

Exercise #7

Exploring Grant Resources Online

To access the resources for this exercise, go to the bookmark file at bookmarks.infopeople.org/Grant_2007_bkmk.htm and bookmark it for easy reference.

- A. Go to the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and review the User's Guide; then search for programs that provide assistance to libraries.
- Currently, how many federal programs offer some kind of assistance to libraries?

 - List three agencies other than the Institute of Museum and Library Service and the Library of Congress that offer assistance to libraries.
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 - Find the program description for the We the People program.
 - What can libraries get from this program?
 - Where would you go to find more information?
 - Can libraries apply for a We the People grant right now? _____
- B. Go to the Institute of Museum and Library Services website.
- Look under State Programs. How much did California receive in the last reporting year? _____
 - Look under Grant Applicants, and select the option for Available Grants by Institution Type. How many programs are there for libraries? _____
- C. Go to the Community Foundation Locator.
- Is there a community foundation that covers your community? _____
(If not, select a nearby foundation in order to answer the following questions.)
 - Review the guidelines for your selected foundation. Would the foundation support the types of programs that your library would be interested in? Is the library eligible to apply?
 - How do you apply for grants from the foundation? Is there a formal application? Are there deadlines?
 - Is there a name or phone number that you can use to get more information?
 - If you have time, look at another community foundation website.
- D. **Bonus:** The best current awareness tool for library grants is the Library Grants blog at librarygrants.blogspot.com/. Visit it and look at the current listings.