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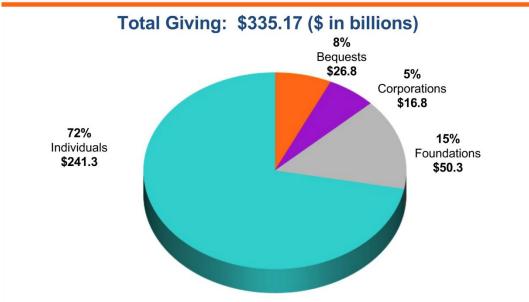
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The Giving Pie Chart

Private Contributions By Source



Source: Giving USA 2014, Giving USA Foundation, Researched and written by the Center On Philanthropy at Indiana University



Prospecting - Individuals

- Goal: Determine who is philanthropic in your community
- Identify wealth and inclination to support *your* cause



1. Ask board members to review their contacts

- What other boards do they sit on?
- Who are their neighbors?
- Where do they do business?
- Who do they often see at Farmer's markets, on the golf course, at sporting events, etc...



- 2. Host a new type of event as a friend-raiser
- •Birding walk, square dance, host a chamber mixer, pancake breakfast
- •Use the event as a reason to follow up with attendees.
- •Plan to spend more time following up with attendees,, than planning the party!



3. Attend other organization's events on a local or regional level **or** partner with another nonprofit to attract a new mix of attendees.

• Plan to spend time following up with people you meet.



4. Know your community

- Review board lists
- Review annual reports
- Event host committees
- Ask current donors for a referral or introduction
- Get to know your Community Foundation



5. Technology!

- USA DATA
- Google Alerts
- Social Media



Prospecting - Foundations

- Goal: Determine which grant-making foundations are interested in *your* cause
- Question: How do you find the ones who want *you* (and who may not even know you exist) without searching for hundreds of hours?
- <u>Answer</u>: The Foundation Center's *Foundation Directory Online* provides a one-stop shop for researching grant-makers

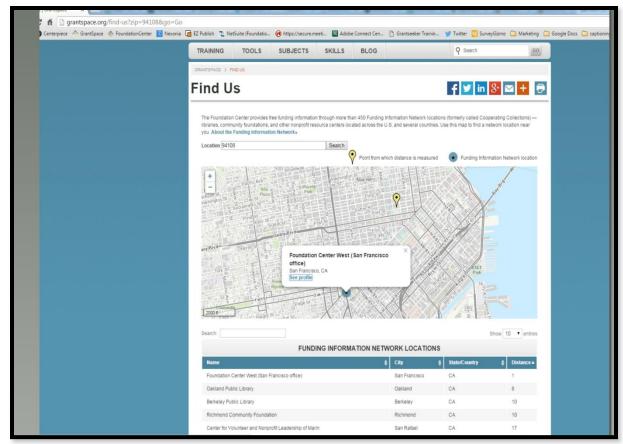


How to Find the Foundation Center

- Grantspace: Go to www.grantspace.org
- Foundation Directory Online: Go to www.foundationcenter.org, and sign up for the basic, essential, preferred, or professional level access to the Foundation Directory Online (free, \$49, \$129, or \$199 per month)
- Funding Information Network Partner Site: Go to a remote and access the *Foundation Directory Online* at the professional level for free.



Finding the Nearest Funding Information Network Partner

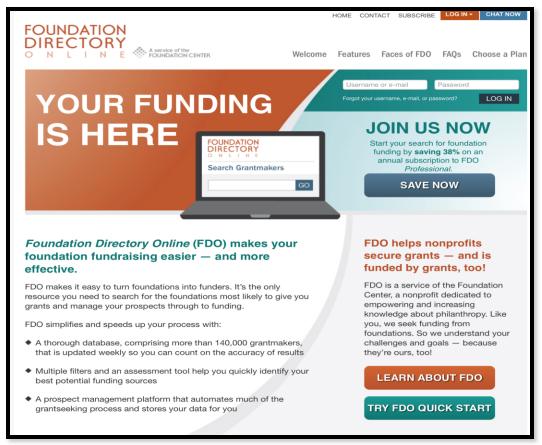








Foundation Directory Online





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The Foundation Directory Online

- FDO is a rich and powerful prospecting tool
- You can search by: grantmaker, grant recipient, field of interest, geographic focus, dollar amount, "a subject term" or search term like "conservation" or "land trust"
- You can exclude irrelevant data, or refine your search by combining search terms



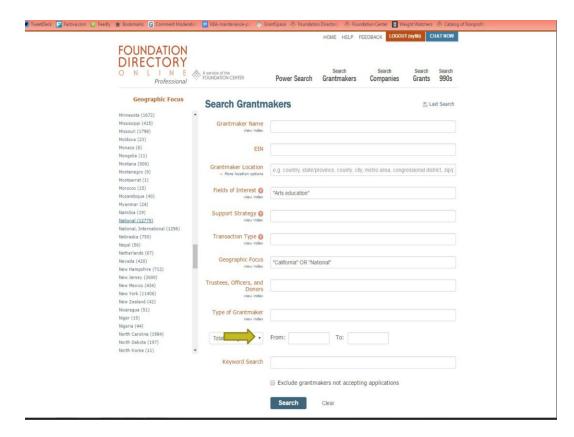
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What You Get:

- A comprehensive profile of 140,000 grant-making foundations
- A searchable list of 500,000 decision-makers
- A searchable list of 3.8 million grants that have been awarded in the past 12 years, including many to organizations just like yours

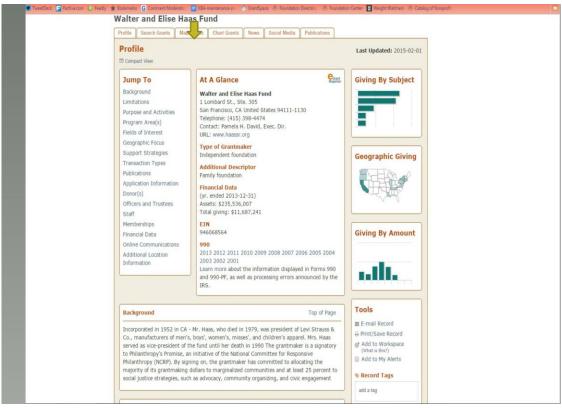


An Example Profile Search





An Example: What You Will Learn About A Grantmaker





Corporate Fundraising

- Civic-minded businesses
 - Want to give back or invest community's quality of life

- Businesses looking for customers
 - Want do well by doing good



Prospecting - Corporate Support

- Usual Suspects: local and regional
 - Banks
 - Grocery Stores
 - Outdoor, Hunting, Fishing, Tack stores
 - Landscapers



Prospecting - Corporate Support

- Unusual Suspects
 - Insurance Brokers
 - Financial Advisors
 - Waste Disposal firms
 - Real Estate Agents
 - Car Dealers
 - Medical Providers: walk-in clinics, GPs, Hospitals



Finding businesses in your area

- Chamber of Commerce listings
- Maryland Dept. of Commerce website: Information by county for top employers and fact sheets.

http://commerce.maryland.gov/about/employer-and-county-facts



Sample from Kent County, 2015

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Washington College	Higher education	525
Shore Regional Health	Medical services	429
Dixon Valve & Coupling	Valves & couplings	366
David A. Bramble	Paving	224
Heron Pt of Chestertown	Nursing care	200
LaMotte	Testing equipment	182
Angelica Nurseries**	Plants and flowers	175



Bonus: Planned Giving

- Bequests to build stewardship endowments
- Start by asking those who know you best.
- Community Foundations can help with managing funds
- It isn't hard!



Questions & Answers

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Good Things to Know

- 1. You Can't Survive on Grants Alone
- 2. Not All Foundations Are Alike
- 3. Foundation MUST Give Money Away
- 4. Grant Writing is NEVER about the NEED of Your Organization
- 5. Do Your Homework First
- 6. The One-Size-Fits-All Approach Does NOT Work



Good Things to Know

- 7. To Get the Grant, You Have to Find the Right Match
- 8. Ask for the Right Amount
- You Don't Need to Know Someone, But It Helps
- 10. The Proposal is Typically Not the First Thing a Foundation Wants