

Mid-Continent Public Library

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us>

Although this library doesn't have a web page dedicated specifically to grants, it does have several online resources. They offer the GrantSelect database, with 10,000 funding opportunities from government agencies, nonprofits, corporation foundations, research institutes, state agencies and universities. This database also links to numerous websites about grants and includes a discussion board for users.

Mid-Continent also offers several other databases with information about writing grants and business proposals that can be accessed from home or library. (Reference databases are at www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/reference.)

Over 25 grant writing titles are available for checkout in 30 branches. According to Jan Cosner, Reference Librarian, "We've found that many novices are unsure of the grant writing process, and prefer to seek help from our reference staff. After running through the basic process, we acquaint them with our reference resources and usually send them home with a circulating book about grant writing, such as *The Only Grant Writing Book You'll Ever Need*, by Ellen Karsh. We also recommend that they contact KCSOURCELINK (www.kcsourcelink.com) and the Bloch School of Business at UMKC for additional assistance."

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