

Grants from Government Sources

Locating and identifying government agencies that award government grant money for specific purposes or in precise subject areas often requires time, effort, and research. When an ad claims that the process is extraordinarily easy, don't listen to or believe a single word in that ad. Clearly, that ad is a scam. Nowhere can you find free money that effortlessly without having to answer for it in one way or another.

Actually, the phrase "free government grant money" is more of a misnomer. While it is true that government grant money doesn't have to be repaid, it doesn't mean that there are no obligations involved and no sanctions imposed in case of breach of any of these obligations. In addition, there are restrictions as to how you may spend the funds you've been given. For example, the money should only be used in relation to the project and should not stray from the objectives of the funding agency.

If you are looking for funding for an existing or new for-profit business, you may come across difficulties in finding and getting government grant money. Normally, the federal government provides federal funding only to non-profit organizations for programs and services that benefit the community or the public as a whole. But that's not saying, however, that government grant money is not available to entrepreneurs looking for a break or a foothold in the ever-changing landscape of business.

The first place you should check for available government grant money is the U.S. Government's Grants Website at grants.gov. The site will allow you to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant making agencies.

Searching for free government grant money is made a lot easier for you at this site as everything # including the application and approval process # has been automated for your convenience. Additionally, you can also obtain information on sorts of free government grant money and the government agencies that make grants. And in case of future grants, the site gives you the option to sign up in order to receive notifications of future grant opportunities.

In addition to [Grants.gov](http://grants.gov), you can also take a look at the government's Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) for government grant money. The site at CFDA.gov includes a listing of various government grants and other types of assistance from home owners' aid to house rentals and even small business start-up opportunities.

At CFDA, you can obtain information on available government grant money by category and topic area, but you also have the option to search the catalog by key words and other methods. If you find a grant that interests you, make sure that you carefully read the section on eligibility requirements to determine if you would be qualified to apply for that particular grant.

Regardless of where you may decide to search for government grant money, keep in mind that most government grants are not available year-round. That means you can't apply for most of them at your convenience. So, whenever a government agency announces that it's offering government grant money, that's the ideal time to apply for them.