

Funding and Advocating Resources

Below you will find a list of online resources that are generally useful when you're thinking about funding or advocating for your next community memory-related project (or library projects and programs in general). This is in addition to other resources provided in other areas of the IMLS Accelerating Promising Practices Community Memory Tools and Resources.

WHERE TO LOOK

NATIONAL

[Grants.gov](#) - The resource for everything related to federal grants.

Special tip:

- Go to [Search Grants](#) and use relevant keyword(s) or other filters;
- Next, select **Save Search** (you must have a grants.gov login for this process but they are free and easy to obtain),
- To revisit your saved searches, return to the Search Grants page and select **Manage Searches** (near the Save Search button)

[National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH)

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS)

[National Historical Publications and Records Commission](#) (NHPRC)

[Library of Congress Blogs - Available Funding Category](#)

[Archive for the Community Collections grants Category](#)

[Mellon Foundation](#)

[Council on Library and Information Resources](#)

LOCAL/REGIONAL

[State-specific humanities/history councils](#)

[Community Foundation Locator](#)

New England

[Historic New England Community Preservation Grants](#)

Midwest

[WiLS' Ideas to Action Fund](#) - open to WiLS members

[Arts Midwest](#)

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- Consider outside-the-box ideas for funding, such as local businesses and community members who might be interested in sponsoring your work. This could include a monetary donation, or in-kind donations such as goods or services.
- [10+ Incredible Library Fundraising Ideas](#) from read-a-thon.com
- Crowd-sourcing (GoFundMe, etc.)

HOW TO ADVOCATE

[ALA's Advocacy & Public Policy page](#)

ALA's [Advocate's Toolbox](#)

[ARSL Advocacy Center](#)

[Find Your Elected Officials](#)

[WebJunction Budgets & Funding page](#)

[WebJunction Advocacy page](#)

TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR GRANT WRITING

[Library Funding: 7 Tips to Get a Grant](#) by bibliotheca.com

[Grant Writing 101: Basics for Programming Librarians](#) from the ALA Public Programs Office

[Grant Writing resources](#) from The Sustainable Heritage Network

GENERAL TIPS

- Be a grant reviewer if the opportunity presents itself. “By sitting on the other side of the fence and scoring grants and understanding the process, you will elevate your grant writing skills.” From [grantwritingandfunding.com](#)
- See if your local library or university has information on local granting organizations.
 - For example, UW-Madison Memorial Library has a [Grants Information Collection](#) that is largely available to the public
- Network with other organizations and nonprofits in your area or that are doing similar work and find out where they have found funding in the past.