What is a Grant?

A grant is a sum of money given for a purpose.

What is a Grant Ready Organization?

A Grant Ready Organization (GRO) is prepared to apply for grant opportunities. GROs have all of their records, registrations and audits in place, accessible, and up-to-date. GROs have engaged and gained support from leadership, policy-makers and stakeholders. GROs align their mission, vision, and capacity with their understanding of community needs as the foundation of their grant seeking strategy.

Types of Grant Sources

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The federal government administers several types of grants designed to accomplish different purposes such as research grants, demonstration grants, project grants, block grants, and formula grants. These grants are administered by each government agency.

**STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Each state and local government administers several types of grants designed to accomplish different purposes such as demonstration grants, project grants, block grants, and formula grants. These grants are administered by each government agency within each state. These grants are often funds that originated from the federal government.

**PUBLIC & PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS**

A foundation is a non-governmental entity that is established as a nonprofit corporation or a charitable trust, with a principal purpose of making grants to unrelated organizations, institutions, or individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes.

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ARE YOU GRANT READY?

Elements of Grant Readiness

BASIC KEY ELEMENTS OF GRANT READINESS

- Organization Mission Statement
- Strategic Plan
- Community Needs Assessment
- Analysis of Service Provider
- Existing Diversified Operating Budget
- Policies and Procedures
- Grant Management Capacity
- Partner Discovery and Engagement
- Project Strategic Plan (Program Goals/Plans For Prioritized Funding Needs)

CHECKLIST

GRANT ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS
- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal governments [not federally recognized]

EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS
- Independent school districts
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- Organizations other than small businesses

SMALL BUSINESSES
- Companies meeting the size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

PUBLIC HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS
- Public housing authorities
- Indian housing authorities

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