Grant Writing



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Tips for Success



- 1.People
- 2. Planning
- 3. Priorities
- 4. Purpose
- 5. Pursuit

- 6. Partnerships
- 7. Passion, Positivity, & Persuasion
- 8. Precision
- 9. Pitch
- 10. Perseverance

#1 Tip: ASK FOR HELP!



O Unclear on the directions? Have a Q about the application? Ask the funders for clarification!

- Chow someone who has applied for this grant?
 Ask them for their thoughts on your project!
- Are you done writing?
 Ask someone (not involved in the grant) to proofread!

Persuasive Writing

- Consider/know your audience
- Follow directions explicitly
- Write for specificity & clarity
- Establish credibility
- Appeal to hearts and minds



References:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/981/1/, https://owl.English.purdue.edu/owl/resource/981/04/, https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/696/1/, http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/news/2013/06/right-money-ten-tips-writing-persuasive-grant-proposal

Resources: Online & Print

- O www.flls.org/grants/
- Winning Grants by MacKellar and Gerding A20519403747
- The ALA Book of Library Grant Money A20517874471
- O Go Get That Grant! By Staines A20519427369
- O Don't forget about the rest of the professional collection!



Rosen Grants with Janet Cotraccia

- The Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund seeks to promote genuine intellectual curiosity and a lifelong love of reading and learning by encouraging youth to develop habits of regular library use. Tips and information about previous grantees online.
- Application Deadline: January 17, 2017.
- O www.cftompkins.org/granting/grant-opportunities/
- o jcotraccia@cftompkins.org.



Construction Grants with Kristi Downham

- The minimum grant award is \$2,500, for a minimum total project cost of \$5,000. There is no maximum award, but there is a finite pool of money available to split between applicants.
- Application Deadline: Late Summer
- O www.flls.org/grants/construction/
- Okdownham@flls.org



Outreach Mini-Grants with Jenny Shonk

- O Do you have an idea for an outreach project but lack funding? Member libraries in our service area can apply for an Outreach Mini-Grant. Awards range from \$250-\$5,000.
- O Application Deadline: March 17, 2017
- www.flls.org/outreach/#minigrants
- ojshonk@flls.org





A follow-up, including slides and links, will be emailed to you after this session.