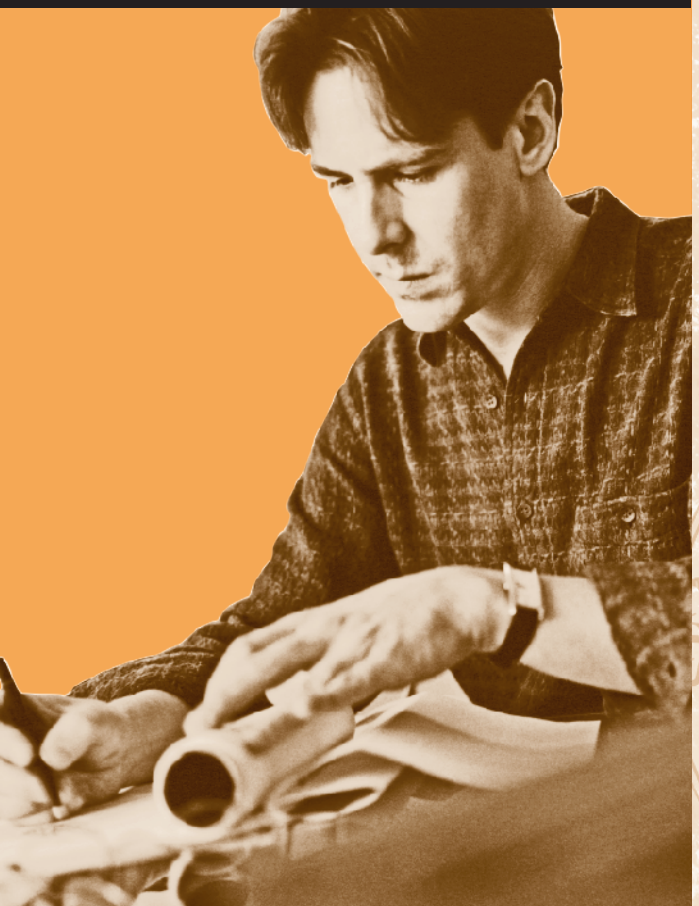
you have a GREAT IDEA THAT WILL HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

you have WORKED OUT A STRATEGY

now, HOW DO YOU FIND FUNDING?

take a look, you may find FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS JUST A TOUCH OF YOUR KEYBOARD away

GO TO www.getgrants.ca.gov



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# Get Grants

community organizations are essential to the health and prosperity of our neighborhoods.

# A Grant Could Help Pay for Your Community Project

Community organizations provide much-needed jobs and vital services to the most vulnerable members of our community. Today's economic difficulties create a multitude of funding challenges for non-profits, many of which rely on grant funding.

The California Legislature continues to work on funding opportunities for Californians through grants and supporting public/private partnerships. Local and federal governments, even the courts, are also involved in funding grant opportunities. Private groups are establishing clearinghouses where organizations can get information and begin the on-line application process.

Finding out about grants is challenging, so the State of California has established a website to assist in the search. **www.getgrants.ca.gov** provides a database of California state grants as well as links to federal, public and private grant opportunities.

Navigation of **www.getgrants.ca.gov** is easy. Simply scroll through the list on the center section of the home page. You may also search by category or topic by clicking the links listed on the left-hand side of the home page. You can also search by keyword by typing one in the box on the right-hand side of the home page.

The **CATEGORIES** links on the left-hand side of the home page provide access to federal and state grant categories and the **TOPICS** links will assist you in locating grants by topic such as agriculture, civic affairs, education, health, and social issues, to name a few. There are also icons that will take you to grants with similar subject matter. The earth icon, for example, will take you to a multitude of land-use and conservation grant opportunities.

Following the **Related Websites** link on the left-hand side of the main menu will lead you to even more grant opportunities, including a link to the federal site, **www.Grants.gov,** which provides an access point for over 900 grant programs offered by 26 federal grant-making agencies.

The information on the GetGrants website is maintained by the individual Grant Program Managers.

**IT'S EASY:**

**LOG ON to the website: www.getgrants.ca.gov**

**FIND LINKS to both state and federal grant programs.**

**SEARCH by category, topic, or keyword.**

**SCROLL THROUGH THE LIST of grant programs.**

**FIND A GRANT PROGRAM that fits your plan.**

**DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION or have a hard copy mailed to you by contacting the grant manager.**

**APPLY FOR THE GRANT.**