What is a grant?

Tips for writing

Data sources for grant applications

Funding sources

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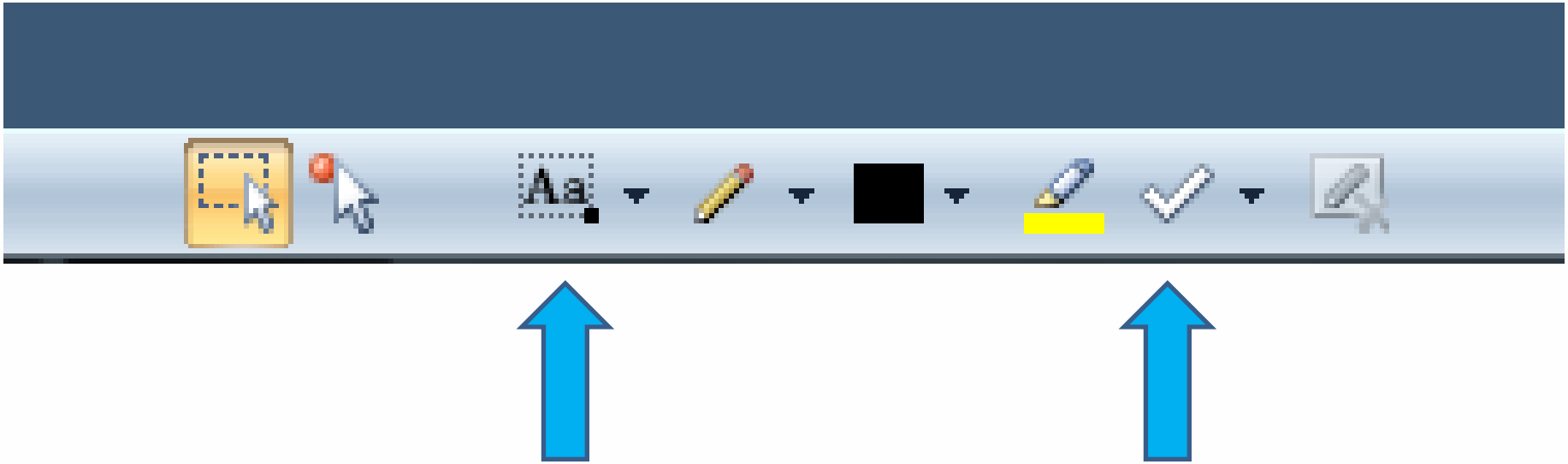


Let's start with a poll!

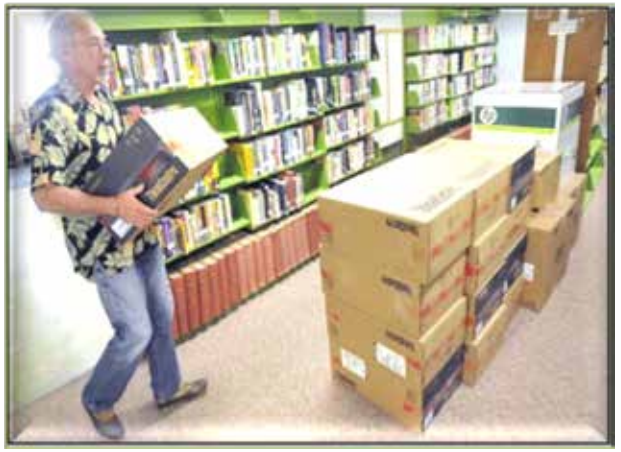
Have you written a grant in the past year?

YES

NO

What is a Grant?

- A Grant is a conditional gift or a conveyance of funds with strings attached.
- The funding source identifies the problem they want addressed, but no outcome is known.



Getting Started you never have enough time

- Writing is like an Olympic event; needs constant practice
- Write everyday at a regular time in the same place. 15 to 20 minutes
- If you don't sit there every day, the day that it would have come well - you won't be there

The grant process is never wasted

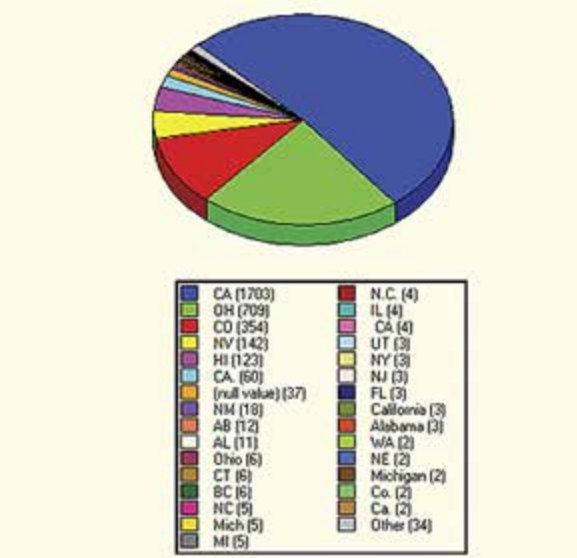
You can't get a grant unless you write one

- Ø Tell your story and make your reader want to keep reading
- Ø Professionally fulfilling
- Ø Requires you to focus your thoughts
- Ø Armed with reviewers comments

the second proposal is always stronger

I need data for my application!

- Cold hard facts…
  - Community population
  - Poverty stats
  - Number of HS graduates
  - Comparisons
  - School district population
  - What else might an application ask for?



Let’s visit some great data websites!

How do I find funders and available grants?

- Compile a list of good websites and visit them often
- Foundation Directory Online
- Search databases for mention of the type of grant you want
- Check with your funding body (city, county, school) for ideas

Other suggestions from our audience?

Some Commercial Grant ideas

- Go to your local banks
- Local electric company
- Local stores
- Research State Agencies

Most importantly, ask others who have successfully received grants

A few of the many…

http://thegrantplant.blogspot.com/
http://librarygrants.blogspot.com/
http://www.foundationcenter.org
http://www.grantspace.org/
http://www.grants.gov – federal grant ops
http://www.imls.gov/applicants/default.aspx
http://www.guidestar.org
http://www.grantsalert.com/
http://www.tgci.com/ - the Grantsmanship Center
http://www.cfda.gov – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
http://www.loc.gov/preservation/about/foundtn-grants.pdf - Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums

There are many, many websites out there that focus on different subjects. Do some searching!

Foundation Directory Online Database Demo

FDO Online is available at the following Cooperating Collection Libraries in SD: SD State Library, Dakota State University Library

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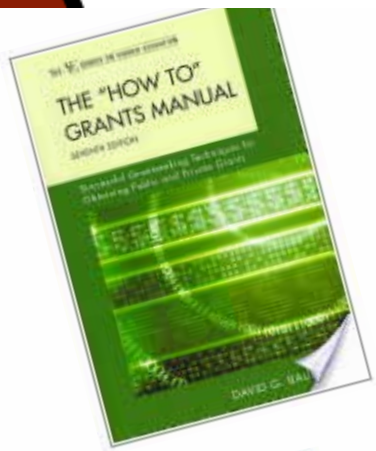

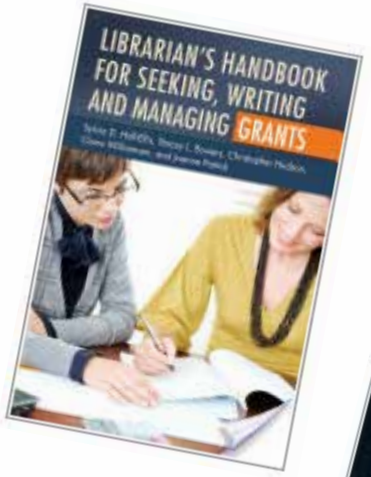

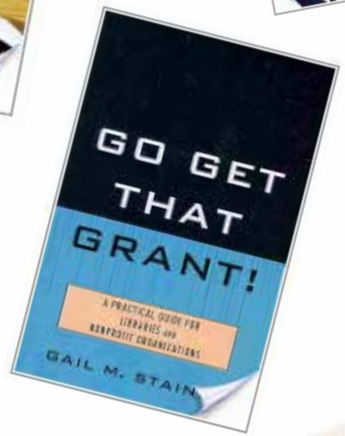

Questions? Comments? Advice you can share?

If you need assistance with grants, or any other info...call us, email us!

Thank You!!!
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