

- 1) Start at the Foundation Center (<a href="http://www.foundationcenter.org/">http://www.foundationcenter.org/</a>)
  - Online tutorials, webinars for proposal writing
  - Philanthropy News Digest (daily RFP bulletin, news)
  - Search by Form 990
  - The Foundation Directory Online Professional\*
    - Single-best resource for foundation searches
    - Search by funding region, area of interest, types of support, asset size, etc.
    - Subscriptions start as low as \$195/year
    - Cooperating collections available for FREE at following locations:
      - Boston Public Library (Social Services Reference Dept)
      - Leominster Public Library
      - Oak Bluffs Public Library
      - Berkshire Athenaeum
      - Springfield City Library
      - Cape Cod Community College (Wilkens Library)
      - Worcester Public Library (Grants Resource Center)
- 2) Search annual reports of similar organizations (size, region, mission)
- 3) Utilize guidelines from Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts (www.agmconnect.org)
  - o Common proposal, report formats
  - o Proposal writing tips (<a href="http://www.umass.edu/research/ogca/proceds/dev.htm">http://www.umass.edu/research/ogca/proceds/dev.htm</a>)
- 4) Consider **events and courses** offered by Association of Fundraising Professionals Massachusetts Chapter (AFP MA) (<a href="http://www.afpmass.org/">http://www.afpmass.org/</a>)
- 5) Browse the following **websites**:
  - o Guidestar (<a href="http://www.guidestar.org">http://www.guidestar.org</a>)
  - Foundation Search (http://www.foundationsearch.com/
  - o Independent Sector (http://www.indepsec.org)
  - o National Center for Charitable Statistics (http://nccs.urban.org)
  - o Non-profit Fundraising and Grantwriting
    - (http://www.mapnp.org/library/fndrsng/np raise/np raise.htm)
  - o Chronicle of Philanthropy (http://philanthropy.com/section/Home/172)
- 6) Contact us with questions!

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