

Resources to Learn Grant Writing

NM Grant Writers • Hand-Picked Tools, Books, Courses & Databases

Directory Overview

This curated directory brings together top-tier resources for every stage of your grant writing journey. Each entry features clear tags for skill level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) and access model (Free vs Paid).

1. Essential Books

PAID

BEGINNER

Grant Writing For Dummies (by Beverly A. Browning)

A classic foundational guidebook covering proposal components, funder research, and basic budget construction. Excellent starting point for newcomers.

PAID

INTERMEDIATE

The Only Grant-Writing Book You will Ever Need (by Ellen Karsh & Arlen Sue Fox)

Features direct interviews with foundation officers and government reviewers.
Provides insider insights into what makes proposals compelling.

PAID

ADVANCED

Winning Grants Step by Step (by Tori O Neal-McElrath)

A workbook-style resource ideal for organizational teams drafting complex federal or major foundation grant applications.

2. Courses & Professional Certifications

PAID

ADVANCED

Grant Professional Certified (GPC) Credential

Offered through the Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPCI). The premier nationally accredited credential for experienced grant writers.

FREE

BEGINNER

Candid / Foundation Center Free Training Courses

Free live webinars and self-paced video tutorials covering Introduction to Proposal Writing and How to Find Funders.

PAID (\$27)

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE

NM Grant Writers: Grant Writer Jumpstarter

Our practical, fast-track training program providing ready-to-use proposal templates, grant research spreadsheets, and boilerplate narrative modules.

3. Free Databases & Grant Websites

FREE

ALL LEVELS

Grants.gov Database

The official central portal for federal grant opportunities. Features keyword search, opportunity tracking, and applicant user guides.

FREE SEARCH

INTERMEDIATE

ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer (IRS 990 Database)

Search IRS Form 990 filings for private foundations to inspect recent grants awarded, board members, and average award sizes for free.

FREE

BEGINNER

Philanthropy News Digest (PND) RFP Directory

Daily updated directory of active requests for proposals (RFPs) published by private and corporate foundations across various sectors.

4. Podcasts & YouTube Channels

FREE

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE

Grant Writing Simplified Podcast

Weekly audio episodes breaking down grant writing techniques, reviewer mindset, and time-saving workflows for non-profit pros.

FREE

ALL LEVELS

NM Grant Writers YouTube Channel

Short video tutorials walkthroughs covering budget calculations, narrative formatting, and grant proposal breakdowns.

5. Professional Associations

MEMBERSHIP

ALL LEVELS

Grant Professionals Association (GPA)

The leading professional organization for grant writers. Offers local chapters, annual conferences, ethical guidelines, and peer networking forums.

6. NMGW Recommended Articles & Tutorials

FREE

BEGINNER

NMGW Blog: How to Build a Grant Calendar That Works

Step-by-step guide to tracking deadlines, managing reporting requirements, and never missing an RFP submission window.

FREE

INTERMEDIATE

NMGW Blog: Writing High-Impact SMART Objectives

Practical formula guide to converting general project goals into bulletproof, quantifiable metrics that reviewers applaud.

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEP

Ready to Put These Resources Into Action?

Get instant access to our turnkey starter toolkit designed to help you write professional proposals with speed and precision.

Grant Writer Jumpstarter (\$27)

Includes fill-in-the-blank narrative templates, funder research tracking spreadsheets, budget generators, and beginner-to-pro checklists.

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