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<b>Foundation Directory Online (FDO) Professional</b>					
140,000 funders including corporate foundations and U.S. federal agencies, updated weekly. FDO Professional has 9.5 million detailed grant histories, which means you can see actual grants awarded and search by grantee name.	State and local government funders.	<p>For many nonprofits, it's key to be able to see who's funding peer organizations. Without the grant records provided by FDO Professional, it's harder to find that out.</p> <p>It's also very useful to see quickly a foundation's entire giving history. Some foundations publish that information on their websites, but some don't. Of course, you can always pull up their 990, but that's slow and cumbersome – and some 990s are literally thousands of pages long.</p> <p>Includes RFPs when available, but also includes the many foundations that do not issue RFPs or even accept unsolicited proposals, information which many nonprofits need.</p>	<p>Ability to export search results by PDF, email, or excel.</p> <p>Each search displays grantmakers, recipients, grants, and 990s that match the criteria, with the ability to drill down into each list.</p> <p>Search results will also indicate the level of a grantmaker's funding history that specifically matches your search criteria.</p>	<p>Intuitive interface, simple to search, simple to manage results. Keyword search makes it easy to find the right search terms. Some data is more up-to-date than the last 990 filed.</p> <p>You can limit your search to past funders, although that feature didn't work perfectly for our organization.</p> <p>Helps you find people in your networks that can introduce you to foundations through LinkedIn.</p> <p>You can search people by name to see what boards your major donors are serving on.</p> <p>Multi-user versions available. FDO was recently revamped and the upgraded version is very powerful, with too many additional features to mention here.</p>	<p>One-time annual payment of \$1,499, or \$199.99/month with no commitment. (Annual cost is lower with a two-year commitment.)</p> <p>If you can't afford to have FDO in-house, check for a <a href="#">Funding Information Network location</a> near you. Sometimes one or two visits a year will yield more prospects than you can handle. If there isn't a Funding Information Network location near you, consider subscribing for one month and focusing intensely on grant research for that month.</p>
<b>Foundation Directory Online (FDO) Essential</b>					
100,000 funders, updated weekly.	U. S. federal agencies, state and local government	While FDO Essential does not offer grant histories, it still has many more foundations than competing databases.		Intuitive interface, simple to search, simple to manage results. Search by phrase, specific terms or keyword.	One-time annual payment of \$399, or \$49.99/month with no commitment. (Annual cost is lower with a two-year commitment.)

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<i>(FDO Essential, continued from previous page)</i>	<p>fundors, grantmaking public charities, International funders, or corporate funders.</p> <p>FDO Essential, unlike FDO Professional, does not have grant histories or recipient profiles. It won't help you find out who's funding your peers.</p>				<p>If you can't afford to have FDO in-house, check for a <a href="#">Funding Information Network location</a> near you. Sometimes one or two visits a year will yield more prospects than you can handle. If there isn't one near you, consider subscribing for one month and focusing intensely on grant research for that month.</p>

## GrantScape

<p>Around 4,000 active grant <i>opportunities</i>, including federal, state, and local governments and all types of foundations. The system has approximately 8,000 foundations and more than 2,000 additional federal, state, and local funders.</p>	<p>There are 54 search categories and no subcategories. There's no category for Public Policy, for example. However, you can search grant opportunities by keyword.</p> <p>It doesn't have grant histories, so it won't help you find out who's funding your peers.</p>	<p>This tool focuses not on grantmaking history, but on open <i>opportunities</i> (including links to actual RFPs where they exist). If the foundation makes its grantmaking history available on its website, GrantScape provides a link to that page.</p> <p>This is a new product from Thompson Grants, which also has expertise in grant development, management, compliance and audit. (Thompson was recently acquired by CBIS, Columbia Books &amp; Information Services.)</p>	<p>Search results can easily be saved and shared with a user or a team. You can set up custom alerts for particular search criteria, which are emailed to you weekly. You can also set up deadline reminders.</p>	<p>Opportunities are updated through a combination of automated web crawlers with human review, so new open grant opportunities are continuously being added.</p> <p>Strong ability to refine search by recipient type (i.e., county governments, school districts, etc.) and by type, state, county, and city of eligible recipients.</p> <p>Because this tool focuses on open opportunities, you can also search by deadline, available funding, whether the grant is active or inactive, and other useful ways to micro-target the results.</p>	<p>For GrantScape "seeker" only, without Thompson's compliance and grant management products, it's \$49/month paid annually or \$99/month paid monthly.</p>
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<b>GrantStation</b>					
<p>More than 9,000 private foundations, corporate foundations, community foundations, and corporate contribution programs are profiled. A number of faith-based funders, association grant programs, and other grant programs are also included. There are separate interfaces for the U.S., Canada, and International. Also provides listings of federal and state grants.</p>	<p>GrantStation only includes grantmakers that are accepting unsolicited requests in the coming year.</p> <p>It doesn't have grant histories, so it won't help you find out who's funding your peers.</p>		<p>Search results consist of funder names (with a link to funder profiles), geographic scope, and geographic focus. To drill down and find out more about each funder, you have to click on every single link to funder profiles.</p> <p>There's no easy way to save the search results (you can save the search criteria themselves). You can copy + paste the three-column list of results, but it's of limited use without the funder profiles.</p>	<p>There are 11 main search categories, with from 6 to 27 subcategories each, so the ability to drill down to your program area is robust.</p> <p>There is also a keyword search for targeting very specific areas.</p>	<p>Ostensible list price is \$699 for a one-year subscription, but the GrantStation website frequently offers a sale price of \$149/year to make the site accessible to smaller nonprofit organizations.</p> <p>Most <a href="#">state associations</a> and a variety of others offer GrantStation to members for less than \$100/year, or in some cases as a free benefit of membership.</p> <p>Membership is free with your paid premium subscription to <a href="#">Chronicle of Philanthropy</a>.</p> <p>Membership is also free with your paid membership to <a href="#">Grant Professionals Association</a>.</p>