



Research Resources

Some funding research web sites and databases cost money and will require a subscription, while others are free. To help you use your online research time wisely, we've compiled this list of our favorite funding research sites:

1. **The Colorado Grants Guide™** crcamerica.org/ — The **Colorado Grants Guide™** is the most essential and up-to-date fundraising tool for nonprofit and community-based organizations in Colorado! This comprehensive resource guide contains over 750 profiles on local foundations and trusts, corporations, national funders, government agencies and religious organizations.
2. **Candid** candid.org/ — The combination of GuideStar (non-profit search) and the Foundation Center (now called Foundation Directory). There is a lot you can do here for free, but many of the more sophisticated search engines on the site are available for various fees. The 990-search function is free. The site also offers a variety of learning opportunities and other reports.
 - **990 Finder** — This service lists most of the IRS 990 forms for nonprofit organizations and private foundations and corporations. The 990s will provide you with information including staff salaries and grantees. Research the 990s on this site after you have found relevant funding sources.
3. **Independent Sector** independentsector.org/ — This is the national trade association for larger nonprofits, including many private foundations and corporations. The web site has many articles on public policy, lobbying rules for nonprofits, ethics, etc.
4. **Chronicle of Philanthropy** philanthropy.com — The Chronicle of Philanthropy is an online and print news source for the nonprofit sector, it offers lists of grants, fundraising ideas and techniques, statistics, reports on tax and court rulings, summaries of books, and a calendar of events.
5. **Charity Navigator** charitynavigator.org — Charity Navigator rates and evaluates nonprofits with a four- star rating system. Check out organizations you have heard of to see how they compare to others across the country and in your community. The web site is also host to a number of well-written articles.
6. **National Council on Nonprofits** councilofnonprofits.org/ — This is the grassroots independent sector site, which is the trade association of all of the statewide nonprofit associations in the country. The site is a great source of interesting information impacting grassroots and mid-sized organizations.
7. **State of Colorado** colorado.gov — Use the page's search capabilities to look for "Grants." A listing of all grant references in the different state departments will appear.
8. **IRS Charities and Nonprofits** irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits — This website provides tax information, tools, and resources for charities and other tax-exempt organizations.
9. **US Dept of Health and Human Services Grants** grants.gov — This site contains information about Federal grant programs. Grants.gov is a searchable database of government grants policies governing the award and administration of grant activities, publishing these in grants policy directives, regulations, and/or manuals.

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