

Grant Writing 101: Ask and ye shall receive
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Source for a Grant Writing Overview

- ***How to Write a Grant Proposal: Step by Step*** written and produced by W. F. Goldsmith on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByQRri_LTUE

Sources for Logic Models for Planning

- **For a simple logic model template, see UW-Madison:**
https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/programdevelopment/files/2016/03/LM_WorksheetTableformat.doc
- **The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has a logic model development guide available at:**
<https://wkkf.issuelab.org/resource/logic-model-development-guide.html>

Sources for Community Information

- **United States Census Bureau:** <https://data.census.gov/>
- **Minnesota State Demographic Center:** <https://mn.gov/admin/demography/data-by-topic/>
- **Minnesota Department of Education:** <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/Data/>
- **Kids Count Data Center—Minnesota Data:**
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data?location=MN#MN/2/0/char/0>
- **Minnesota Compass:** <https://www.mncompass.org/>
- **Amherst H. Wilder Foundation:**
<https://www.wilder.org/wilder-research/wilder-research-topics>
- **Neighborhood or city websites**
- **Local libraries**
- **University, college, and local school websites**
- **Social service agencies, food shelves, and community groups**
- **Local bulletin boards, newspapers, radio, television, etc.**
- ***Use your congregation's annual reports to the ELCA***

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Sources for Finding Grants

- **Federal and State Registers:**
 - **Federal:** <https://www.grants.gov/> [use the Mobile App or use the “Search Grants” tab at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>]
 - **State:** <https://mn.gov/grants/>
- **Foundation Directories:**
 - These can be found in some libraries
 - You can purchase subscriptions for finding grants, such as from **Foundation Center and GuideStar, which are now known as Candid.:** <https://candid.org/?fcfref=lr> [click on “Find funding information”]
- **GrantAdviser:**

Use this site to check funders’ profiles: <https://grantadvisor.org/funders.php>
- **Minnesota Council on Foundations with Candid.:**

For annual reports about grantmaking in Minnesota: <https://mcf.org/grantmaking-data>
- **FundsNet:**

Find Minnesota funders as of Feb. 23, 2021 for your proposal at: <https://fundsnetervices.com/minnesota-grants-and-foundations>
- **GrantWatch:**

<https://www.grantwatch.com/grants-for-nonprofits>
[In the “Location” drop-down menu, choose “Minnesota (USA)”]
- **Otto Bremer Trust:** <https://ottobremer.org/grantmaking/for-grantseekers/>
- **Blandin Foundation:**

Funding for Minnesota rural communities at: <https://blandinfoundation.org/programs/grants/>
- **ELCA GrantMaker:** <https://elca.org/grants>
 - **ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants:** <https://elca.org/domestichungergrants>
- **Southwestern Minnesota Synod:** <https://swmnelca.org/grants/>
- **Local organizations and foundations:** These types of grantors allow you to develop relationships with the funding organizations and/or foundations that can provide guidance as well as ongoing connections.
- **Word of mouth**

Sources for Budget Information

- **Inflation Rate (Consumer Price Index) information— +0.4% as of April 2023 as per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at:** <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>
- **Mileage Rate— 65.5 cents/ mile for 2023 as per the U.S. Internal Revenue Service at:** <https://rb.gy/miq1y> [shortened URL]
- **Volunteer Time Value— \$ 31.80/hr. for the U.S. and \$34.47/hr. for Minnesota for 2023 as per the Independent Sector at:** <https://rb.gy/mhjbfb> [shortened URL; U.S. value and download state values pdf]