Environmental Scan of Grant Funding

A tool for finding funding for your community-engaged research

Looking for funding for your community-engaged work can seem overwhelming. The following document is a step-by-step guide which makes it easy to find funding opportunities for your project.

### What kind of funding is out there?

Resources for funding your community-based research can be found through grant-making foundations, non-profit & professional associations, governmental agencies, and paid databases. Below is a list of the categories of funding that can give you a springboard for thinking about what kind of funding you want to pursue. A brief description of each category of funding is below. An extensive list of funders can be found in **Attachment A**.

**Grantmaking Foundations:** Organizations that provide funding in order to serve the common good are often referred to as grant-making foundations. There are multiple kinds of grant-making foundations: independent, corporate, issue-specific and other local and national foundations.

**Non-profit & Professional Associations:** Along with other work, many non-profit organizations and professional associations give grants for research. Similar to searching for grant-making foundations, try looking up non-profits and associations based on a health topic or location to find funding that is a good fit for the needs of your partnership.

**Government/Academic Sources:** Both local governments and the national government provide funds for research. Research funded from the government is often carried out through universities, private research organizations, specialized government agencies, and some local institutions and organizations. Note that governmental funding can have rules which make it difficult for organizations which do not typically receive government funding to easily manage these funds without instituting new policies and procedures.

### How do you look for funding within each funding category?

Below is a list of tips for looking for funding from each of the different funding categories.

For a worksheet that will help you track your potential funders, refer to **Attachment B**.

### How do you know if a funder is the right fit?

There are a few pointers you can use to help guide you in determining if a certain funder is right for you and your project. Use the following list of ? topics to think about what is or isn’t a good fit for your team.

* Look at institute mission statements
* Review funded applications
* Contact program officers in institutes that best match your research interests
* Keep your long-term plan in mind
* Not all funding is right for your project, that’s okay!

Attachment A: List of Funders

Also note that new resources become available regularly – don’t be afraid to search for resources on your own through an internet search.

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| **Source/Name** | **URL/Link** | **Funding Category** | **Additional Notes** |
| Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality | <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/fund-opps/index.html> | Government | The AHRQ supports research to improve the quality, effectiveness, accessibility, and cost effectiveness of health care. |
| Alfred P. Sloan Foundation | <http://www.sloan.org/apply-for-grants/> | Grant-Making Foundation | This foundation provides research funding for projects which explore the connections between science and engineering and civics, education, and economics. |
| Alzheimer's Association | <http://www.alz.org/research/alzheimers_grants/overview.asp> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | The Alzheimer's Association International Research Grant Program funds investigations that advance understanding of Alzheimer's disease, help identify new treatment strategies, provide information to improve care for people with dementia, and further our knowledge of brain health and disease prevention. The awards support investigators at every professional stage. |
| American Diabetes Association | <http://professional.diabetes.org/Research-Grants> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | The ADA supports research on Diabetes. This includes the Pathway to Stop Diabetes which supports innovative basic, clinical, translational, epidemiological, behavioral, or health services research relevant to any diabetes type, diabetes-related disease state, or diabetes complication. |
| American Lung Association | <http://www.lung.org/our-initiatives/research/> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | This program is aimed at funding, developing, promoting and advocating for programs that will result in life-changing advances for people impacted by lung disease. |
| American Nurses Foundation | <http://www.anfonline.org/nursingresearchgrant> | Grant-Making Foundation | The American Nurses Foundation provides funds to beginner and experienced nurse researchers to conduct studies that contribute to the advancement of nursing science and the enhancement of patient care. Funds are available annually. |
| Bush Foundation | <http://www.bushfoundation.org/grants> | Grant-Making Foundation | The Bush Foundation Community Innovation program offers two open grant opportunities - The Bush Prize for Community Innovation and the Community Innovation Grants. These grants support communities in pursuing innovative solutions to their challenges. |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | <http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/GrantsFunding/opportunities.html> | Government | Housed on Grants.gov, over 1,000 grant programs are funded by the CDC. |
| Foundation Center | [fdo.foundationcenter.org](http://fdo.foundationcenter.org) | Grant-Making Foundation | Foundation Center is a foundation directory that allows you to search by state, city, or ZIP code. The site displays Foundations based on your search criteria and also provides statistics such as total assets and total giving. |
| Foundation Maps | <https://maps.foundationcenter.org/home.php> | Paid Database | Service of Grantspace |
| Fulbright U.S. Student Program | <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants/study-research> | Academic | This yearly program specializes in study and research funding with international Universities. |
| [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) | <http://www.grants.gov/> | Government | Grants.gov is a collection of available grants from Federal agencies, including National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Education, the National Science Foundation and others. |
| [Grantwatch.com](http://Grantwatch.com) | <https://www.grantwatch.com/> | Paid Database |  |
| Health Resources and Services Administration | <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/index.html> | Government | HRSA provides funding to organizations to improve and expand health care services for underserved people focusing on the following program areas: health workforce, HIV/AIDS, maternal & child health, primary health care/health centers, rural health, healthcare systems, and more. |
| March of Dimes | <http://www.marchofdimes.org/research-grants.aspx> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | General research grants offer funds for studies on reproductive health, environmental toxicology, and studies in social and behavioral sciences that focus on factors contributing to adverse pregnancy outcomes. |
| National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) | <http://www.chronicdisease.org/?page=FundingOpp> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | The NACDD provides funding opportunities for various health organizations and communities. Some past projects include funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities. |
| National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences | <https://ncats.nih.gov/funding/open> | Government | NCATS supports an array of funding programs and in-kind services designed to support the Center's work to transform scientific knowledge into better human health. |
| National Endowment for the Humanities | <http://www.neh.gov/grants> | Government | The NEH offers a wide variety of funding programs for both individuals and organizations. |
| National Institute of Nursing Research | <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding#.V6piM5grKhc> | Government | NINR supports clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness across the lifespan. The research focus encompasses health promotion and disease prevention, quality of life, health disparities, and end-of-life. |
| National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities | <http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/funding/nimhd.html> | Government | NIMHD provides support for a variety of research, training, infrastructure development, and outreach and information dissemination projects related to its mission using grants, cooperative agreements and contracts. |
| National Institutes of Health | <http://grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm> | Government | The NIH offers a substantial list of available funding focused on behavioral and medical research. |
| Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce | <https://phpartners.org/grants.html> | Grant-Making Database | Opportunities for fellowships, grants and other awards, including awards from members of the Partners project. |
| Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | <http://www.rwjf.org/> | Grant-Making Foundation | The RWJF is focused on health, health care, and substance abuse. |
| Rural Health Information Hub | <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/types/grants-and-contracts> | Grant-Making Database | Summaries of funding programs are provided by RHI hub for your convenience. Please contact the funder directly for the most complete and current information. |
| Society for Women's Health Research | <http://swhr.org/grants-awards/> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | The Society for Women’s Health Research (SWHR) funds research related to clinical practice, disease prevention and manifestation, and medical education. |
| The American Cancer Society | <http://www.cancer.org/research/applyforaresearchgrant/> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | Among other grants, the ACA offers funding that supports the clinical and/or research training of health professionals. |
| The American Heart Association | <http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/Research_UCM_316889_SubHomePage.jsp> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | The AHA supports beginning investigators and research on cardiovascular health. |
| The American Psychological Association | <http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | APA and its affiliate organizations provide a wide range of grants, scholarships and awards with the aim of advancing the science and practice of psychology as a means of understanding behavior and promoting health, education, and human welfare. |
| The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation | <http://www.damonrunyon.org/research_results/categories/category/award_programs/> | Grant-Making Foundation | Damon Runyon provides today's best young scientists with funds to pursue innovative cancer research. |
| The David and Lucile Packard Foundation | <https://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/> | Grant-Making Foundation | This family foundation focuses on efforts to improve the lives of children, the power of science and improving the human condition and the planet. |
| The Foundation of Alcohol Research | <http://www.abmrf.org/grants2> | Grant-Making Foundation | The aim of the Foundation for Alcohol Research grant program is to energize the field by helping researchers begin their careers, and position them to attract greater alcohol-related research funding from other sources. |
| The Grantsmanship Center | <https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources> | Grant-Making Foundation | The Grantsmanship Center is a collection of grantmaking foundations, searchable by state. The website also contains resources to help you get started in and navigate the grant process. |
| The Horowitz Foundation | <http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info/> | Grant-Making Foundation | This foundation provides approximately 15-20 grants each year to research focused on the social sciences, including economics, human geography, and sociology. |
| The John Randolph Haynes Foundation | <http://www.haynesfoundation.org/> | Grant-Making Foundation | Focused primarily on Los Angeles, California, the John Randolph Haynes Foundation grants funding to organizations only. |
| The Obesity Society | <http://www.obesity.org/resources/grants-awards/early-career-reasearch-grants> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | This funding is dedicated to fostering and stimulating new research ideas in any area of investigation related to obesity. |
| The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) | <http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/what-who-we-fund> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | PCORI funds comparative clinical effectiveness research, or CER, as well as research activities that will improve the methods used to conduct CER studies. This includes the Pipeline to Proposals award. |
| The Russell Sage Foundation | <http://www.russellsage.org/research/categories/requests-proposals> | Grant-Making Foundation | This foundation is dedicated to programs of social science with an emphasis on equality and social justice. The Russell Sage Foundation has available funding year-round. |
| The Spencer Foundation- Lyle Spencer Research Awards | <http://www.spencer.org/lyle-spencer-research-awards> | Grant-Making Foundation | This yearly award is focused on education research. |
| The World Health Organization | <http://www.who.int/tdr/grants/research_activities/en/> | Non-Profit and Professional Associations | This program supports initiatives related to infectious disease in developing countries. |
| UD Department of Health and Human Services | <http://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html> | Government | The HHS supports contractors and grantees with the vision of protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. |
| US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants> | Government | The EPA provides funding for research involving air quality, climate change, health research, sustainability, water research, and more. |
| William T. Grant Foundation | <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/> | Grant-Making Foundation | The William T. Grant Foundation funds research on creating safe, healthy, and character-building environments for young people. |

Attachment B: Funder Tracking Worksheet

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| **Funder** | **Initial Approach** | **Deadline** | **Average Range of Funding** | **Anticipated Notification Date** | **Date Submitted** | **Status** | **Outcome** |
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