

FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS RESOURCES

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To assist organizations in searching grant funds to support programs, the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office suggests the following considerations. Information is geared to school groups but other programs should find the information useful.

1. Your first priority is to have **CLEAR GOALS:**
 - What is the project?
 - What do you hope to accomplish?
 - Do you need additional assistance from people or group(s) outside your organization?
2. Then you must **DEVELOP A THOROUGH AND CONCISE BUDGET THAT WILL ADEQUATELY FUND THE PROJECT**
 - How much money do you need to fund the project?
 - How will the money be spent?
 - Can you identify resources to do the whole project?
 - Can the project be divided into separate parts to be done over time if you can't raise all the money necessary to complete the entire project?
3. Next you need to **DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR HAVING THE PROJECT APPROVED.**
 - Is there any person or group from whom you need approval?
 - If yes, then **follow the guidelines** established to receive approval. Provide **all** the necessary information in written form and present it to the appropriate person or group in a timely manner. It is very important to have a well-written proposal with no typographical errors. The proposal should be clear and concise (remember the "KISS" formula). Don't wait until the day or week that you need approval to make the request. You should allow as much time as possible prior to the date you need approval to give the reviewer adequate time to consider your request. Occasionally there is an emergency situation, but that should be the rare exception.
 - Determine if involving the person or body that must approve the project will help improve its chances of approval. Don't ask for their participation unless you think it is necessary **and** you can actually use their help **or** it would be beneficial for them to see what your group does.
 - If you are not sure whether the written material is sufficient for the person or group to make a decision, ask in your cover letter and/or call to find out.
 - If a meeting is required, call to schedule an appointment at a mutually agreeable time. Students are excellent in "making the case" for their own projects and should take the lead in explaining the project.
 - If your request is denied, request an opportunity to discuss the proposal with the person or group unless that is not allowed under the guidelines or you determine it would not serve your best interests.
 - **ALWAYS** write a thank you note, preferably from the student leader, to the reviewer(s) no matter whether your request is approved. This will leave a good impression for future requests.

4. **Once approval is received, YOU NEED TO DETERMINE HOW TO RAISE ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.** Review the options your group can complete, including:
- **FUNDRAISER** - car wash; silent auction with students providing services such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, doing chores around the house for an afternoon or weekend; selling items such as candy, magazines, soap, candles, etc. (BE SURE THIS WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY POLICY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND/OR PUT YOU IN COMPETITION WITH ANOTHER GROUP TRYING TO REACH THE SAME AUDIENCE AT THE SAME TIME). Also make sure you have adequate people to handle such a project.
 - **LOCAL BUSINESSES** - Contact **local businesses** to make a financial contribution, to partner with your organization (**be specific about what you are asking them to do**), and/or to donate items to be sold at a live or silent auction. Don't forget **franchises** such as restaurants, bookstores, hardware stores, auto parts, etc.
 - **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** - Most of the financial institutions have foundations and/or handle trust funds that are directed at community activities (see web sites listed below). In most instances, a financial institution will make a financial contribution; however, sometimes they will give you promotional items such as hats, pens, etc. to distribute or auction at your event.
 - **PROGRAMS ON THE INTERNET:** The following list of national fundraising programs is from www.schoolgrants.org/

If your school decides to participate in one of these programs, you need to determine how the funds will be distributed among participating groups **BEFORE** beginning the program. Eligibility for organizations to participate must be **pre-determined** (i.e., is distribution of funds based on a per capita basis of what the organization contributes or is it simply divided equally?).

Campbell Soup: Labels for Education - www.labelsforeducation.com

FundingFactory.com: www.FundingFactory.com/

General Mills: Boxtops 4 Education: 1-888-799-2444 or online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> to register for participation.

SchoolCash.com: www.schoolcash.com, by emailing help@schoolcash.com or calling 1-800-688-6252.

Schoolpop.com: 1-(605) 323-5670, emailing info@schoolpop.com, or by visiting their Web site <http://www.schoolpop.com>

Target: Take Charge of Education/School Fundraising Made Simple – 1800-316-6142 or visiting <http://www.target.com> – click on Community – then go to Grants for information about getting funding from local stores and the Target Foundation.

Tyson's Project A+: <http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus/> or by calling them at 1-800-233-6332.

The remainder of this information will focus on grants from government, corporations and foundations in North Carolina, as well as regional and national resources. Securing grants takes significantly more time, research, energy and support, so deciding to go this route should be carefully considered.

Before deciding to seek a grant, please review the **GRANTSEEKER'S CHECKLIST** developed by *Families in Crisis Funding Report* listed below. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE CHECKLIST. When dealing with any funding source, but especially federal agencies, remember to READ THE INSTRUCTIONS before applying. It sounds simple, but federal competitions live by two rules:**

1. The agency is always right.
2. When in doubt, refer to rule 1.

GRANTSEEKER'S CHECKLIST

1. Before starting the application process, ***be clear about what you want to accomplish.*** Draft a long-range plan that projects goals at least five years ahead (if this is a large project and you are asking for a large amount of money).
2. ***Research potential funders thoroughly.*** A cursory glance through a foundation directory isn't good enough. Then apply what you've learned. **Don't ignore a funder's guidelines** in the hopes they'll fit their niche to your proposal!
3. ***Preview successful applications*** from grant seekers whose projects are similar to yours. You'll not only get some good ideas, but you'll also improve your understanding of the competition.
4. Once you verify the available funding, ***divide your efforts*** into three further phases: writing the proposal, marketing, and management.
5. Writing the proposal should only take about 40% of your time. Try to get program officials to review a 3-5 page summary of your plan first, ***to make sure you're on the right track.***
6. Some basic rules of proposal writing: ***take your time***; don't ask for more than you need; never lie; be up-front about asking for money; and get to the point.
7. ***Don't overlook marketing.*** It should take at least 10% of your time. Make sure your organization will appeal to a potential funder; look professional, and involve key figures in your community, if possible.
8. Good management is vital. Be prepared to ***demonstrate that you have the management skills*** and experience that can deliver success.
9. Know the funder. Estimates show ***your chances of success improve by as much as 300%*** when you contact the funder before, and during, the proposal writing process. Don't ask for "hidden agendas," but find out about general trends or new ideas that currently interest the funder.

10. Always work to a timetable. *Make sure you have the time* to complete your application and meet the funder's deadline. If you don't have time to do it properly, don't compete for the grant.
11. *Give thought to the idea of cooperation.* **Many funders, particularly federal agencies, like applications where more than one organization is involved.** If you submit a cooperative proposal, make sure that there is both a formal and informal relationship between grantees.
12. Don't just *tell* the funder about the extent of the problem you intend to solve; *prove it* with statistics, case studies, testimonials, and any other measurable data you can muster.
13. **Know your budget. It's probably *the first thing the funder will look at in your proposal.* It needs to be realistic** and give credibility to your *entire proposal.* *Present the budget separately from the rest of the application,* make sure the figures are correct and accurately reflect your needs. Keep a record of how you calculated your costs.
14. A few other writing hints: 1. *Avoid filling your proposal with jargon.* 2. Begin each section with a strong, clear sentence. 3. Don't go overboard. But do try to make your proposal interesting to read. Check with the funder to see if there's a preferred format, typestyle, etc.
15. If your proposal doesn't win support, keep calm. Never criticize funding officials or grant reviewers. Get more information, ask whether it would be worth submitting a future application, and go over your proposal with care to *see if you can find places it might have been stronger.*
16. *The key to a strong proposal is proving the likelihood that it will achieve its goals.* Result areas should be clearly determined, and measurement indicators should be outlined. It may not be easy to do, but the value of having clear performance standards can't be overemphasized.
17. Remember the value of simplicity. *Don't waste words.* Funders are looking for a proposal that will succeed, so keep things clear, factual, supportable, and professional.
18. Don't give in to pressure to rush. *A hurried proposal rarely wins.* Keep a file with standard information regularly updated, like staff resumes and company/agency statistical information data, so you can concentrate on the specific information needed when it's time to apply.
19. *Don't underestimate the importance of the original letter contact* when dealing with foundation or corporate funders. Make it as strong as possible, and keep it to the point.

STATE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

North Carolina is fortunate to have a large and active philanthropic community. Listed below are Web sites for various North Carolina funding sources and national organizations with ties to our state that provide funding for various projects.

The A. J. Fletcher Foundation - <http://www.ajf.org> - Provides diverse nonprofit support to enrich the quality of life in North Carolina. Areas of interest include education, communities, the arts, social issues and charitable endeavors. **NONPROFITEXPRESS** is a free online publication of the A. J. Fletcher Foundation, which provides a weekly newsletter on resources in the nonprofit community and often provides early information on availability of funds from North Carolina groups. You can subscribe by calling 1-800-853-0801.

Bank of America - <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation> - If your town or city has a branch of the bank, Bank of America has several options for funding and volunteer assistance.

Volunteer Grants Program: To honor its associates who give their time to causes important to them, and to strengthen the organizations themselves, Bank of America Foundation awards grants, donated in the associate's name, to nonprofit organizations. An unrestricted grant is made to any eligible nonprofit organization for which an associate has committed substantial volunteer hours within a calendar year.

Appalachian Regional Commission - <http://www.arc.gov/> - Provides funding for 29 of the counties in Western North Carolina. Potential applicants should contact their state ARC program manager to request a pre-application package. The local development district serving the county in which the project is located may provide guidance on a project's eligibility for funding and assistance in preparing a grant application.

Bayer Corporation - http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/com_fproposal.html - Provides funding for organizations that serve communities where Bayer is located. Its plant in North Carolina is located in Clayton (Johnston County). The grant application process is decentralized. Requests for grants, therefore, should be submitted to the Site Contribution Committee in Clayton.

BellSouth Foundation - <http://www.bellsouthfoundation.org/> - The fundamental mission of the foundation is to stimulate far-reaching and lasting improvements in the results achieved by public K-12 education in southeastern United States.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America - <http://www.bgca.org/partners/default.asp> - This Web site lists organizations that are partners with these programs. Their partners may be a good resource for your program to approach for support of your projects.

Capitol Broadcasting Company - <http://www.cbc-Raleigh.com/> **select Community** - Supports a broad category of ideas including education, recreation and entertainment and activities that increase the public's awareness of community projects and needs.

Carolina Panthers - www.cpanthers.com/ - Participates through in-kind donations; help with fundraising events, and personal appearances by players, staff and the Carolina Panthers Women's Association. They work to create new athletic opportunities for children, support their educational needs and promote healthy lifestyles for families in the Carolinas. They also provide scholarships. Community Grants under their Carolina Panthers Charities are funded to nonprofits. Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, and a community center are past recipients.

Civic Education Consortium - <http://www.sog.unc.edu/programs/civiced/index.php>
Select Programs, Small Grants - This group works to make civics relevant to the daily lives of North Carolina's youth. With support from the grants program, young people, educators, and community members discover what it means to be informed and active. They partner with the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to provide grants to education, civics, and youth leadership programs.

North Carolina Community Foundations - www.communityfountain-nc.org/
And <http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml> - Select on Funding Sources. Scroll down to Click on "Your State" and then select North Carolina to find local funding sources and you will find links to N.C. Community Foundations. In its general charitable purposes, a **community foundation** is much like a private foundation; its funds, however, are derived from many donors rather than a single source, as is usually the case with private foundations. Further, community foundations are usually classified under the tax code as public charities and therefore are subject to different rules and regulations than those, which govern private foundations.

List of Community Foundations in North Carolina:

Community Foundation of Burke County

P.O. Box 1156

Morganton, N.C. 28680

Phone: 828-437-7105 / Fax: 828-437-0433

www.cfburkecounty.org

Counties Served: Burke

Community Foundation of Gaston County

P.O. Box 123

Gastonia, N.C. 28053

Phone: 704-864-0927 / Fax: 704-869-0222 www.cfgaston.org

Counties Served: Gaston

Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro

330 South Greene St., Suite 100
Greensboro, N.C. 27401
Phone: 336-379-9100 / Fax: 336-378-0725
www.cfgg.org

Counties Served: Alamance, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham

Community Foundation of Henderson County

P.O. Box 1108
Hendersonville, N.C. 28791
Phone: 828-697-6224 / Fax: 828-696-4026
www.CFHCForever.org

Counties Served: Henderson

The Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina

P.O. Box 119
Wilmington, N.C. 28402-0119
Phone: 910-251-3911 / Fax: 910-798-5292
www.communityfoundationsenc.org

Counties Served: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

P.O. Box 1888
BB&T Building - Suite 1600
One Pack Square
Asheville, N.C. 28802-1888
Phone: 828-254-4960 / Fax: 828-251-2258
www.cfwnc.org

Counties Served: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey

Cumberland Community Foundation

P.O. Box 2345
Fayetteville, N.C. 28302-2345
Phone: 910-483-4449 / Fax: 910-483-2905
www.cumberlandcf.org

Counties Served: Cumberland

Davie Community Foundation

194 Wilkesboro Street
P.O. Box 546
Mocksville, N.C. 27028
Phone: 336-753-6903 / Fax: 336-750-6904

www.daviefoundation.org

Counties Served: Davie

The Foundation for The Carolinas

217 South Tryon Street

Charlotte, N.C. 28202

Phone: 800-973-7244

www.ffc.org

Counties Served: Cabarrus, Cleveland, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Richmond, Stanly, Union

Greater Greenville Community Foundation

P.O. Box 20154

710-B Cromwell Drive

Greenville, N.C. 27858

Phone: 252-756-8549 / Fax: 252-756-8549

www.ggcfn.org

Counties Served: Pitt

North Carolina Community Foundation

4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 524

Raleigh, N.C. 27609

Phone: 919-828-4387 / Fax: 919-828-5495

www.nccommunityfoundation.org

Counties Served: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Catawba, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Hertford, Hoke, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Sampson, Surry, Swain, Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin

Outer Banks Community Foundation

13 Skyline Road

Southern Shores, N.C. 27949

Phone: 252-261-8839 / Fax: 252-261-0371

www.obcf.org

Counties Served: Dare, Currituck, Hyde

Triangle Community Foundation

324 Blackwell St., Suite 1220

Durham, N.C. 27701

Phone: 919-474-8370 / Fax: 919-941-9208

www.trianglecf.org

Counties Served: Chatham, Durham, Orange, Wake

The Winston-Salem Foundation

860 W. Fifth St.

Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

Phone: 336-725-2382 / Fax: 336-727-0581

www.wsfoundation.org

Other Helpful Links:

[Chronicle of Philanthropy](#)

[The Council on Foundations](#)

[The Foundation Center](#)

[Fundraising Online](#)

[Guidestar](#)

[The Independent Sector](#)

[Mountain Area Information Network \(MAIN\)](#)

[National Center for Nonprofit Boards](#)

[North Carolina Center for Nonprofits](#)

[Southeastern Council on Foundations](#)

Other Resources for Nonprofits

Learn more about the Nonprofit Resource Center, how to establish a nonprofit endowment fund, or access and helpful links to other funders.

<http://foundationcenter.org/sitemap.html> - Libraries in North Carolina with significant grant and fundraising information are located:

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATING COLLECTIONS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Pack Memorial Library
67 Haywood St.
Asheville, N.C. 28801
828-255-5203

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LIBRARY

212 S. Gaston St.
Brevard, N.C. 28712
828)-884-3151

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY

310 N. Tryon St.
Charlotte, N.C. 27202
704-416-0101

THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

100 N. Tryon St., Suite 3500
Charlotte, N.C. 28202
704-376-0291

DURHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

300 North Roxboro Street
Durham, N.C. 27702
919-560-0100

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Small Business Center
180 W. Campus Dr.
Flat Rock, N.C. 28731
828-694-1779

GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Glenwood Branch Nonprofit Resource Center
1901 W. Florida St.
Greensboro, N.C. 27403

ONslow COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

58 Doris Ave. E.
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540

NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library
510 N. Queen St.
Kinston, N.C. 28501
252-527-7066

WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Cameron Village Library
1930 Clark Ave.
Raleigh, N.C. 27605
919-856-6710

SPRUCE PINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Avery-Mitchell-Yancey (AMY) Regional Library
142 Walnut Ave.
Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777
828-765-4673

NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

201 Chestnut St.
Wilmington, N.C. 28401
910-798-6301

FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

660 W. 5th St.
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
336-703-3020

STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Government and Business Services
Archives Bldg., 109 E. Jones St.
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4641
919-733-3270

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY offers a searchable on-line catalog and database of both government and private foundation resources 919-515-2936.

Do Something - <http://www.dosomething.org/grants> - Grants support young people under the age of 30 who have creative problem-solving ideas to improve their community. Grants are awarded three times a year. This group has the **BRICK AWARD** for Outstanding Community Leaders to support their community work.

The Duke Endowment - <http://www.dukeendowment.org/> - Provides grants to not-for-profit children's homes and to programs that support those institutions, not-for-profit health care organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina and endowment wide

programs. Organizations receiving funds from the Duke Endowment would likely be good placements for students to do volunteer work and learn networking skills.

Duke Energy – <http://www.duke-energy.com/community/> - Provides grants for pre-K-12 education focused on math, science and technology and community leadership development.

The Golden LEAF Foundation - www.goldenleaf.org - Eligible North Carolina organizations may propose activities that will improve social and economic conditions in economically affected or tobacco-dependent regions of the state. The Foundation was established by the State of North Carolina in 1999 for the purposes of receipt and distribution of a portion of the funds North Carolina receives as a result of the settlement of *North Carolina v. Philip Morris Incorporated, et al.*

Golden Leaf Foundation
301 N. Winstead Avenue
Rocky Mount NC 27804

Phone: 252-442-7474 888-684-8404 toll free / Fax: 252-442-7404

Email: info@goldenleaf.org

The Home Depot, Inc. (NC) - Funds programs that provide children with a safe place to learn and acquire meaningful life skills, including organizations that work with young adults to teach the importance of working and solving problems together, programs that help to develop self esteem and leadership qualities and partnerships that bring young people together to participate in community service events. **Team Depot, their volunteer program, is designed to tackle local projects and often supplements financial or in-kind contributions.** Your organization or school would contact the local Home Depot store to request funding for a project.

Make A Difference Day - This program was created by **USA WEEKEND** Magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation. It is the nation's largest day of volunteering. Two projects per state are usually funded. The project is usually the **4th Saturday of October**. Each Wal-Mart store has \$1,000 to donate to make A Difference Day projects. Groups need to apply **in person September 1-15** by talking to your Wal-Mart store's community-involvement coordinator. North Carolina joined Delaware, Michigan, Mississippi, and Ohio governors whose offices coordinated statewide Make A Difference Day efforts. You can get information by calling 1-800-416-3824.

N.C. Human Relations Commission - Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission - <http://www.doa.nc.gov/hrc/programs.htm> - Purpose: To foster and promote the legacy and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Description: **Mini-grant program** to provide funds for community based grants to local organizations for developing year round programs that reflect the nonviolent philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Type of Assistance: Project Grant. Type of Applicant: County Government, including schools, Individuals, Municipalities/Towns, Non-Profit Organizations, Other, Regional Agencies, and State Government. Awards up to \$5,000 per region.
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Phone: 919-807-4420

The National 4-H Council Youth Grant Program - <http://www.fourcouncil.edu/> - Provide grants to 4-H programs. These grants provide opportunities for young people and adults to take action on issues critical to their lives, families and communities. Youth take the lead in writing, implementing and evaluating the grants.

North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund - <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/partf/grantinfo.html> - Go to Search and type in “grant” to find information on their grant program. School administrative units may submit a joint application with a county or an incorporated municipality for land acquisition and construction projects at a single park site for new or renovated facilities; indoor or outdoor facilities; and recreational or support facilities that are open to the general public and accessible for persons with disabilities. This may be a partnering opportunity or a community service program.

SAS Institute, Inc. – www.sas.com/corporate/community/index.html
This corporation provides funding for organizations working with education initiatives. SAS also has extensive projects that provide volunteers in the community.

State Farm Awards for Youth Services - Teachers and youth who engage in community-service projects can receive mini-grants from the State Farm Companies Foundation.

The **Good Neighbor Service-Learning Awards** will go to students, young adults, and teachers who implement projects in conjunction with **Global Youth Service Day** in April. Awards of \$500 will be given to 50 people ages 5-25, and \$1,500 awards will be given to 50 teachers who lead classroom-based projects. For information, see the program website for an application at <http://www.ysa.org>; contact by mail at YSA, 1101 15th Street. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005; phone 202-296-4030, or email: goodneighbor@ysa.org.

Triangle Community Foundation - www.trianglecf.org/ - The Community Investment Grant Process provides grants to local charitable organizations and government agencies in civic education and youth leadership and development. It provides grants in the Triangle and beyond. The foundation accepts applications at any time during the year. Call 919-474-9370, ext. 144, for details.

Wal-Mart Foundation - <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/> Funds only 501©(3) organizations involved in developing and implementing programs that support education, workforce development/economic opportunity, environmental sustainability and health and wellness. While **schools are ineligible** for funding from the Foundation, Wal-Mart encourages its employees to be involved in their community as volunteers. You can also get in-kind contributions from the individual stores for projects sometimes.

Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation -

<http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/Sustainability/Foundation/HowToApply> - The foundation focuses most of its giving in the communities - many rural - where Weyerhaeuser has a major presence and employs a significant number of people. North Carolina is one of the states where grants are available. The Community Grants Program focuses on the areas of civic and community improvement, health and wellness, education and youth, culture and arts, amateur sports, and forestry and the environment. Contact the foundation advisor at your local Weyerhaeuser facility in Ayden, Charlotte, Elkin, New Bern, Plymouth, and Raleigh to determine if the committee has an interest in considering your proposal. Weyerhaeuser only funds 501©(3) organizations.

Youth Venture - <http://www.genv.net/> - Empowers young people to create and launch their own youth organization, and through these enterprises, to take greater responsibility for their lives and communities.

Youth Service America grants - <http://www.ysa.org/> - The Youth Service Action Fund (YSAF) is a grant program administered by Youth Service America that helps underwrite youth service projects for **National Youth Service Day**. It is usually held in *mid-April*. Check the site for the specific dates. The purpose of this grant program is to encourage young people to become involved in their communities through active service, recruit more young volunteers, and promote the value of youth service to the American public. **\$500** grants will be issued to both individuals and organizations for projects to take place on National Youth Service Day.

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation - <http://www.zsr.org/> - The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is North Carolina's largest general-purpose philanthropy. Its funding goals are community economic development, environment, pre-collegiate education, social justice and equity and democracy and civic engagement. Go to their web site to learn their policies and procedures for grantmaking.

Listed below are possible STATE agencies and programs that might be of assistance to you.

The State's Home Page is: www.ncgov.org/

Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) -

<http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/osbm/index.html>.

State Data Center, North Carolina Census Data, County information, etc. is available on the OSBM web site. This information will be useful in researching statistical information about North Carolina and various other state information for completing your grant application.

http://data.osbm.state.nc.us/cris/cris_new.html - The Community Resource Information System (CRIS) helps local communities obtain information about state government financial assistance programs and other services.

NC Data Center - <http://linc.state.nc.us/> - A valuable Web resource for North Carolina statistical data with more than 1,300 data items from state and federal agencies.

The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office has a **mini-grant program** that provides *funding for youth programs in North Carolina*. You can get additional information on this program at our Web site <http://www.ncyaio.com> or by contacting the office at:

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The Governor's Crime Commission - www.gcc.state.nc.us/ This organization has committees for grants on juvenile justice intervention, juvenile delinquency prevention, drug control and substance abuse. You will need to consider the category(ies) that your program might come under. You **must submit a pre-application** by their deadline, usually January 31st of each year. If you want further information, check their web site and ask to be put on their mailing list or call 919-733-4564.

The N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) - www.juvjus.state.nc.us/ - The Department publicizes grant opportunities via the NCDJJD Grants Listserv. If you would like to subscribe to the NCDJJD Grants Listserv e-mail [please click here to complete this form](#).

Additionally, the below links connect you to many different youth-related funding sources. Each link gives a brief description of the funding opportunity along with the website address. Click on the programmatic area for which you would like funding information.

[At-Risk Youth](#)

[Community Development](#)

[Delinquency Prevention](#)

[Education](#)

[Gender Specific](#)

[Mental Health](#)

[School Safety](#)

[Substance Abuse](#)

[Technology](#)

[Youth Gangs](#)

Finally, the Department also offers a guide to designing an effective grant application. This guide is a Tool-Kit that includes an outline of the most common elements generally required for grant applications.

To review and connect to this Tool-Kit, just [click here](#) or enter the following website URL: <http://www.ncdjdp.org/cpsv/toolkit/index.html>.

From this address, refer to the following sections to view additional information about successful preparation of grant applications:

Phase III Securing Financing

Finding Funding for the Program

[Tool 1 — Components of a Successful Grant](#)

[Tool 2 — Typical Funding Sources and Advantages/Disadvantages](#)

[Tool 3 — Budget Summary and Narrative](#)

[Tool 4 — Selected Online Grant Writing Tools, Tutorials, and Tips](#)

Communities in Schools of North Carolina - Linda Harrill is the Director. She can be contacted at **919-832-2700**. lhcisnc@aol.com. Contact this agency for mentoring programs in schools.

There are several divisions within the **Department of Health and Human Services** (DHHS), which may be of assistance. The **web site for DHHS** is www.ncdhhs.gov

The Office of Rural Health - 1-800-533-8847

Children's Special Health Services - 1-800-737-3028

The Division of Child Development - 1-800-859-0829

The State Center for Health Statistics - 919-733-4728 / Fax: 919-733-8485

The State Center provides:

Vital Records web page - Visit for information on obtaining copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records.

- A source of information to monitor the health conditions of North Carolinians
- Analyses of important health issues, such as birth defects and infant mortality statistics
- A central collection site for information about cancer, birth defects, births, deaths, marriages, and divorces
- Accurate and timely information for use in setting health policy, planning prevention programs, directing resources, and evaluating the effect of health programs and services
- A safe and secure environment for its confidential records

There is a **Family Support Network** housed at UNC-CH, which can be contacted at **1-800-852-0042**.

Federal Grants

www.grants.gov - The federal government has a comprehensive Web site with information on all federal grant programs, making the application process simple for state and local governments. The site, developed in conjunction with state and local officials, has details on more than 800 grant programs from 26 federal agencies. Features include a

search feature to "Find Grant Opportunities" and downloadable applications in the "Apply for Grants" section. You can sign up to receive e-mails of grant notices in which you are interested.

For those used to searching the Federal Register, that site is - <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> - it is updated each weekday except for federal holidays.

Governing Magazine's free daily news alert - *Governing* at <http://governing.com> has information on federal, state and local government which is provided by the *Congressional Quarterly*. Your agency may be eligible for a free copy of *Governing*, a monthly magazine whose primary audience is state and local government officials: governors, legislators, mayors, city managers, council members and other elected, appointed and career officials. Subscription/circulation inquiries: Call 1-(888)-955-4688 toll-free.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance – www.gsa.gov/cfda - Provides an online grant-writing course.

School Grants - www.schoolgrants.org/welcome.htm - Provides information on grants for schools.

U.S. Department of Education's NonProfit Gateway - <http://www.ed.gov/NPAdvisor> - This Web site provides funding opportunities and other education-related information and links.

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Fund-Raising Resource Center - <http://www.nsfre.org/welcome/websites.html> - The National Society of Fund Raising Executives provides this site, which has Web sites that are useful to nonprofits, commercial, and educational groups. Click on Youth in Philanthropy for information.

Many nonprofit organizations offer grantseeking/grantwriting workshops from time to time. UNC-Charlotte and The Duke Endowment periodically offer programs. Call (704)-547-2424 or (704)-376-0291 for information.

Other sources sponsoring workshops in the Charlotte area include the N.C. Center for Nonprofits (919)-790-1555 or nccenter@aol.com and the UNC Charlotte/Duke University Nonprofit Management Program (704)-547-3941.

The Grants Information Network (GIN) – www.grantproseinc/ginn.html - Offers workshops on grant writing twice a year at Wake Technical and Community College at a low cost to attendees. GIN also has bi-monthly meetings of grant professionals to discuss issues related to funding and grant writing.

N.C. Center for Nonprofits - www.nnonprofits.org/ - Provides services to enrich North Carolina's communities and economy through a strong nonprofit sector and a nonprofit voice.

The NCSU Institute for Nonprofit Research, Education and Engagement – <http://nonprofit.chass.ncsu.edu> - This is a multidisciplinary center devoted to strengthening the capacity of nonprofit organizations and nonprofit leadership through research, education and engagement. The *Philanthropy Journal* is housed at N.C. State University in the Institute for Nonprofits.

Internet Nonprofit Center: <http://www.nonprofits.org/>

www.guidestar.org/ - Provides resources to help grant writers.

Nonprofit Fundraising and Grantwriting - Assembled by Carter McNamara, MBA, Ph.D. | - http://www.mapnp.org/library/fndrsng/np_raise/np_raise.htm - web site will take you to a Library home page | Index of library topics including: Nuts-and-Bolts Guide to Develop and Operate Nonprofit Boards; Nuts-and-Bolts Guide to Leadership and Supervision; and Basic Guide to Nonprofit Program Development & Evaluation.

Categories of information include:

- Getting Ready
- Overview of Sources and Advantages/Disadvantages of Each
- Board's Role in Fundraising
- Registration of Fundraising Activities
- Grantwriting and Proposals -- Know How Much to Ask For and Asking For It
- Fundraising On-Line (including on-line malls, corporations that accept on-line proposals)
- Fundraising Software
- Hiring Fundraisers -- Should You? How Much Should They Be Paid?
- General Resources
- Assessing Your Fundraising Knowledge and Practices

Get Fundraising Ideas for a Fund Raiser

The Fundraising Yellow Pages - www.fundraising-yellow-pages.com - Geared for the fundraiser of a small group like a booster club, sports team, marching band, cheerleader, scout group, school club, church group, fraternal organization and civic group. A free fund raising information request form is provided.

Fund\$Raiser Cyberzine New Issue Update

See the whole new issue online now-- free <http://www.fundraiser.com>
There is also a new web site with detailed information about product
fundraising you may find interesting, <http://www.fundraisingbooklets.com>
And <http://www.fundraising-newsletters.com/TracyHamilton.html>