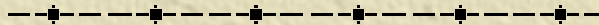# Finding and Applying for Federal Grant Opportunities

Administration for Children and Families

Region V

Chicago, Illinois

What to look for and where …

- What type of funding is it?

  - Mandatory (formula, block) grants

  - **Discretionary grants**

- Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance

- Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) web sites

- grants.gov

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

- **www.cfda.gov**
- Comprehensive - all federal agencies
- On-line data base updated continually
- Domestic programs
- All assistance programs, not just grants
- Every program has a CFDA #

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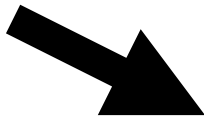Search the Catalog for only grant programs.

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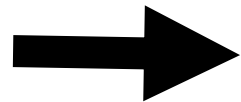A list of the top 10% by number of viewings.

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Agriculture	(7 Sub-Categories)
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Consumer Protection	(3 Sub-Categories)
Cultural Affairs	(2 Sub-Categories)
Disaster Prevention And Relief	(4 Sub-Categories)
Education	(23 Sub-Categories)
Employment, Labor, And Training	(11 Sub-Categories)
Energy	(6 Sub-Categories)
Environment Quality	(6 Sub-Categories)
Food And Nutrition	(4 Sub-Categories)
Health	(21 Sub-Categories)
Housing	(12 Sub-Categories)
Income Security And Social Services	19 Sub-Categories)
Information And Statistics	(4 Sub-Categories)
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INCOME SECURITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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....Disabled Veterans
....Emergency And Crisis Assistance
....Family And Child Welfare Services
....Indian Services
....Information And Referral Services
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....Prevention
....Public Assistance
....Refugee, Alien Services
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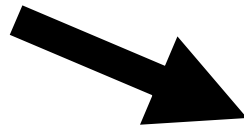....Specialized Family And Child Welfare Services
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....Training Assistance
....Veterans Services
....Youth Services

Youth Services

Functional Area Results = 17 programs

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Sub-Category	CFDA#	Agency	Program Title
Youth Services	10.500	USDA	Cooperative Extension Service
	15.025	DOI	Services to Indian Children, Elderly and Families
	15.103	DOI	Indian Social Services_Child Welfare Assistance
	17.201	DOL	Registered Apprenticeship and Other Training
	17.207	DOL	Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities
	17.247	DOL	Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers
	17.251	DOL	Native American Employment and Training Programs
	27.006	OPM	Federal Summer Employment
	84.044	ED	TRIO_Talent Search
	84.047	ED	TRIO_Upward Bound
	93.289	HHS	President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
	93.550	HHS	Transitional Living for Homeless Youth
	93.588	HHS	Community Schools Youth Services and Supervision Program
	93.623	HHS	Basic Center Grant
	93.659	HHS	Adoption Assistance
	93.674	HHS	Chafee Foster Care Independence Program
	93.995	HHS	Adolescent Family Life_Demonstration Projects

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youth

Query Options
Keyword youth

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Click on search

Search

Keyword results = 132 programs

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Search Results

Program Description		Score (in %)
17.274 - YOUTHBUILD	**Abstract:** 17.274 YOUTHBUILD FEDERAL AGENCY: EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AUTHORIZATION: Workforce Investment Act(WIA) of 1998, Title I, Subtitle D, Section 173A, YouthBuild Program, Public Law 109-281,Public Law 105-220, 20 U.S.C. 9201.	81
93.550 - Transitional Living for Homeless Youth	**Abstract:** 93.550 Transitional Living for Homeless Youth FEDERAL AGENCY: ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORIZATION: The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (Title III of the Junvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974), as amended by the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003, Public Law 108-96 under Part B. Text of this legislation can be located at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/aboutfysb/RHYComp.pdf.	81
16.731 - Tribal Youth Program	**Abstract:** 16.731 Tribal Youth Program (TYP) FEDERAL AGENCY: OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AUTHORIZATION: Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-277.	71
93.623 - Basic Center Grant	**Abstract:** 93.623 Basic Center Grant (BCP) FEDERAL AGENCY: ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORIZATION: Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003, Public Law 108-96 under Part A.	61
16.726 - Juvenile Mentoring Program	**Abstract:** 16.726 Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) FEDERAL AGENCY: OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AUTHORIZATION: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, Section 288, as amended, Public Law 93-415, as amended; Public Law 94-503, 95-115, 96-509, 98-473, 100-690, and 102-586, 42 U.S.C. 5667c.	51

Keyword Search

- More comprehensive than functional areas
- If too many results, refine the keyword:
  - ✓ youth
  - ✓ youth **AND** mentoring
  - ✓ youth **NOT** mentoring
  - ✓ youth **OR** mentoring
  - ✓ at-risk youth
  - ✓ youth gangs

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Caution! Based on functional area list

What you will find in the CFDA

- Objectives and goals of the program
- Type of assistance or funding
- Eligibility requirements
- Restrictions on use of funds
- Amount of funding - past, current
- Duration of grant funding
- Application procedures
- Information contacts

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Appalachian Regional Commission (5 Programs)
Architectural And Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (1 Program)
Barry Goldwater Scholarship And Excellence In Education Foundation (1 Program)
Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation (1 Program)
Commission On Civil Rights (1 Program)
Commodity Futures Trading Commission (1 Program)
Corporation For National And Community Service (10 Program
Delta Regional Authority (3 Programs)
Denali Commission (1 Program)
Department Of Agriculture (199 Programs)
Department Of Commerce (85 Programs)
Department Of Defense (44 Programs)
Department Of Education (146 Programs)
Department Of Energy (27 Programs)
Department Of Health And Human Services (335 Programs)
Department Of Homeland Security (98 Programs)
Department Of Housing And Urban Development (112 Programs)
Department Of Justice (99 Programs)
Department Of Labor (50 Programs)

HHS
335 programs!!

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......Office Of Minority Health (5 Programs)
......President'S Council On Physical Fitness And Sports (1 Programs)
......Office Of Disease Prevention And Health Promotion (1 Programs)
......Agency For Health Care Policy And Research (2 Programs)
......Office Of Population Affairs (5 Programs)
......Administration On Aging (11 Programs)
......Administration For Children And Families (64 Programs)
......Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services (21 Programs)
......Food And Drug Administration (4 Programs)
......Centers For Disease Control (36 Programs)
......Health Resources And Services Administration (78 Programs)
......Indian Health Service (14 Programs)
......Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration (13 Programs)
......National Institutes Of Health (54 Programs)
......Agency For Toxic Substances And Disease Registry (6 Programs)

Browse by Agency and Sub-Agency

- Browsing by agency and sub-agency work in a similar manner with one important exception:

  - When you click on "browse by agency," the agencies are listed in alphabetical order.

  - When you click on "browse by sub-agency," they are NOT so you will have to scroll down the list.

Where to look …

- **Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI)** web sites

  - **White House - www.fbci.gov**

  - **Federal Agency Centers** – link from White House web site

White House - www.fbci.gov

- *Federal Funds for Organizations That Help Those in Need*

  - Click on "Grant Opportunities" at top left; click on the catalogue title; use *click here* download link below "Grants Catalogue"

- *Links to the 12 federal agency FBCI Centers*

  - At lower right

  - Grant opportunities, featured programs, grant writing advice, web casts, grant catalogues, email listservs

Using the Grant Announcement

- Eligible applicants
- Good fit, not exact match
- Number, size & duration of grants
- Cost sharing requirements
- Other requirements

Using the Grant Announcement

- **Federal contact person** – call and ask

  - When is the next announcement?

  - How many grants?

  - Web casts, conference calls?

  - Is the prior announcement available?

  - Does your idea fit?

Using the Grant Announcement

- **Really read it, then read it again … and again…**

  - Not loose guidance - the **rule book**

  - Allow time to become familiar with the language and requirements.

  - There can be a lot of other information referenced in the announcement. Get it!

Using the Grant Announcement

- **Compliance checklist**

  - Every "should," "must," "cannot"

  - Page limits, font size, margin size

  - Required format (sequence, headings)

  - Federal budget categories

- **Quality checklist**

  - Every indication of a preference

  - Key concepts (words, phrases, values)

Using the Grant Announcement

- Examples of key concepts
  - best practices
  - early intervention
  - evidence-based approach
  - leveraging resources
  - positive youth development
  - program outcomes

Using the Grant Announcement

- Applying for a federal grant is a competition.

- **Pay careful attention to the:**
  - **Evaluation Criteria (rating factors, review criteria)**

- This is what reviewers use to score your application. High scores win!

Common Review Criteria

- Documented need

- Clear, reasonable objectives

- Sound methods

- Quantified and achievable results

- Reasonable and allowable budget

Documented Need

- Provide evidence not opinions. Include statistics and cite sources.

- Keep the focus as local as possible. Use national, state or other data for comparison.

- Make your case. Connect the conditions that exist and the changes you expect will result from what you do.

- Make your description interesting to read!

Objectives and Methods

- Objectives are your ends.

  - To increase…To decrease…To reduce

- Methods are your means.

  - To provide…To establish…To create

- Don't confuse the two.

- Make sure that your objectives and methods are related to the need.

Sound Methods

- Heart of your proposal (work plan). Explain activities in sufficient detail and provide a clear timeframe.

- Are all of the activities allowed?

- Is it is reasonable to expect that these activities can achieve your objectives?

- How do you know this will work?

Quantified and Achievable Results

- <u>How much</u> you will do during the award period (number of participants, units of service, etc.) – called **outputs**

- The <u>benefits</u> of your project for people/community (what will change and how) - called **outcomes**; and

- Your <u>plan for measuring</u> both.

Budget

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable

- OMB Circular A-122

- Use the federal budget categories.

- Provide a narrative budget justification with cost details and why you need this for the proposed project.

- Meet the cost sharing requirement.

- Check your math!