

Grant Writing Information

The following are some general pieces of information applicable to the grant process. The DPI does not endorse any of the organizations or products identified below.

Professional Organizations

American Association of Grant Professionals: www.grantprofessionals.org

Google searches

1. Conducting a search using the term “grant writing” will yield numerous hits. Among them, the following may be of interest:
 - www.lone-eagles.com/granthelp.htm
 - www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm
2. Conducting a search using the term “grant writers” will yield numerous hits. Among them, the following may be of interest:
 - www.guru.com - enter “grant writer” into the key word search box.
 - www.associatedcontent.com/article/1812312/how_to_hire_a_grant_writer.html?cat=48
 - www.wikihow.com/Hire-a-Contract-Grant-Writer
3. For some online reviews of grant writers go to:
 - www.onlinesitereviews.com

Books of interest

1. “The Complete Idiots Guide to Grant Writing” by Waddy Thompson
2. “Successful Grant Writing” by Laura Gitlin and Kevin Lyons
3. “The Only Grant Writing Book You’ll Ever Need” by Ellen Karsh and Arlen Sue Fox.

There are several administrative actions that must be completed BEFORE a grant can be submitted. These are outlined below:

1. Each organization applying for a Federal grant must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. To request a DUNS number go to the following web site and complete the application process.

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

2. To log in and view your DUNS information go to the following:

<https://eupdate.dnb.com/default.asp>.

3. Once the organization has received a DUNS number, the next step is to create a user account in the Federal government's Central Contractor Registration (CCR) data base. To initiate this process go to the following web site;

www.ccr.gov

4. The final step in the process is to register your organization in the Grant.gov database. To do that go to the web site at the following URL and do the "Get Registered" process:

www.grants.gov

Completing each of the above actions can take several days. Consequently, organizations should initiate them before the start of the actual development of the grant application.

Grant Writers

The DPI has identified a list of people with grant writing experience. Organizations may use these people or select others to assist in developing the grant application. In either case, organizations must follow their contracting process to obtain the individual's services. The resumes and billing rates are found in the file at

www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/fbs/resources/arra/grantwriters.pdf.