

UIHO FUNDING RESOURCE GUIDE

Background

Urban Indian Health Organizations (UIHOs), face the challenge of balancing the need to offer quality services to the urban American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) community while finding time for fund development through the grant identification and application process. This resource guide provides some useful tips on how to navigate the Federal government's central storehouse for grant programs (Grants.gov) to better serve your UIHO's search for funding resources. There are pointers for daily grants notification e-mail services as well as for maximizing your notices with e-mail alerts directly from federal organizations that are known to fund AI/AN-specific projects and services. A short overview of relevant funding sources and how they impact your UIHO is also included.

Grants.gov

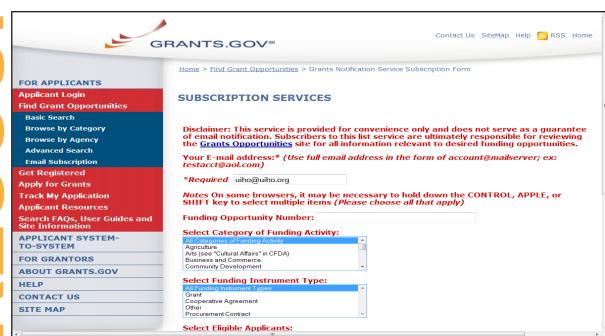
Searching for federal grants can be an overwhelming task considering that there are over 1,000 grant programs, many with multiple grant cycles. Grants.gov offers a convenient daily e-mail service called Grant Email Alerts that allows you to receive grant notices each day. First you must narrow down your search field to receive the most relevant grants based on your initial search terms. Some general information about Grants.gov can be found online at:

http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/about_grants_gov.jsp

To set up your Grants.gov e-mail alert:

1. Follow this link:

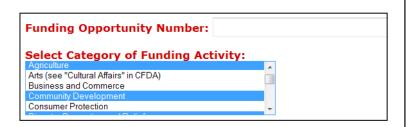
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2. Enter the e-mail address with which you wish to receive the daily notices.

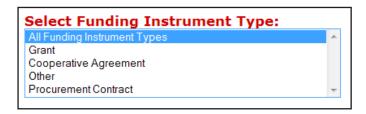


3. Leave the **Funding Opportunity Number** field blank and go directly to the **Select Category of Funding Activity** field and highlight the categories that best fit your organizational needs. NOTE: If you are using a PC, hold down the **CTRL** button to select multiple categories. Recommended categories include Arts, Community Development, Disaster Prevention and Relief, Education, Employment, Labor and Training, Environment, Food and Nutrition, Health, Housing, Humanities, Income Security and Social Sciences, Regional Development and Science and Technology.

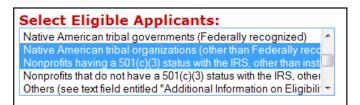


Tip: The inclusion of the Arts and Humanities categories are for acquisition of native art, or cultural motif development to your building's facade. Income Security and Social Sciences as well as Regional Development are intended for you to monitor collaborative opportunities with your regional and scientific partner agencies.

4. Go to the **Select Funding Instrument Type** field and select the categories that best fit your organizational needs. Recommended categories include All Funding Instrument Types.



5. Go to the **Select Eligible Applicants** field and select the categories that best fit your organizational needs. Recommended categories include County Governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing authorities and State Governments.



Tip: The inclusion of Public Housing Authorities/ Indian Housing Authorities and State Governments are intended for you to monitor collaborative opportunities with your state, county, municipal and even tribal partners on development projects needing health provider input, participation and even contracting services. 6. Leave the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, or **CFDA Number** field blank and go to the **Select Agency** field and select the categories that best fit your organizational needs. Recommended categories include Corporation for a National and Community Service, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Justice, Deptartment of Labor, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of the Interior, General Services Administration, National Council on Disability, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.



Tip: The inclusion of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities are intended for developing your agency's cultural development initiatives. This can take the form of cultural services, elder and youth cultural heritage events, Traditional Health services, etc.

7. Click **Select Sub Agencies** to view and select more specific agencies that best fit your needs, if necessary.



8. Click on the **Subscribe to Mailing List** field to begin receiving the daily alerts.



9. You will be redirected to a confirmation page.



Other Agencies

Here is a list of other grant agencies that you may find beneficial to subscribe to their weekly e-mails. Not every e-mail update application has a weekly option; be sure to take advantage of the interval options for these resource mailers because they can fill up your inbox if all of your subscriptions are set to a daily delivery. Not all of these agencies provide funding announcements but they will keep you up to date on trending health priorities, agency direction and upcoming announcements for feedback on federal programs.

- 1. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
 - Grants page: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/
 - HHS e-mail updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHS/subscriber/new?pop=t
- 2. National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - Grants page: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm
 - Listserv sign-up for HHS: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm
- 3. Indian Health Service (IHS)
 - IHS Listserv sign-up lists: http://www.ihs.gov/listserver/index.cfm?module=list
- 4. Office of Minority Health (OMH)
 - OMH funding page: http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlID=1
 - OMH e-mail updates sign-up page: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSOMH/subscriber/new?

- 5. Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention
 - CDC general grants information: http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/grantmain.shtm
 - CDC e-mail updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/subscriber/new?pop=t
- 6. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
 - HRSA does not have an e-mail update application. All of their grants are viewable through www.grants.gov
 - HRSA's general grants page: http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/index.html
- 7. National Institute on Minority Health Disparities (NIMHD)
 - NIMHD does not have an e-mail update application because you will see their grant updates by subscribing to the NIH mailer, but checking this website regularly is strongly encouraged: http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/default.html
- 8. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
 - NIAAA general grants information: http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/grant-funding
 - NIAAA e-mail updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIAAA/subscriber/new
- 9. National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
 - NIMH general grants information: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/grants/index.shtml
 - NIMH e-mail updates: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/forms/listservs.jsp?listServName=NIMHFUNDINGOPP

Each of these sub agencies provide grant funds. You will receive duplicate information from Grants.gov and the individual agencies, but being better informed is more advantageous to your organization. Though you will not be eligible for many of the grants, your knowledge of upcoming grants will enable you to better prepare your agency for the considerable effort necessary for federal grant writing. This knowledge is also beneficial because you know when the partners in your public health safety net are eligible for grants and you can share this valuable information and potentially establish mutually beneficial collaborations.

The Federal Register

The Federal Register is the daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents. It can be used to access grant information because every funding announcement from every federal agency must be listed here. This is a useful tool but it provides a large amount of information. You can modify your e-mail notices to the relevant federal agencies you desire notifications from. This can be a time intensive task because you have to identify each of the agencies and relevancies yourself manually. You can sign up online for the daily table of contents of the Federal Register here:

http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=FEDREGTOC-L&A=1

A free online tutorial on using the Federal Register can be found here:

http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/tutorial/

State, County and Municipal Funds

Your state receives various funds that are dispersed through their Department of Health and Human Services, or the equivalent department that handles public health. These funds are accessible through direct billing for services at your site or are sometimes dispersed to counties and even down to municipalities depending on the scale and scope of the public health program. It is advantageous for your organization to initiate and maintain contact with officials in each department from the state to the local scale to ensure your inclusion in the public health safety net for your community. Prioritizing face-to-face meetings with top officials in these departments is strongly encouraged to position your UIHO as the recognized leader not only in quality urban Al/AN health services, but as a trusted community advocate for your urban Al/AN population.

Private Foundations

Private foundations are an excellent source of soft money, or nonfederal funds that do not have to be used for direct services or programs. These funds can be used for administrative program initiatives like planning, real-estate considerations, expansion, capital campaigns and pilot programs among other useful areas of non-profit public health. In most major municipalities, a local or even a regional agency initiates contact for not-for-profits and philanthropic agencies. There may even be an Al/AN specific philanthropic agency through gaming tribes or philanthropic consortiums. Try to work with your Board of Directors or community partners to facilitate face-to-face meetings with the Board Members of private foundations. You will ultimately find that even if the private foundations do not fund your proposals, they have influence over policy makers and can advocate for your organization and urban Indian health in general. Here are a few national private foundations and philanthropic organizations that you can contact via their websites listed here:

- 1. Native Americans in Philanthropy
 - http://www.nativephilanthropy.org/
- 2. The Native American Foundation
 - http://www.thenativeamericanfoundation.org/Home Page.html
- 3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - http://www.rwjf.org/grants/
- 4. The Susan G. Komen Foundation
 - http://ww5.komen.org/ResearchGrants/ResearchandGrants.html
- 5. The Kellogg Foundation
 - http://www.wkkf.org/grants/grants-database.aspx
- 6. The Ford Foundation
 - http://www.fordfoundation.org/Grants