# Chapter 16 Web Resources

**Council on Foundations**

<http://www.cof.org>

The professional association for foundations with a searchable database of news about foundations’ activities.

**Federal Grants and Funding Opportunities**

<http://www.cfda.gov>

You may find multiple kinds of government assistance programs (insurance, loans, and other opportunities, as well as grants) in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

<http://www.grants.gov>

At Grants.gov, you can find information about all the grant opportunities provided by federal government agencies.

**Finding Foundation Center Libraries and Cooperating Collections**

<http://www.foundationcenter.org/ask-us/find-us>

The Foundation Center manages five libraries (in New York, Atlanta, Cleveland, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.) and works with an extensive network of more than 400 cooperating collections at other libraries, community foundations, and nonprofit service organizations. Find the research source near you through searching its Funding Information Network.

**Finding Requests for Proposals (RFPs)**

<http://www.philanthropy.com>

Many foundations send their request for proposals (RFP) announcements to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* for publication. You can find them under “deadlines” in the website’s “fundraising” menu.

<http://www.foundationcenter.org>

The Foundation Center announces Requests for Proposals in its *Philanthropy News Digest* (see PND on its website). You can sign up to receive a weekly newsletter from PND that will alert you to RFP news announcements.

**Foundation Center**

<http://www.foundationcenter.org>

You can find exhaustive data here about foundation grant making — how to identify potential funding sources, trends and research findings, and job announcements. Some search services are free, and some require a subscription. You’ll also find a marketplace for books, directories, and online data.

<http://www.grantspace.org>

The Foundation Center has created a second website, GrantSpace, that features classes, workshops, webinars, and other learning opportunities for grantseekers.

**Foundation Directory Online – Introduction**

<https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/help>

Before jumping into your search for funders on the Foundation Directory Online, we recommend that you become thoroughly familiar with its features.

**Foundation Center Maps**

<http://www.foundationcenter.org/gain-knowledge/foundation-maps>

A new data visualization tool, available by subscription from the Foundation Center, helps grant seekers identify which foundations are awarding grants for activities taking place in which locations. While this tool has many uses, it’s particularly helpful to donors, foundations, and other nonprofits that want to see which nonprofit organizations and foundations are responding to which humanitarian disasters around the world.

**Government Printing Office and Federal Register**

<http://www.gpo.gov>

<http://www.federalregister.gov>

The Government Printing Office provides an overview of the U.S. government’s branches and agencies. It also provides information about federal funding sources, congressional bills, the *Congressional Record,* government regulations, and the *Federal Register,* all of which can help inform your proposal development after you have identified a program to which you wish to apply. Grant seekers can sign up to receive the table of contents for the *Federal Register,* which is published daily except for weekends and holidays.

**Guides to Federal Funding**

<http://www.thompson.com>

Publisher of guides to seeking federal funding and complying with federal grant regulations.

**GuideStar**

<http://www.guidestar.org>

Search the 990 tax returns to fine-tune your foundation research. You also can find Foundation 990 and 990-PF forms on the Foundation Center’s website.

**Introduction to Finding Grants**

<http://www.grantspace.org/training/self-paced-training/introduction-to-finding-grants>

<http://www.grantspace.org/skills/find-foundation-corporate-donors>

Training grant seekers is a big part of the Foundation Center’s work. It offers in-person workshops, live webinars, and recorded podcasts and webinars to assist new grant seekers. In addition to pursuing the two links featured here, check out the Center’s “Introduction to Finding Grants Online” and “Introduction to Corporate Giving.”

**National Center for Charitable Statistics**

<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org>

Among other data about charities, you can find on this website’s “classification” section the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities–Core Codes (or NTEE-CC). The NTEE-CC classification system is used by directories and databases to define nonprofit organizations by type. It divides the universe of nonprofit organizations into 26 major groups under ten broad categories. Reviewing it can help you select the most appropriate subject categories and keywords to use as you search for foundation funding.

**National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities**

<http://nccs.urban.org/classification/NTEE.cfm>

In the 1980s, foundations and nonprofit leaders worked to create agreed-upon terms defining different kinds of nonprofit organizations. As you search for grants, you may find it useful to use the correct term for your type of nonprofit organization. More recently, the Foundation Center updated its classification system to reflect feedback from its users about terms they prefer. (See “Search Terms” below.)

**Noza and Grant Smart**

<http://www.nozasearch.com>

Noza provides a searchable database (Noza Search) of more than one million grants awarded. Its Grant Smart database enables you to search the 990 tax forms of private foundations. Access to the database requires a paid subscription.

**Office of Management and Budget**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb>

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) offers information about the federal budget. You may use it to find out whether money has been allocated to a program to which you wish to apply. Some federal application forms also can be downloaded through this site, although most now appear on Grants.gov.

**Search Terms**

<http://taxonomy.foundationcenter.org>

To better understand the terms used by the Foundation Center for different types of organizations, projects, and grants, check out this discussion of the Philanthropy Classification System.