not be missed! Order your copy today. With its wealth of hard-to-find information on America's philanthropists, the *Grant Seekers Guide* has become the standard reference manual for nonprofit organizations and a primary choice for library reference. The directory lists hundreds of corporations and foundations that provide grants for work in areas of AIDS, women's issues, natural resource management, peace and disarmament, gay and lesbian rights, and more. A review of top Websites is of particular importance to nonprofit fundraisers and other executives. This resource lists more than 500 of the best sites, including description and Web addresses, and categorizes them by corporate, foundation and association, government and research sites. It also contains a chapter on resource sites for nonprofit executives. The book is designed to save time and allow fundraisers to focus on research that will help raise the necessary funds. Grants are a key source of support for most nonprofit organizations, particularly new organizations or those starting new programs. This guide, developed out of a series of seminars, helps grantseekers

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develop a strategic plan for finding funds for their programs. A behind-the-scenes look at foundations that give grant-seekers the tools they need to identify appropriate foundations to approach for funding. Using actual case histories of grant-seekers and foundations, McInay reveals the underlying principles and philosophies that guide grant making. A comprehensive bibliography is included, providing additional resources for both foundations and grant-seekers. Grantwriters often have little or no training in the practical task of grantseeking. Many feel intimidated by the act of writing, and some don't enjoy writing. In *Storytelling for Grantseekers, Second Edition*, Cheryl Clarke presents an organic approach to grantseeking, one that views the process through the lens of the pleasures and rewards of crafting a good story. Grantseekers who approach the process as one in which they are connecting with an audience (grantmakers) and writing a narrative (complete with settings, characters, antagonists and resolutions) find greater success with funders. The writing process becomes a rewarding way to tell the organization's tale, rather than a chore, and their passion and creativity lead to winning proposals. This book walks readers through all the main phases of the proposal, highlighting the creative elements that link components to each other and unify the entire proposal. The book contains resources on crafting an effective synopsis, overcoming grantwriter's block, packaging the story, and the best ways to approach the "short stories" (inquiry and cover letters) that support the larger proposal. Clarke also stresses the need to see proposal-writing as part of a larger grantseeking effort, one that emphasizes preparation, working with the entire development staff, and maintaining good relations with funders. In *Storytelling for Grantseekers*, new and experienced grantseekers alike will discover how to write and support successful proposals with humor and passion. New edition features: Overall updates as well as both refreshed and new examples Workshop exercises for using the storytelling approach New chapters

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on the application of the storytelling method to other fundraising communications like appeal letters and case statements, as well as the importance of site visits Example of a full narrative proposal As it becomes increasingly difficult to obtain public or private funding, collaboration may become absolutely vital to some nonprofits' continued existence. Effective grant collaborations always comprise a critical attribute: they are led by individuals who not only understand the benefits and barriers affecting collaborations, but are highly skilled in managing them. This reference text explains the nature of the collaboration and a critical examination of the role of the grant leader, giving nonprofit fundraisers a competitive edge in collaborative grantseeking, especially for those individuals without previous experience in this complicated arena. No other book comprehensively explains every step in a successful collaborative grantseeking effort, nor provides real-world strategies and proven practices. Readers of Collaborative Grantseeking: A Guide to Designing Projects, Leading Partners, and Persuading Sponsors will also better grasp the humanistic aspects of designing and leading successful collaborative projects and be able to write more persuasive proposals. In the revised second edition of the bestselling guide to grantseeking, author and activist Andy Robinson walks you through the challenges of incorporating grants into a complete fundraising program, using grant proposals as organizing plans, designing fundable projects, building proposals piece by piece, and fostering effective communication with funders who support the activist community. This updated edition keeps pace with the changing times and contains all new budgets and model proposals, interviews with funders from the grassroots community and timely information about grantseeking on the Internet. Although the current grants marketplace is rife with changes, this book provides the most current data and techniques to keep grant seekers ahead of the curve. The author offers step-by-step advice for seeking grants from foundations, the corporate sector, and

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the government, and explains exactly how to achieve success, particularly in the present economic climate. This new edition of The 'How To' Grants Manual seeks to improve success rates to an even higher percentage. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful: Learn how to identify and cultivate the most receptive foundation funders. This edition provides beginners with a thorough overview of the funding research process, including online, CD-ROM, and print tools. A popular textbook for nonprofit management courses, this volume also includes a concise overview of foundations and their role in the funding community. This book is a work of conscience. It is the product of a long-standing feeling of obligation on my part to write something useful for a special group of people to which you probably belong—individuals who seek grants. In my years as Director of the New York library of The Foundation Center, \* each and every day I encountered numbers of individuals looking for grant money. Although I tried to be as supportive as possible, in the face of the particular problems shared by this group of library users, my own reaction was one of relative helplessness. Simply stated, most of the fund-raising guides, printed directories, and computer files purportedly created to serve the fund-raising public are of little or no use to individuals who seek funding on their own. These resources are directed \*The Foundation Center is the independent, nonprofit organization established by foundations to provide information for the grant-seeking public. vii viii I PREFACE toward the nonprofit, tax-exempt agency, which is the most common recipient of foundation, corporate, and government largess. They are not designed to respond to the special requirements of the individual grant seeker. In the applicant eligibility index, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance defines individuals as "homeowners, students, farmers, artists, scientists, consumers, small-business persons, minors, refugees, aliens, veterans, senior citizens, low-income persons, health and educational professionals, builders, contractors, developers,

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handicapped persons, the physically afflicted." In short, practically everyone qualifies. A working manual that explains the grantseeking process and teaches strategies that lead to more effective fundraising. This edition (3rd, 1986) is updated and expanded, with changes including a new chapter "Corporate grantmaking" that outlines fundraising strategies for this growing source of nonprofit support. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR Guidelines concerning what grantseekers should know about foundations before they ask for money and how to find the facts needed to obtain a grant are presented. There are basically three types of private foundations (independent, operating, and company-sponsored) and one type of public foundation (community foundations) that are of interest to grantseekers. It is suggested that nonprofit organizations should explore their eligibility for federal funding carefully before approaching any other funding source. Corporations give through separately established foundations and through corporate contributions programs operated within their companies. Individuals are also a significant source of funding. Larger foundations differ from small foundations in a number of significant ways, which are of importance to grantees. Data on funding patterns of all foundations by asset categories and grant categories are presented, along with data on assets, grants, and gifts of foundations by state. Suggestions to provide alternative funding possibilities for individuals and organizations that lack official nonprofit status are offered. Specific steps for finding foundations that are in the grantseeker's geographic area and that are interested in the grantseeker's field are examined. Research steps for learning about a foundation and details on the information sources are presented, along with a proposal checklist, and an IRS form for tax exempt private foundations. Appended materials include a sample subject search, geographic searches, a bibliography of area foundation directories, and a list of reference collections operated by the Foundation Center. (SW) Shows how

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to: identify the best sources of funds; develop a systematic approach to needs assessment; write proposals tailored to meet the needs of funders; and deal with government' foundation, and corporate funders. Previous Praise for Winning Grants Step by Step "Warning: this book works. It provokes you to ask the right questions, hand-holds you through practical exercises, and offers a map that includes paths to develop strategic relationships with funders." E. Eduardo Romero, Nonprofit Roundtable "Winning Grants Step by Step is a very practical A-to-Z resource that speaks to the importance of staying focused on your mission every step of the way. The third edition is artfully updated with words of wisdom from grantmakers themselves, as well as updates on the latest processes and buzzwords all grantseekers need to know." Heather Iliff, Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations "With solid advice and clear examples, nonprofit leaders will find it a page turner!" Clarence Hauer, senior director, strategy and organizational development, St. Louis Nonprofit Services Consortium "Winning Grants Step by Step is a gift to nonprofit organizations. The valuable insights and hands-on tools will instantly make any proposal more competitive." Alex Carter, Your Nonprofit Coach "Developing great grant proposals is essential for nonprofit leaders. Winning Grants Step by Step provides important guidance to those who are new to fundraising as well as to anyone who needs a refresher. This new edition of Winning Grants brings updated tips and vivid examples. As an experienced fundraising consultant, I believe it will help my clients and colleagues alike." Maria Gitin, CFRE, Maria Gitin & Associates "As an executive director, fundraising is on my mind every day. It's great to have a resource like Winning Grants Step by Step to use and share with my board, staff, and peers." Deborah Menkart, executive director, Teaching for Change Published for development officers, nonprofit board members, fundraising consultants, and others in pursuit of grants from U.S. foundations, this guide provides real-world proposals that resulted in

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funding for a variety of needs, including general operating support, program development, staff salaries, and program evaluation. The featured proposals request anywhere from \$5,000 to \$500,000 in funding and were approved by international grantmakers such as the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, large regional funders such as the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, corporate donors such as the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, and local funders (including family foundations). Inviting, practical manual for nonprofits, educational and govt agencies--how to plan effective programs, contact appropriate funders, and write effective grant proposals to get funding A guide to writing grant proposals tailored specifically to a donor's interests, complete with step-by-step instructions and samples of winning proposals. In grant-seeking, words can go where the applicant can't?the foundation boardroom, the corporation's headquarters?so it's important to use them as the strategic, powerful tools that they are. This book shows readers how to find, frame, and use words effectively to make the case for any organization and its projects. Readers are provided the tools for crafting a grant proposal that speaks directly to the funder's interests. Grant-seekers will learn: ? How to find out which funders fit their project exactly ? Strategies for figuring out what each grant-maker is looking for ? Critical tips for crafting attention-grabbing proposals Koch shows readers how to write with a point of view that is geared to the funder's interests and goals, while remaining true to the project. Packed with examples of winning proposals, and strategies for using words to inspire and convince, this is the must-have resource for any grant-seeker hoping to stand apart from the crowd. Unlike many formal professions, foundation grantmaking is a calling with no training programs and little definitive literature on the latest and best practices. Written for program officers and of considerable value to grantseekers, this volume is the first and only practical guide to making foundation grants and developing essential skills for effective and ethical grantmaking.

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Author Joel J. Orosz provides: \* The history, structure, and function of foundations in society. \* The complex role that program officers play in their day-to-day activities. \* Real-world advice on a myriad of tasks--from meeting with applicants and reviewing their proposals to assisting the funded project and managing foundation initiatives. \* A useful overview for those new to the field, helps more experienced program officers to think more deeply about their work, and shares rich insights for the thousands of nonprofit leaders who pursue foundation grants. With its wealth of hard-to-find information on America's philanthropic sources, the "Grant Seekers Guide" has become the standard reference manual for non-profit organisations working for social justice. A popular choice for library reference sections, The Guide includes only foundations that have a proven commitment to social and economic justice. The directory lists corporations and local foundations that provide grants to non-profit organisations working in the field of AIDS, women's issues, natural resource management, civil rights, gay and lesbian rights, peace and disarmament, and neighbourhood revitalisations, among other causes. Five indices cross-reference the information for grant seekers, and in-depth appendices explain all facets of the non-profit sector. Detailed and specific descriptions of the grantor's philosophy and past funding practices help grant seekers target the best grantor to meet their needs.

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