

# Federal Grant Support Guide



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The US Government provides thousands of grant opportunities. Numerous websites allow search capabilities to help interested parties identify relevant grant opportunities. This guide is intended to help communities navigate Federal resources. The guide contains the following components:

1. A listing of Federal grant search engines and the basics on how to use them
2. A listing Federal Agencies, their websites and contact details

Since grant information and website design changes frequently, this guide may contain outdated material. While efforts are made to present current and accurate information, no guarantee of any kind is made.

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## Federal Grant Search Websites

Numerous websites allow search capabilities to help interested parties identify relevant grant opportunities:

- <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/>
- <http://www.grants.gov/>
- <http://www.grantswire.com/>
- <https://www.cfda.gov/index?cck=1&au=&ck=>

The websites we describe here are what we believe to be the most up-to-date, comprehensive resources available for federal grants, across a variety of topic areas.

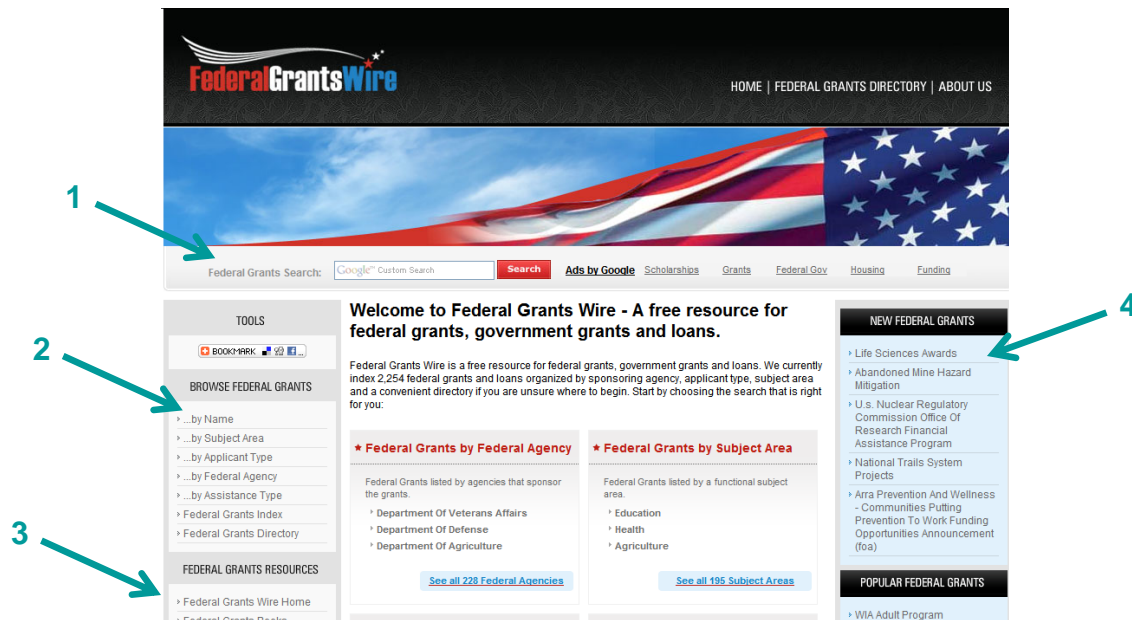
If you are interested in a particular topic area, for example, education, you may also want to go directly to the website for that department (in this example, the Department of Education website). Individual department web listings may sometimes have further information that would be helpful.

## Federal GrantsWire

- <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/>

Key features:

- 1: Plug in key words for an instant search
- 2: Browse grant listings in numerous ways:
  - By topic
  - By Applicant type (which types of individuals/organizations are eligible)
  - By Agency
  - By Assistance type
- 3: Read resources on grant preparation
- 4: Highlights new grants to the system



## Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

- <https://www.cfda.gov/index?ck=1&au=&ck=>

Key features:

- 1: Basic search by keyword
- 2: Advanced search to filter by keyword as well as eligibility, posting date, submission deadline, use of assistance
- 3: Search Recovery programs specifically
- 4: Download a PDF user guide for the website

The screenshot shows the CFDA website interface. On the left, there's a 'CFDA Statistics: Programs at a Glance' section with a pie chart showing the distribution of programs for the top five issuing agencies: Department of Health and Human Services (375, 19%), Department of Agriculture (227, 21%), Department of the Interior (203, 15%), Department of Education (168, 11%), and Department of Justice (124, 34%). Below this is an 'About CFDA' section. On the right, there's a 'Find Programs' section with a search bar (callout 1), a dropdown for 'Select Assistance Type...' (callout 2), and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar are links for 'Advanced Search Form', 'Find Programs by Number', 'Find Programs by Agency', and 'Added Programs (since last publication date)'. There's also a link to 'Download CFDA 2008 Print Edition'. Below the 'Find Programs' section is a 'RECOVERY' section with a 'SEARCH RECOVERY PROGRAMS' button (callout 3). At the bottom right, there's a 'CFDA User Guide' section with a link to 'Download the CFDA User Guide (PDF format)' (callout 4). The bottom left of the page has 'Agency Log-In' and 'Coordinator / Analyst / Administrator Log-In' links.

**CATALOG of FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE**

Home Programs Agencies Regional Agency Offices General Info Privacy

**CFDA Statistics: Programs at a Glance**

CFDA contains detailed program descriptions for 1,993 Federal assistance programs. The following chart shows the program distribution for the top five issuing agencies.

Agency	Count	Percentage
Department of Health and Human Services	375	19%
Department of Agriculture	227	21%
Department of the Interior	203	15%
Department of Education	168	11%
Department of Justice	124	34%

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**About CFDA**

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) provides a full listing of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.

**Find Programs**

Search now! You do not need an account to search the catalog and view Federal assistance programs.

Keyword or Program Number

Select Assistance Type...

SEARCH

Advanced Search Form  
Find Programs by Number  
Find Programs by Agency  
Added Programs (since last publication date)

Download CFDA 2008 Print Edition

**RECOVERY**

SEARCH RECOVERY PROGRAMS

**CFDA User Guide**

Download the CFDA User Guide (PDF format)

**Additional Resources**

Frequently Asked Questions  
Federal Service Desk

Agency Log-In  
Click here if you are responsible for managing CFDA program data.

Coordinator / Analyst / Administrator Log-In

## Grants.gov

- <http://www.grants.gov/>

Grants.gov is both a federal grant search tool, and a website where applications for grants can be submitted.

Key features:

- 1: Click on 'Find Grant Opportunities' to perform a basic keyword search, advanced search, or browse opportunities by theme
- 2: Search FAQ's and/or download pdf user guides on how to use the site
- 3: Sign up for customized email updates on new opportunities matching criteria you set

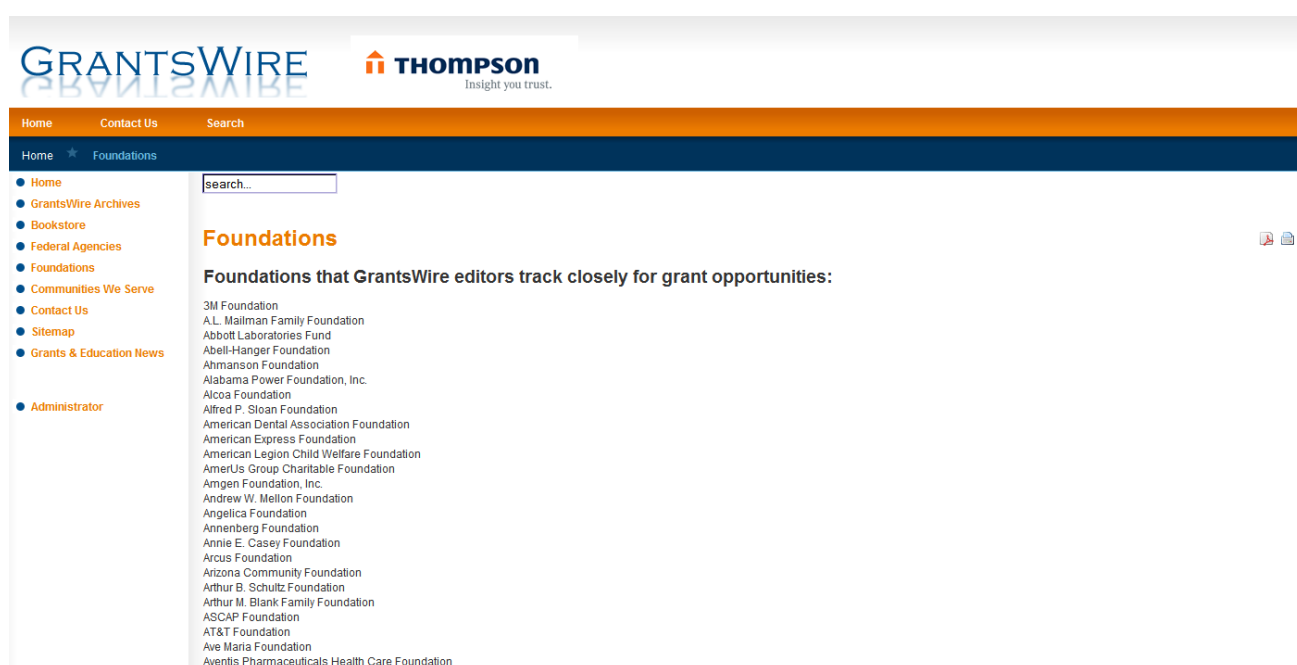


## GrantsWire

- <http://www.grantswire.com/>

GrantsWire is a subscription service that provides email updates and search capabilities for federal and a wide range of foundation grants. These are generally larger foundations with competitive processes.

For searching federal government opportunities only, the above listed websites should be sufficient. But if you also want to search national foundation opportunities, a subscription to GrantsWire would be helpful, and with that subscription you could also search federal grants.



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## Federal Department Contact Information

<b>Corporation for National and Community Services</b>		<b>Department of Transportation</b>
1201 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20525 <a href="http://www.nationalservice.org/">http://www.nationalservice.org/</a> (202) 606-5000		400 7th Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20590 <a href="http://www.dot.gov">http://www.dot.gov</a> (202) 366-4000
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>		<b>Department of the Treasury</b>
14th and Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250 <a href="http://www.usda.gov">http://www.usda.gov</a> (202) 720-3631		1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220 <a href="http://www.ustreas.gov">http://www.ustreas.gov</a> (202) 622-2000
<b>Department of Commerce</b>		<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>
14th and Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230 <a href="http://www.commerce.gov/">http://www.commerce.gov/</a> (202) 482-4355		810 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20420 <a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a> (202) 273-7499
<b>Department of Defense</b>		<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>
Office of Small Business Programs Crystal Gateway North Suite 406 - West Tower 201 12th St. South Arlington, VA 22202 <a href="http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp">http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp</a> (703) 604-0157		Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 <a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a> (202) 272-0167
<b>Department of Education</b>		<b>Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service</b>
555 New Jersey Ave., NW Capitol Place, Ste 410 Washington, DC 20208 <a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a> (202) 219-1741		2100 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20427 <a href="http://www.fmcs.gov">http://www.fmcs.gov</a> (202) 606-8100
<b>Department of Energy</b>		<b>General Services Administration</b>
1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 <a href="http://www.doe.gov">http://www.doe.gov</a> (202) 586-4403		1800 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20405 <a href="http://www.gsa.gov">http://www.gsa.gov</a> (202) 501-0084
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>		<b>National Credit Union Administration</b>
200 Independence Ave., SW, Ste 118-F Washington, DC 20201 <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/">http://www.hhs.gov/</a> (202) 358-3595		1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3428 <a href="http://www.ncua.gov">http://www.ncua.gov</a> (703) 518-6300
<b>Department of Homeland Security</b>		<b>National Endowment for the Arts</b>
810 7th Street, NW Washington, DC 20531 <a href="http://www.dhs.gov">http://www.dhs.gov</a> (202) 786-9430		1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20506 <a href="http://www.nea.gov">http://www.nea.gov</a> (202) 682.5400
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>		<b>National Endowment for the Humanities</b>
451 7th St. SW, Room 10184 Washington, DC 20410 <a href="http://www.hud.gov">http://www.hud.gov</a> (202) 708-2404		1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20506 <a href="http://www.neh.gov">http://www.neh.gov</a> (800) NEH – 1121
<b>Department of the Interior</b>		<b>National Labor Relations Board</b>
1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240 <a href="http://www.doi.gov">http://www.doi.gov</a> (202) 208-3100		1099 14th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20570-0001 <a href="http://www.nlr.gov">http://www.nlr.gov</a> (866) 667-NRLB
<b>Department of Justice</b>		<b>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</b>
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 4413 Washington, DC 20530 <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/</a> (202) 514-2987		1200 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005-4026 <a href="http://www.pb.gc.gov">http://www.pb.gc.gov</a> (800) 400-7242
<b>Department of Labor</b>		<b>Small Business Administration</b>
200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 <a href="http://www.dol.gov">http://www.dol.gov</a> (202) 693-6450		409 3rd St., SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416 <a href="http://www.sba.gov">http://www.sba.gov</a> (202) 205-9037