

Sources of Information on Federal Government Funding & Contracting

Which Web Sites Should I Check First?

The Federal Government is the largest funder of employment programs that may be used to help people who are homeless. Key Federal funding Web sites are described in brief below.

Grants

Most Federal funds are provided through competitive grants made directly to program providers or to State offices that administer grant programs. The following Web sites are valuable sources for information about these funding opportunities.

www.usa.gov

USA.gov provides easy, one-stop access to all online Federal resources. The site links to www.grants.gov (see below) and to all Federal departments and State government Web sites.

www.grants.gov

This Web site is the single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grantmaking agencies. The site is readily searchable by department or topic.

www.nonprofit.gov

A gateway for nonprofit organizations seeking Federal support, this Web site also includes tips on grantwriting.

Contracts

www.fedbizopps.gov

All Federal contracting agencies must publicize open contracts worth more than \$25,000 by posting information directly to Fedbizopps. This single Internet access point helps commercial vendors identify markets for their services and products and learn more about the bidding process. Commercial vendors and government buyers are invited to post, search, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

General

www.cfda.gov

This Web site links to the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*, a searchable database containing information on thousands of Federal programs available to government agencies and private, public, profit, and nonprofit groups. The site appendices include contact information for key State agencies organized by State and by agency type. The site also links to grantwriting tips.

Department Web Sites

Many Federal agencies have specific information on their Web sites about how to apply for and operate grant-funded projects, as well as more detailed information about specific grants. Web sites that may be of particular relevance are:

- www.doleta.gov/grants: U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
- www.hhs.gov/grants: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Grants Management
- <http://www1.va.gov/homeless>: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Veterans programs
- www.ssa.gov/work: Social Security Administration work site

Where Can I Learn More?

For an excellent primer on locating Federal funding, check *Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Workforce Development Initiatives*, developed by The Finance Project and available on its Web site at www.financeproject.org. Click on "Publications" on the main page, and then choose "Funding Guides" from the left hand menu.