As the Fiscal Year 2018 comes to a close and summer is just around the corner, here is a quick review of the different types of grants that are available. All levels of government – federal, state, and local – distribute grants, as do many philanthropic and community foundations, non-profit organizations and some businesses.

**Knowing the various types of grants:**

Applying for a grant requires plenty of preparation and research. To begin the grant-seeking process, one needs to understand the different types of grants, what grant money can be used for, and what grant funders expect from you before they sign that grant check.

A grant is the giving of funds for a specific purpose. It is a monetary aid awarded after meeting a specific set of qualifications, which aid does not have to be repaid.

- **A Federal Grant** is awarded by a government agency to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. These grants are not loans and are not federal assistance. They cannot be used to acquire property, and there are no Federal grants that will buy your groceries.
- **A Private Grant** is given by a foundation, corporation or non-governmental agency. These can be easier to get than federal grants, as private institutions are not buried under as much bureaucracy and red tape as the federal government.
- **Public Charity Grants** give funds to charitable organizations: those having 501(c) 3 Status with the IRS.
- **Individual Grants** are awarded to persons who meet specific criteria. Businesses and other institutions are ineligible.
- **Non-profit Grants** assist 501(c)3 organizations with their specific missions.
- **Sponsorships Grants** are for non-profit organizations but are awarded to individuals who have a sponsor. Be sure you have a sponsor with 501(c)3 status to qualify.

**There are no magic formulas, short cuts, or sure-fire methods to follow when you’re hoping to get a grant. You won’t even be able to track down a standardized process for grant application.**

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“Success is the result of perfection, hardwork, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.”

Colin Powell
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving works with donors, nonprofits and community leaders in the Greater Hartford area representing a 29 town region.

About 65% of the Foundation’s Grantmaking responds to requests for funding from Nonprofits. The Foundation supports a variety of areas in the entire Greater Hartford Region in subjects such as:

- Arts and Culture
- Education
- Family and Social Services
- Health
- Housing and Economic Development

The remaining 35% of funding targets priority areas. These are areas in which the Foundation commits significant resources over an extended period of time to meet important community needs.

In 2016, the Foundation Awarded 2,287 grants amounting to more than 33.4 million dollars.

2016 Grants by Program Area:

- 8% General
- 12% Community & Economic Development
- 27% Family & Social Services
- 3% Summer Programs
- 9% Health
- 13% Arts & Culture
- 28% Education

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Guiding Principles:

- **Capacity of the Organization:** Does the organization have the institutional capacity, including staff, board leadership, sable financial standing and a thoughtful and appropriate program plan to undertake the project? Does the program align with the strategic direction of the organization?

- **Collaboration:** Does this project provide an opportunity for nonprofits to work together to improve planning, coordination, and delivery of services?

- **Community Engagement:** Have the groups who would benefit from this project been consulted in its development?

- **Demonstrated Need:** Is there demonstrated need and demand for the proposed project? Will the project provide real added value in its outcomes?

- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion:** Does the organization work to improve access to services and programs for vulnerable and underserved populations?

- **Holistic Approaches:** Does the project support improved coordination across multiple systems?

- **Organizational Finances and Program Budget:** Is the budget detailed, realistic and cost-effective?

- **Outcome Driven:** Are the program goals clear? Is there a clear plan for achieving results? Is there a plan in place to track and report outcomes?

- **Sustainability:** Does the project leverage other funds and has long-term funding been developed?
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Grant Process:

Grant making process begins with a conversation and proceeds as a partnership.

Grantmaking Phases:

**The Foundation accepts inquiries and proposals for most grants on a rolling basis.**

- **Grant Inquiry Phase:** Grantseekers contact the program manager to begin the application process. Not all inquiries move beyond this initial conversation.
- **Fact-Finding Phase:** Grantseekers are assigned a Program Manager who looks deeper into the request and prepares a presentation to the program department.
- **Program Department Review Phase:** The organization is invited to apply.
- **Application Phase:** Grantseekers submit the completed application for review.
- **Outcome Phase:** The Programs Officer notifies the grantseeker of the outcome.

The Foundation offers four types of grants:

- **Regular Grants:** An organization may be eligible to apply for one regular grant every three years. The types of regular grants are Program/Project Grants, Continuation Grants, Capital Grants and General Operating Support Grants.
- **Transitional Operating Support Grants**
- **Summer Program Grants**
- **Grant through Nonprofit Support Program (NSP)**

Resources for Grantseekers:

- The Southern New England Nonprofit Consultant Directory (http://www.sneconsultant.org)
- Hartford Public Library Services for Nonprofits (http://www.hplct.org/library-services/nonprofits)
- Connecticut Association of Nonprofits (http://www.ctnonprofits.org)
- Foundation Center (http://www.foundationcenter.org)
- Community Accounting Aid and Services (http://communityaccountingaid.org)
- Guidestar (http://http://www.guidestar.org)
- Federal Agency Funding Information (http://www.grants.gov)

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HAPPY GRADUATION!

Best Wishes for a great Summer break to our Faculty!

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