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Tips and Tricks for Funding Preservation

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IDENTIFYING YOUR PROJECT



- **What do we want to do?**
- **What are we ABLE to do?**
- **What do we need in order to accomplish our goal?**
- **Have we prioritized the various projects/programs of our organization?**

WHERE ARE THE POTS OF GOLD?

- [SC Foundation Directory](#)
- THE Foundation Directory Online (and other research databases)
- [Grants.gov](#)
 - [National Park Service/Department of Interior](#)
 - [Institute of Museums and Library Services](#)
 - [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
 - [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
 - Others: Community and Economic Development Grant Programs
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [PreservationDirectory.com](#)
- Talk to your friends... or sleuth through their Annual Report



ARE WE ELIGIBLE?

- **Private Foundation accepting unsolicited proposals?**
- **Nonprofit? Municipality? Individual? Homeowner?**
 - ***Remember: Most of the grants we cover today are for Nonprofits and Municipalities***
- **Timeline for completion? Are we ready?**
- **Does our project TRULY fit with the priorities of the grant program?**
 - ***Don't do extra work just to make your project fit the funder's priority! This usually doesn't end well.***

GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING 101 (ABRIDGED!)

Step 1: Project Description, Goals, and Detailed Budget

Step 2: Review the funder's application or proposal guidelines

Step 3: Demonstrate WHY your funder and your project are a good fit, and justify YOUR NEED for the funding.

Step 4: Review your application...then review it again!

Step 5: Gather all of your attachments and submit

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU GOT THE \$\$\$...NOW
WHAT???

- **READ, READ, and READ AGAIN!**
- **Get organized**
- **Communicate**
- **Keep track of your progress**
- **Turn in reports on time, and COMMUNICATE when delays occur**

