

Local, State & Federal Government Opportunities

Local Government Search

Check your council members' websites and your city websites. Most municipalities offer grants for homeowner's and developers, so starting local is ALWAYS the best way to begin your search. Funds that are mostly used at this level are the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). It's designed to provide funds for low-income communities. These funds can be used to improve public facilities, such as streets, but can also be utilized to construct affordable housing.

Tips:

- Check with loan officers to see if they have closed any loans utilizing city government funds. This is a great way to keep an eye out on funds being used for homeownership.
- Check with your local Land Trust periodically to see if there are any initiatives coming their way
- Check with local office to see what projects they are funding with the Community Development Block Grant funds.

State Government Search

Your state also has a hand in creating housing opportunities so a search on your state website won't hurt.

Tips:

- Each year HUD provides billions of funds to states to administer housing opportunity funds so check their site to do research on which entities received funds and for what purpose.

Federal Search

The federal and government search is easily found at www.grants.gov. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development announces the funding for real estate grants in several areas including training, development and other areas.

These opportunities are very competitive, so I wouldn't start there if I were new at writing grants and proposals. They are also large contracts, mostly over \$1 million.

Another area to check out is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance – www.cfda.gov. You can find opportunities for retrofitting and green initiatives.