

What is a foundation?

A foundation is a nonprofit corporation or a charitable trust with the principal purpose of making grants to unrelated organizations or institutions or to individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes.

The Foundation Center distinguishes between independent and corporate foundations to clarify the source of funding.

Independent Foundations

Independent foundations are also known as family foundations, general-purpose foundations, special purpose foundations, or private non-operating foundations.

Private Foundations

Most of the funds in a private foundation come from one source, whether an individual, a family, or corporation. Private foundations are established to maintain or aid social, educational, religious, or other charitable activities serving the common welfare.

e. g. Rockefeller Foundation

Community Foundations

Community foundations make grants for charitable purposes in a specific community or region.

e. g. Community Foundation for Monterey County

Corporate Foundations

A company-sponsored foundation (also referred to as a corporate foundation) is a private foundation whose assets are derived primarily from the contributions of a for-profit business. While a company-sponsored foundation may maintain close ties with its parent company, it is an independent organization with its own endowment and as such is subject to the same rules and regulations as other private foundations.

e. g. Sun Microsystems

Monterey County Free Libraries Seaside Branch

As a Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, the Seaside Library provides a core collection of print and electronic resources, and related reference services, of value to persons seeking scholarships, funding, grants for nonprofits and individuals, and more.

The Seaside Library also offers materials provided by the Community Foundation for Monterey County.



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The Foundation's Management Assistance Library is open to the public and holds over 900 titles, which are for use in the Foundation's Library only.

Funding Resources at the Seaside Library



Do you need a scholarship?

Are you looking for Government grants?

Do you want to start a business?

Do you want to start a nonprofit organization?

Do you need funding for a nonprofit organization?

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Where can I find information on scholarships and fellowships?

First contact the financial aid office at the college or university you plan to attend.

GO TO: Directory of Financial Aid Office
<http://www.finaid.org>

SEE: REFERENCE COLLECTION
R 378.3 P College Money Handbook
R 378.34 G The Grants Register

Where can I find information on grants to individuals?

Most foundation funding is awarded to nonprofit organizations, leaving fewer sources available to the individual grant seeker. But some grants are available to individuals. These include project support for individual artists, researchers, and others.

The Foundation Grants to Individuals Online is the Foundation Center's online database for individuals.

Please ask at the Reference Desk if you would like to use this database. No need to make an appointment in advance. No remote access available.

SEE: FOUNDATION COLLECTION

001.44 F Foundation Grants to Individuals

Where can I find information on funding to start a business?

By and large, foundations do not make grants to for-profit enterprises. If you are trying to start a for-profit business, as opposed to a not-for-profit entity,

SEE: NONFICTION COLLECTION
346.73 S Legal Guide to Starting & Running a Small Business

GO TO:
<http://www.sba.gov/financing/index.html>

Where can I find information about government grants?

The majority of government grants are awarded to eligible nonprofit organizations, not to individuals. Government grants typically have specific application and reporting requirements and frequently require an audit of the organization receiving the grant. Federal funders often prefer projects that serve as prototypes or models for others to replicate.

GO TO: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>
<http://www.firstgov.gov>
<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit>
<http://grants.gov/GetStarted>

How do I establish a nonprofit organization?

Forming a new nonprofit is a process that involves two distinct stages. First, establish your organization by filing articles of incorporation with the appropriate agency in your state (usually the Secretary of State). Second, secure a federal income tax exemption by filing the appropriate forms with the Internal Revenue Service.

For more information

SEE: REFERENCE COLLECTION
R 346.73 M How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation
R 346.794 M How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation in California

I represent a nonprofit organization. Where can I find funding?

The Foundation Directory Online is the Foundation Center's online database for nonprofits.

It contains four files: Search Grantmakers, Search Companies, Search Grants, Search 990s. The grantmakers file can be searched by field of interest, geographic focus, types of support and many other categories. The grants file can be searched by subject, recipient type, year authorized, types of support and more.

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SEE: FOUNDATION COLLECTION

001.44 A Annual Register of Grant Support
001.44 F The Foundation Grants Index
061 F The Foundation 1000
061 F Foundation Directory
361.7 F Guide to Grantseeking on the Web

GO TO: Foundation Center's website at
<http://fdncenter.org>

How to run a nonprofit organization?

Information about nonprofit board development, organizational planning, finances, and more.

SEE: NONFICTION COLLECTION
658.048, 658.4, and 658.422.