



## Chapter 15

# Grant Sources



There are numerous sources of grants for libraries. The following list is a sampling of available sources and includes both public and private sources for funding.

Please notify us of any new grant opportunities that may be of interest to Indiana Libraries by contacting Jennifer Clifton at [jclifton@library.in.gov](mailto:jclifton@library.in.gov) or (317) 234-6550.

### **LSTA Grants**

[in.gov/library/lsta.htm](http://in.gov/library/lsta.htm)

The first source you consider as a library in Indiana should be LSTA sub-grants. LSTA funding is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) who distributes federal funds to states annually under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Indiana State Library reserves a portion of these funds for competitive sub-grant opportunities. Grant programs vary, but generally include technology and digitization initiatives. Please check our website for current grant opportunities.

## LOCAL

### **Public Service/Social Organizations**

Clubs such as Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary, etc. have sponsored library projects in the past.

### **Community Foundations**

<https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources/IN/community>

Many counties in Indiana have a community foundation that collects and invests money for local agencies and returns the interest earned to the local agencies. The Grantsmanship Center offers a directory of community foundations in the state on its web site.

## STATE

### **Heritage Support Grants**

<http://www.indianahistory.org/grants>

The Indiana Historical Society, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., offers grants to fund a wide variety of projects to help Indiana's local organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of capacity building, collections stewardship, innovation and collaboration. In addition to the grant awards, IHS also offers [fundraising education workshops](#), ongoing coaching for grant applicants and opportunities to serve on [grant award selection committees](#).

### **Indiana Humanities**

<http://www.indianahumanities.org/resources/grants/>

Humanities Initiative Grants may be used for any public or school humanities program planned and implemented with the expertise of a humanities scholar. Eligible projects include town hall meetings, panels, workshops, lectures, reading and discussion programs, film discussion programs, festivals, and production of humanities resources.

### **Community Development Block Grants**

[www.IN.gov/ocra/2375.htm](http://www.IN.gov/ocra/2375.htm)

These grants come from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Unlike LSTA grants, construction is an allowable cost. Libraries are invited to apply for Public Facilities Program grants to enhance the lives of community members. Libraries should contact their local Community Liaison to discuss grant opportunities. The map of liaisons can be found on their website at: <http://www.in.gov/ocra/2330.htm>

### **Indiana Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3671.htm>

Each year, the Indiana DNR-DHPA receives funding to promote historic preservation and archaeology in Indiana by providing assistance to projects that will aid the State in meeting its goals for cultural resource management. Grants can be used for preservation and rehabilitation of historic library buildings, or to present educational programs about preservation.

### **Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Grants**

<http://www.in.gov/iara/3088.htm>

The Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) occasionally offers grant opportunities for organizations that preserve and maintain historic collections of Indiana records.

## **FEDERAL**

### **Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**

[www.ims.gov/applicants/applicants.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/applicants/applicants.shtm)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.

In addition to the LSTA grants available through the State Library, Libraries can apply directly to IMLS for grant opportunities such as Leadership Grants, Sparks! Ignition Grants, or the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

[www.neh.gov/grants/](http://www.neh.gov/grants/)

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation Endowment**

<http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/find-funding>

The Trust's National Preservation Endowment offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects. In 2014, through the National Preservation Endowment, the National Trust awarded over \$1 million in grant funding to 196 projects nationwide

## FOUNDATIONS/CORPORATE

\*Tip- Try consulting local banks, real estate brokers, convention and visitor bureaus, etc., for possible funding or sponsorships.

### **American Honda Foundation**

<http://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>

The American Honda Foundation awards grants for imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative projects. They emphasize youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$75,000 and libraries must obtain 501(c)(3) status to apply.

### **AT&T ASPIRE: Connecting Our Youth**

<http://about.att.com/content/csr/home/people/aspire.html>

AT&T Aspire is a \$350 million initiative to address high school success and college and workforce readiness. This program is AT&T's most significant education initiative to date and one of the largest corporate commitments ever to address high school success and workforce readiness.

### **Bank of America**

[www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\\_localgrants](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_localgrants)

Bank of America's local grant making activities can — and do — vary, depending on what your local community needs. Our local market presidents and their teams develop relationships with other community leaders to determine the best use of philanthropic dollars in each community.

### **Barnes & Noble**

[www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)

Barnes & Noble considers local and national support requests from non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (pre-K through 12). They also consider organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts. For information on sponsorships or donations, inquire at your local store.

### **Build-A-Bear Literacy and Education Grants**

<http://bit.ly/buildabear16>

*Deadline: Applications are typically due in March, check Build-A-Bear website in 2015 for news*  
Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is accepting grant applications as part of its annual giving program. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports charities in the US and Canada

through grant programs including Literacy and Education Grants which provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for children with special needs. Grants are a onetime contribution, and range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

### **Dekko Foundation**

[www.dekkofoundation.org](http://www.dekkofoundation.org)

Dekko Foundation accepts grant applications from community organizations that build a foundation of economic freedom in young people. A major focus is early childhood development. Applicants must be located in the following counties of northeast Indiana: DeKalb, LaGrange, Kosciusko, Noble, Steuben and Whitley.

### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

[bit.ly/dgliteracy](http://bit.ly/dgliteracy)

Dollar General offers a number of grants for literacy service providers, including Summer Reading grants, as well as Adult, Youth, and Family Literacy grants. Several Indiana Public Libraries have received these grants.

### **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

<http://www.wkkf.org/grants>

W.K. Kellogg offers funding opportunities for projects focused on Educated Kids, Healthy Kids, Secure Families, Racial Equity, and Civic Engagement. The web site provides detailed information about what the foundation funds and does not fund, how to apply, along with information on previously funded grant projects.

### **Lois Lenski Covey Foundation**

[www.loislenskicovey.org](http://www.loislenskicovey.org)

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Public libraries, school libraries, and nontraditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants for 2016 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases.

### **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation**

[low.es/lcefgrants](http://low.es/lcefgrants)

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awards more than \$4.5 Million annually to individuals and organizations across the United States. Founded in 1957, the Foundation's

primary philanthropic focus areas include K-12 public schools and non-profit community-based organizations. Lowe's only considers requests from 501(c)(3) organizations for projects strongly related to Lowe's retail focus, such as renovation and landscaping activities, as described in their guidelines.

### **RGK Foundation**

[www.rgkfoundation.org/public/grants](http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/grants)

RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of **Education, Community, and Medicine/Health**. The Foundation's primary interests within **Education** include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Please send an electronic letter of inquiry before applying.

### **Verizon Foundation**

<http://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/verizon-foundation>

Organizations seeking grants must actively support programs that address the Verizon Foundation's focus areas of education (including innovative learning), health care, STEM Education, domestic violence prevention, and energy management. Grants, which typically range from \$25-\$750, are accepted by invitation only through your local community relations manager.

### **Wal-Mart**

[www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org)

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations with programs that align with our mission to create opportunities so people can live better. Two areas of focus include education and workforce development/economic opportunity. While the Foundation encourages funding requests that align with its four areas of focus, eligible programs that do not align with the four focus areas will also be given consideration. In addition, local **Walmart Stores** and **Sam's Clubs** can recommend grants of up to \$2,500 to local nonprofit organizations.

## Additional Resources to Locate Grants

### Grants.gov

[www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and access to more than \$500 billion in annual awards. Searching for grant applications does not require registration. Once registered at this site, you may apply online for any federal grant. Online assistance with the application process is available.

### The Foundation Center

[foundationcenter.org/](http://foundationcenter.org/)

The Foundation Center is an independent nonprofit information clearinghouse. The Center's mission is to foster public understanding of the foundation field by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects. The Foundation Center operates five libraries nationwide, and more than 470 Funding Information Network locations across the country. Funding Information Network locations are cooperating libraries and organizations where you can access *Foundation Directory Online Professional*, an online funding research tool. Find your nearest FIN location at:

<http://foundationcenter.org/find-us>

## Sources of Grants for Indiana Libraries (2012)

Grantee	Amount	Purpose
Adams County Community Foundation	\$250	To supplement the purchase of science materials ; a match for the IEEE grant
Adams County Community Foundation	\$1,000	Food & Fun, a nutritional program for K-5 in Geneva
ALA	\$1,000	Teen Read Week
ALA	\$2,500	Building Common Ground
ALA and Fetzer Foundation	\$2,500	Building Common Ground project
ALA Barber Award	\$1,500	Library Survey of Non-Users
ALA/Dollar General	\$1,000	Intern Program
Amelia Freshe Foundation	\$2,000	Archival Supplies and Binding
ARSL / Project Compass / Webjunction	\$1,000	Final travel attendance Project Compass Washington DC
Arts Midwest	\$7,900	Community Read
Attica Community Foundation	\$5,900	Technology update, network server
Attica Community Foundation	\$690	Summer Reading Program Mapcap Puppets
Beacon Bank	\$1,000	Construction

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Benton Community Foundation	\$490	To form a Lego Club
Benton County Community Foundation	\$500	Summer Reading Programs
Better World Books	\$6,418	To provide books for children in need of services.
Blue River Foundation	\$2,000	Summer reading
Capstone Ministries	\$1,000	1,000 books before Kindergarten program
Carroll County Community Foundation	\$510	Newspaper digitization project
Carroll County REMC Community Trust	\$1,000	Newspaper digitization project
Carroll White REMC	\$1,500	Purchase new patron and children's computers for the library.
CICF - Legacy Fund	\$700	Library Trustee Strategic Planning Retreat
Clark County Youth Coalition	\$3,250	Youth Services programs
Clinton County Community Foundation	\$7,000	Furniture and equipment for new early literacy area
Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County	\$26,000	Create a nonprofit center
Community Foundation of Grant County	\$2,150	Digitize Microfilm
Community Foundation of Morgan County Arts Grant	\$750	Children's art project
Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County	\$2,000	Starting costs of early literacy program-1000 Books before Kindergarten
Community Foundation of Southern Indiana	\$2,600	Literacy Boost Grant
Covington Community Foundation	\$5,519	Network server
Crum Fund	\$285	Purchase receipt printer
Daviess County Community Foundation	\$4,800	Literacy Lab
Dearborn Community Foundation & Cincinnati Greater Foundation	\$100,000	Renovation of the children's & teen areas at our branch.
Decatur County Community Foundation	\$11,500	Library Materials for Carousel Library Branch
DeKalb County Community Foundation	\$1,000	Homepage Development
Dekko Foundation	\$2,800	Building Needs Assessment
Dekko Foundation	\$1,500	Book Buddies Program
Dollar General	\$1,500	Summer reading program

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneifer Foundation	\$50,000	Early Literacy Initiative
DRG	\$500	Children's books
Duke Energy	\$1,245	Mobile STEM station development in 2013
Duke Energy Foundation	\$1,500	Newspaper digitization project
Duke Energy, First Farmers Bank, Wal-Mart	\$2,325	SRC, Community Garden
Ferdinand Foundation	\$300	Improve literacy
Foellinger Foundation	\$500,000	Youth Development
Foundation of East Chicago	\$10,000	Summer Reading
Fraternal Order of Police	\$500	Youth Service Programs
Fraternal Order of Police	\$500	Adult Services Programs
Friends of the Library	\$2,500	Summer Reading Club
Frontier	\$985	Laptop computer for staff
George and Francis Ball	\$15,000	Technology
Giacoletto Foundation	\$2,500	Un-specified
Gibson County Community Foundation	\$1,000	Memory Project
Gibson County Community Foundation	\$2,000	Summer Reading
Greater Cincinnati Foundation	\$1,000	Summer Reading
Greene County Foundation	\$3,500	Community Art Wall
Hammond Gaming Advisory Committee	\$5,400	AWE computers
Hazel & Walter Bales	\$1,000	Game Day at Library
Hendricks Community Foundation - Amo Alumni	\$500	Summer reading
Hendricks Community Foundation - Elrod Fund	\$825	designated for general operating expenses
Hendricks County Solid Waste	\$3,000	Recycled Picnic Table and Benches
Henry County Community Foundation	\$2,000	Ebook Consortium
Henry County Community Foundation	\$510	Children's Ballet Classes
Henry County Community Foundation		Building Repairs and Summer Reading Program
Huntingburg Public Library Endowment Fund held by Dubois County Community Foundation	\$10,636	No restrictions
Huntington County Community	\$4,000	Renovating the new library

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Foundation		
IMCPL Foundation, Lilly Endowment, Central Indiana Community Foundation Library Fund, Comcast, TCU, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation	\$1,143,193	Strategic Planning, summer reading program, Marion County Internet Library Database, Live Homework Help, Young Hoosier Book Award, 2012 PLA Conference, 2012 ALA Conference, eBook collection and tinker stations,& International Library Conference in China
Indiana Arts Commission	\$894	Summer Art Program
Indiana Arts Commission/Tippecanoe Arts Federation	\$871	Family Day at the Library
Indiana Arts Council	\$1,000	Summer Reading
Indiana Humanities	\$1,350	Civil War Programming
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Indiana Humanities	\$1,740	Exhibits and Annual Meeting program about railroads in Clinton County
Indiana Humanities	\$1,365	Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War - for Civil War programming and discussions
Indiana Humanities	\$1,775	Book Discussion Program
Indiana Youth Institute	\$434	Professional Development
Indiana Youth Institute	\$750	Defray costs of librarian attending ALA meeting
Indianapolis Public Library Foundation	\$2,500	Purchase additions to the fiction collection; fund a creative writing series in 2013
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	\$2,000	Science kits to help inspire a love of science in our children
IYI Professional Development Grant	\$675	Conference registration and travel
Jasper Foundation, Inc.	\$1,000	Playaway Views
John and Ruth Sinclair Foundation	\$1,000	Early Literacy
Johnson County Community Foundation	\$1,508	Community Impact - Public Relations
Kendricks Foundation	\$10,000	Medical books, periodicals, database
Kohl's	\$500	Annual Pumpkin Trail
Kroger	\$1,875	Funded a summer program -- space dome
Lawrence Co Community Foundation	\$1,188	Tumble Into Reading
Madison County Community	\$3,885	Teen Read N Feed

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Foundation		
Marilyn J. Klenck Fund for Education and Literacy a fund of the Community Foundation Alliance, Inc.	\$2,600	"Let Loose and Learn Project" (early childhood literacy)
Martin County Community Foundation	\$1,000	Purchase of reference material
Mesker Music Trust	\$3,459	Fund youth music program
Montgomery County Community Foundation	\$20,000	gift for pavilion construction
Montgomery County Community Foundation	\$1,000	To buy showcases for historical artifacts
Muessel/Ellison Memorial	\$5,000	Program support for Open Book
NASA (Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse	\$600	Materials for Substance Abuse
National Endowment for the Arts	\$9,200	Big Read Grant
NICF	\$1,200	Summer Reading Books
NICF	\$20,000	Update our computer lab, wireless, and ipads
NIPSCO	\$1,000	Playaway Views
NIPSCO Community Investment Program	\$1,500	newspaper digitization project
North Central Health Services	\$6,654	Printmaking equipment and programs
Ohio County Community Foundation	\$3,000	Visiting Authors to celebrate National Library Week
Old National Bank	\$250	Summer Reading Program
Old National Bank Foundation	\$2,500	Purchase books for early literacy program-1000 Books before Kindergarten
Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization	\$15,600	Feasibility study for building addition
Orleans Community & Teagarden Grant	\$500	Adult winter reading program
Orleans Community & Teagarden Grant	\$1,400	Feasibility study for building renovation
Owen County Community Foundation	\$750	Literacy Materials
Owen County Community Foundation	\$3,460	Rental of Classroom space and Funding for Testing
Pamida	\$1,000	Summer Reading Program
PFS Foundation	\$2,000	Children and Young Adult Books
Putnam County Community Foundation	\$3,000	Fund Imagination Library

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
REMC	\$1,300	Tote Bags-Summer Reading prize for all participants
REMC	\$500	Security Gate
REMC	\$1,800	3 children's computers
REMC Multi-County Community Trust	\$1,200	Fund Imagination Library
REMC Roundup	\$2,500	e-books
Reynolds Foundation	\$125,000	Money to be applied to building debt
Ripley County Community Foundation	\$760	Purchase snowblower
Ripley County Community Foundation	\$500	Purchase staff computer
Ripley County Community Foundation	\$2,500	Mobile Computer Lab
Rising Sun Regional Foundation	\$5,000	To purchase ereader devices and ebooks, specifically for juvenile market.
Rotary International	\$1,000	Community Wide Read
Rotary International Indiana District	\$400	Legos for Legos Club Program
Roy & Hilda Black Fund	\$8,406	Window replacement
Rush Shelby Energy	\$2,000	Purchase of projection equipment.
Smithville Foundation	\$4,000	Community Wide Read
Spencer County Community Foundation	\$1,600	Bring in a children's author for a program.
State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB)	\$5,000	Digitization of local history materials
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Subaru of Indiana Automotive	\$1,200	Children's Learning Activities for the Mulberry Library
Target	\$2,000	Preschool and Story time
Tarter Fund	\$700	Purchase stormdoors
The Community Foundation of Boone County	\$16,700	Literacy grant for children from K-12
The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	\$14,999	Purchase of equipment and software for the Digital Arts Suite in our Portal
The Kroger Foundation	\$5,000	The Portal Project-Public Technology Lab
The SIA Foundation	\$4,500	Purchase of two computers and software and equipment for a Family or Multiage Computer Lab
Tipmont REMC Operation RoundUp	\$2,500	Purchase of 2 computers to provide Language Learning

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Tippecanoe Arts Federation	\$500	Artist-in-residence
Tippecanoe Arts Federation	\$462	Musical programs
Tippecanoe Arts Federation	\$3,932	Operating support for arts programming
Tippecanoe Arts Foundation and North Central Health Services	\$10,000	Newspaper digitization project
UC Foundation, Duke Energy, REMC	\$2,750	Summer Reading Program
United Way	\$13,000	@Home with Books Calendar
United Way	\$1,000	Summer Reading Programs
United Way	\$800	Community Wide Read
United Way of Madison County	\$9,228	Read 'n' Feed
United Way of the Wabash Valley	\$27,333	Mother Goose on the Loose
Unity Foundation	\$1,800	Establish early literacy center
USDA Grant	\$200,000	New Building Contents
USDA Rural	\$2,000	Handicapp door openers
Vectren	\$500	Summer Reading
Vevay Switzerland County Foundation and Community Foundation of Switzerland County	\$6,300	Purchase public access computers and books for Community Read
Wahl Family Charitable Trust	\$5,000	Furnish Learn and Play Space for early literacy
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$1,500	Technology in the Portal
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$500	Summer Reading
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$700	Flat Screen TV
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$500	Teen Summer Reading Program
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$1,000	General family programming
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$1,000	Summer Reading Program
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$1,000	To purchase iPads
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$500	Summer Reading Program
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$500	Summer Reading Program
Wal-Mart Community Grant	\$1,300	To support operation of Mobile Lab
Wayne County Foundation	\$1,000	Summer Reading Program
Wayne County Foundation	\$1,500	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program
Wells County Foundation	\$5,500	Young Adult Programming
Whitley County Community Foundation	\$250	Summer Concert Series - Pay for bands for the concert
Whitley County Community Foundation	\$400	Count Me IN - Financial support for the Teen Idol program
YALSA	\$1,000	YA interns and video camera
YALSA / Dollar General	\$1,000	Summer Teen Interns
YALSA / Dollar General	\$1,000	Teen Summer Camp

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
YALSA / Dollar General	\$1,000	Fund Teen Summer Reading program and equipment
Youth As Resources	\$550	Teens Read the Way project
Youth As Resources	\$2,500	Teen summer programming

### **Grant Writing Tips**

1. Ask for advice. Start on the application well before the deadline. Solicit help from the granting organization program officer. Ask colleagues to review the application and offer suggestions.
2. Identify projects that would be of benefit to your organization before looking for grants. Ways to do this include conducting a meeting of stakeholders and brainstorming, creating a file of ideas submitted by staff and patrons, and soliciting ideas from the public. Determine what ideas would be most suitable for grant funding. Be ready when funding opportunities arise instead of reacting to announcements of available grants.
3. Locate grant-making organizations with goals that match your project. Using various tools listed above, identify grantors who fund projects similar to your proposed project.
4. Research the grant opportunity. Read the guidelines to determine if the project fits with the mission of the granting organization and if there are any restrictions that may prohibit you from accepting the funds. Learn about previous grants awarded by the organization. Determine the funding limits and whether the amount of money being offered will realistically cover the costs for your project.
5. Follow the instructions provided by the grantmaker. Check deadlines. Answer all the questions and include all the necessary parts of the proposal or application when submitting it. If any part of the application is confusing, contact the grant program officer for help.
6. Don't give up if an application isn't funded. If possible, ask for feedback as to why your grant application was denied. Ask about any opportunities for resubmitting the grant. Consider other funding sources.
7. New applicants make two common mistakes. One is including too little detail about the proposed project and giving insufficient justification for the significance of the need. Another is proposing more work than can be reasonably done during the grant period.
8. Think like a reviewer. One of the best ways to learn how to write a grant is to participate on a grant review committee. Organizations that offer publicly-funded grants are always looking for individuals willing to assist in grant review.

## Sources of Grant Writing Classes & Workshops

*This list is for informational use and does not imply endorsement of any kind.*

### Colleges/Universities

Indiana University offers a Grant Writing course during the Summer session. Please contact the Department of Information and Library Science for more information.

<http://ils.indiana.edu>

### Professional Organizations

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University

<https://philanthropy.iupui.edu/professional-development/fundraisingschool/index.html>

The Fund Raising School at the School of Philanthropy at Indiana University offers courses for a fee, such as "Proposal Writing and Grant Management."

The Foundation Center – Grant Space

[www.grantspace.org/Classroom](http://www.grantspace.org/Classroom)

The Foundation Center offers free training courses and webinars and full-day training courses for a fee. Courses are offered in their five library/learning centers and in selected other locations across the country.

Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network

[www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx](http://www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx)

The Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network offers fundraising workshops throughout the state for a small fee, including "Grantwriting for Beginners" and "Outcomes Made Easy."

LYRASIS

<https://www.lyrasis.org/Pages/events.aspx>

LYRASIS offers classes on Grant Writing, Grant Writing for Digitization and Preservation Projects, and Grant Writing Secrets for Librarians.

## Grant Writing Resources

The Indiana State Library has numerous grant writing resources in their collection. Here is a sampling of what is available.

*The ALA book of library grant money.* Chicago: ALA, 2014.

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## Online Resources

### **Shaping Outcomes – Online course in Outcomes Based Evaluation**

[www.shapingoutcomes.org/](http://www.shapingoutcomes.org/)

This course was developed through a cooperative agreement between the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). It is a particularly helpful resource in preparing for an LSTA or other IMLS grant application.

### **Library Grants Blog**

<http://librarygrants.blogspot.com>

Grant experts/librarians Stephanie Gerding and Pam MacKellar frequently update this blog with new grant opportunities.

### **Primary Source**

[http://www.ims.gov/news/primary\\_source.aspx](http://www.ims.gov/news/primary_source.aspx)

Subscribe to this monthly newsletter from The Institute of Museum and Library Services to learn more about grant opportunities, national library initiatives, and innovative projects.

### **The Foundation Center**

<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/>

The Foundation Center provides online training exercises as well as information on upcoming grants administration training courses and seminars. The above links will take you to the free online class.

### **GRANTwritersonline**

<http://www.grantwritersonline.com/>

Web site provides a good overview of writing a grant proposal. Topics discussed include the components of a grant proposal, financial statements for grants, grantwriting mistakes, tips on writing a grant proposal, grant application checklist, and grant proposal and financial samples.

### **Minnesota Council on Foundations**

<https://www.mcf.org/sites/default/files/files/pages/writingagrantproposal.pdf>

These tips on Writing a Successful Proposal from the Minnesota Council on Foundations includes answers to common questions, such as “What happens to my proposal after it reaches the grantmaker?” and “What should I do if my proposal is rejected?”