

Tools and Resources- **Finding Funding Sources**



Obtaining financial support for youth development training and technical assistance resource centers is a challenge; the benefits of the work, especially for those without a history of success, are not well understood by most funding sources. Therefore, early fund development efforts are best invested in landing one substantial funding source. The vast majority of youth development training and technical assistance resource centers began with the support of one large, stable funder and held onto this funding for four years or more, some as long as twenty years.

Funding Distribution

Most training and technical assistance resource centers rely on foundation and government financial support. A growing source of funding for those with an established record, contacts and products is earned income, gained through contracts with large local entities like charter schools, afterschool programs, or networks of local organizations, and city/state government sources such as juvenile justice or municipal initiatives). Very few resource centers receive individual support or special event revenue.

Research Funding Opportunities

A website which collects available funding opportunities for youth development training and technical assistance resource centers does not exist. The following sites, however, are good sources for direct youth development funding and may be relevant for resource center support as well.

Youth Development Funding

National Youth Development Information Center

<http://www.nydic.org/nydic/funding/index.htm>

This funding section provides current information on youth development funding and grant opportunities as well as tips, awards and scholarships, and links to other resources.

International and Domestic Funding

Institute for Youth Development

<http://www.youthdevelopment.org/articles/federalgrants.htm>

Extensive listing of current international and domestic funding available. Listed chronologically by application due date. Not limited to children and youth.

Federal Support for Youth and Family Programming

National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth

<http://www.ncfy.com/thefeds.htm>

Generic, annotated listing of many federal offices which support youth and families. Quick source of links to federal sites.

HHS 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook

A guide developed by the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives listing 2005 federal funding opportunities for faith-based and community organizations within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It includes information on more than 40 grants in the areas of Community Development, At-Risk Children and Youth, Seniors, Health, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health programs. http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/CFBCI_M0374_GrantNotebook_FINAL.pdf

Funding Sources

Many training and technical assistance resource centers provided a list of their funding sources. Major underwriting support for startup and sustainability are indicated with an asterisk. Note that foundation support is often project-and-geographic-specific, and guidelines and interest areas change over time. Community foundations and United Way commonly underwrite training and technical assistance work.

National

Charles B. Mott Foundation *

W.K. Kellogg Foundation *

The Ford Foundation *

Philip Morris Corporation *

DeWitt Wallace: Reader's Digest Fund*

Edna McConnell Clark Foundation

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Eugene & Agnes Meyer Foundation

Fannie Mae Foundation

The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

The Wallace Foundation

West Coast

The Walter S. Johnson Foundation *

The California Wellness Foundation

S.H. Cowell Foundation

DeWitt Wallace - Reader's Digest Fund, Inc.

East Bay Community Foundation

The Gap Foundation

Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund

Walter and Elise Haas Fund

The Luke B. Hancock Foundation

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

The James Irvine Foundation

The Koret Foundation

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Peninsula Community Foundation

Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation

The San Francisco Foundation

W. Clement & Jessie V. Stone Foundation

Stuart Foundation

Haigh-Scatina Foundation

Midwest

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation *
Lilly Endowment *

Pennsylvania

William Penn Foundation *
United Way of Southeastern PA*

New York

The New York Community Trust *
Open Society Institute
Citygroup Foundation *
Altman Foundation
Lily Auchincloss Foundation, Inc
Booth Ferris Foundation
The Louis Calder Foundation
The Annie E. Casey Foundation
ChevronTexaco Foundation
The Citibank Community Fund
The Clark Foundation
The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation
Ford Foundation
Bernard and Alva Gimbel Foundation
The William T. Grant Foundation
The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc.
Charles Hayden Foundation
William Randolph Hearst Foundations
Institute for Community Peace
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
New Visions for Public Schools
The Philanthropic Collaborative
The Pinkerton Foundation
Daniel and Joanna S. Rose Fund
The Wallace Foundation
WB11 Fund/McCormick Tribune

New England

Pitney Bowes
Tauck Foundation
William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund

Barr Foundation
Hyams Foundation
FleetBoston Financial Foundation
New Hampshire Endowment for Health
Tides Foundation
Gill Foundation
Gamma Mu Foundation
Samara Foundation
Agnus Lindsey Trust Foundation

Boston

(these funders collectively underwrote the start-up and ongoing support of an after-school intermediary)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*
Barr Foundation*
The City of Boston*
The Boston Foundation
Fleet National Bank, Trustee of the
Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation
FleetBoston Financial Foundation
Harvard University
The Hyams Foundation, Inc.
Liberty Mutual Group
Nellie Mae Education Foundation
New Profit Inc.
United Way of Massachusetts Bay
Verizon
Yawkey Foundation II

Federal Government

DHHS, Family and Youth Service Bureau *
Compassion Capitol Fund
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration