



GRANT RESOURCES

Community Choruses – Inspiring our Communities to Sing!

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MINNESOTA

Minnesota State Arts Board www.arts.state.mn.us

This is your first stop for any public-sector grant money. This is also your connection to the Regional Arts Councils, many of whom have grant programs. <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/racs/index.htm>

COMPAS (Community Programs in the Arts) www.compas.org/grants

One of the oldest regranting programs in Minnesota. Grant programs include United Arts Fund grants (raised through Workplace Giving) and the McKnight Arts Access program.

Minnesota Council of Foundations <http://www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/index.html>

Your one-stop shop for private-sector grant opportunities. There is a charge for the search service, but it is well worth the investment. MCF also offers training opportunities.

University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business Nonprofit Management

<http://www.stthomas.edu/execed/fundraising/default.html>

I include this because they offer a fundraising certificate series where you can take the classes individually or as a group towards certification. A great way to learn essential skills for fundraising.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Arts Council <http://www.nebraskaartscouncil.org/Grants/>

Public sector grants in Nebraska.

Nebraska Office of Economic Development <http://www.neded.org/files/assist/foundation-dir-07.pdf>

A comprehensive list of foundations in Nebraska.

IOWA

Iowa Arts Council <http://www.iowaartsouncil.org/>

Public sector grants.

There is also a link to other funding possibilities:

http://www.culturalaffairs.org/funding/non_departmental_sources.htm

Iowa Community Foundations <http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/page10571.cfm>

A great one-stop shop for community foundations across Iowa.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Arts Board <http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov/static/programs.htm>

Public sector grants.

Marquette University Raynor Memorial Library

http://www.marquette.edu/library/services/fic-order_info.shtml

Information on ordering the *Foundations in Wisconsin Directory*, available in print or on-line

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Council for the Arts <http://www.nd.gov/arts/grants/grant.html>

Public sector grants.

North Dakota Community Foundation <http://www.ndcf.net/Information/GrantGuidelines.asp>

The North Dakota Community Foundation serves North Dakota communities statewide with the goal of improving the quality of life for the state's citizens.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Arts Council <http://www.artscouncil.sd.gov/grants/>

Public sector grants.

South Dakota Community Foundation <http://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/application.htm>

The South Dakota Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofit and charitable organizations across the state in support of economic development, human services, health, education and cultural programs.

South Dakota Grant Directory <http://apps.sd.gov/applications/de100sdgrantdir/default.asp?EID=5>

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

- Check with your local bank. If they are part of a larger chain (Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, UMB, Banker's Trust, Bank of the West, etc). most likely there is some type of grant program. Regional banks also may have some type of philanthropy program.
- Target has their local stores grant program. More information can be found here: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031881>.
- Check with the "legacy" employers in your state (i.e. Land o'Lakes, General Mills, Mutual of Omaha, Citibank, Lands End). They will have some kind of philanthropy program, in most cases.
- The Grantsmanship Center is a great website where you can click on the state you live in to search for local funding sources. <http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml>

If you are a novice at grant writing, don't be afraid of it. Check with your state arts agency or your local college/university. In addition, some organizations offer technical assistance. There are also great grant writing resources at your local library.