



Minority Fellowship Program

The National Board for Certified Counselors

Innovations in Counseling: Working with Minority Populations- Part 1 Session 9: Grant-Writing 101

Webinar Follow-up Question and Answer Session with Sherry Allen

Question from Julie Jorgensen

Do you know anything about grant siren. If that is a legit site?

Answer from Presenter

I don't have experience with that site.

Question from Shanique Griffiths

Are there any additional requirements such as training to write and/or apply for grants? Or is it based on the type of grant sought?

Answer from Presenter

Grant-writing is indeed an expansive endeavor, involving many and varied issues based on type of grant. I am a member of the Grant Professionals Association and have the Grant Professional Certification. I recommend taking a look at the resources provided here: <http://grantprofessionals.org/>. Colleges, universities as well as United Ways often provide grant training.

Questions from Renee Curren

1. I'm considering writing a grant that will enable me to tutor children. Do you have any recommendations?
2. Are there benefits to hiring someone to write a grant for you?
3. Once the grant runs out does your program continue on its own or do grants renew?

Answer from Presenter

1. For most grantors, you will need to be a part of an organization in order to receive funding. Exceptions may be to crowdfund through DonorsChoose or Kickstarter.
 2. There are benefits if: you have documented the need and identified the program very well, you have the resources to hire a good one, and you can't do it yourself.
 3. Most grants are time limited and required ongoing reporting and/or re-application. Some have one year funding, others may provide multi-year funding. You may re-apply for some grants at the end of the funding period and for others you can't. This varies widely.
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Question from Joshua Hulen

Are there databases or software programs that access grants that are not available through a public search online?

Answer from Presenter

The search engines that were listed in the slides offer information that is not easily accessible through a public search online. The Foundation Center resources are often available through public and university libraries.

Question from Michael Holler

What are some sources/resources for bid proposals for individuals?

Answer from Presenter

This is not my area of expertise, sorry. Here is the link to the federal contractor registration site that I mentioned.

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