

Finding Funding Opportunities



AGENDA

- MSU Resources
- Funding Source Overview
- Evaluating Funding Sources



Murray State University Resources

- Office of Sponsored Programs
- IACUC
- IRB
- Office of Regional Outreach
- Committee on Institutional Studies and Research
- The Development Office



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Office of Sponsored Programs Services

- Identifying Funding Sources
- Proposal Development
- Budget Development
- Proposal Submission
- Workshops



Development Office

Before applying for funding from a Private Foundation or Corporation, always contact the Development Office to check for conflicts.

Funding Source Overview

Types of Funding Agencies

- Federal
- State
- Private

Approaches to Submitting Proposals

- Solicited
- Unsolicited

Types of Awards

- Grants
- Contracts
- Cooperative
Agreements
- Fellowships
- Gifts

Proposal Development

Attitude

- A learning experience
- A Partnership
- Success through “Trading Up”

Develop a Good Idea and Concept

- What is the problem you are solving?
- What is the ultimate impact on people's lives and/or the issue at hand?
- What are the specific activities that will lead to the desired result?

Once you develop a good idea for your project:

- Identify funding sources
- Evaluate the sources
- Contact the source(s)
- Prepare a draft and review it
- Ask others to review it
- Revise and submit
- Follow-up

Identifying Funding Sources

– *Libraries (the old way)*

- Federal Directories
- Private Source Directories
 - Foundations
 - Corporations
- Generic Guides

Identify funding sources – *The Internet*

- The OSP Web Site – including Subject Mailing Lists
www.murraystate.edu/Sponsored_Programs.aspx
- Government and Private Foundation homepages
(including www.Grants.gov)
- Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN)
http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spinmain.asp

Identify Funding Sources – *Your Peers*

- No need to reinvent the wheel – share information
- Journal articles

Evaluate the Sources – *Consider the following*

- Objective/priorities of the source
- Eligibility – e.g. new investigator, mid-career researcher, U.S. citizen
- Type of project – e.g. fellowship, research, travel support, program support
- Application process – e.g. letter or pre-proposal, full proposal

Evaluate the Sources – *Consider the following*

- Deadline – Do you have enough time?
- Contact person
- Financial information – size of award
- Past awards
- Review process/criteria

Contact the Source(s)

- Any changes in the application procedures or deadlines?
- Additional information or insight – program priorities, review process, future initiatives