

Grant Searching and Writing Resources

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[Grant Writing Presentation Slides](#) - Presentation for the September 8, 2025

Southeast Kansas Museum Alliance monthly meeting.

Grants Available in Southeast Kansas and Statewide

[Community Foundation for Southeast Kansas](#) - The Community Foundation offers a wide range of funding tools to help support churches, schools, nonprofit organizations, and government programs in Southeast Kansas and throughout the United States.

Various grants are available depending on your location

[Independence Area Community Chest](#) - It shall be the purpose and mission of Independence Area Community Chest Inc. to provide a permanent organization to bring together in a united appeal all campaigns of community-accepted health, welfare, and character-building agencies to serve Independence and the surrounding area: **serving Montgomery, Chautauqua, Elk, and Wilson counties.**

[Kansas Historical Society](#) - The Kansas Historical Foundation honors and encourages achievement in Kansas history by individuals through several awards and grants. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) programs. [Research Grants](#), [Preservation Grants](#)

[Humanities Kansas](#) - Humanities projects should draw on our history, literature, and cultures to explore a defined topic and expand our Kansas stories. Projects should draw on history, literature, and culture to engage the public with stories that spark conversations. The humanities must be central to the proposal, and projects must engage the general public, which primarily refers to an adult, out-of-school audience. They offer grants for programming and cultural preservation, as well as specific program grants like TALK and the Speaker's Bureau.

[Kansas Department of Commerce](#) - The Kansas Department of Commerce is committed to helping individuals, businesses, and communities achieve prosperity in Kansas. One of the ways it accomplishes this mission is by providing financial assistance and partnership support to further identified goals. Most grants call for local matches and other required stipulations that vary by project.

[CVR Energy](#) - CVR Energy is a holding company primarily involved in the petroleum refining and marketing of transportation fuels, as well as the manufacturing and marketing of nitrogen fertilizers.

[Kauffman Foundation](#) - The Kauffman Foundation provides access to opportunities that help people achieve financial stability, upward mobility, and economic prosperity – regardless of race, gender, or geography.

[Patterson Family Foundation](#) - The Patterson Family Foundation, based in Kansas City, Missouri, is a family-led foundation that extends the legacy of Neal and Jeanne Patterson. The Foundation's mission, "Working together to help rural communities thrive," is carried forward through strategic grantmaking and other collaborative initiatives that serve rural counties across Kansas and western Missouri.

Searching for Grants

Local Foundations and Corporations – Check with local industries and foundations in your community. Often, corporations will have a foundation page on their website located either in the "about us" menu or at the very bottom of the website in the footer.

[WeKan! Tidbits for community doers & advocates newsletter from the Kansas Sampler Foundation](#) – The WeKan! Tidbits for Community Doers & Advocates newsletter offers information about things happening around the state, but also offers a list of upcoming grants available to Kansas organizations.

[Kansas Grant Watch](#) - Find Out If You Qualify for Verified Grants! Discover your eligibility and access 1,928 verified grants for nonprofits, small businesses, startups, and individuals from trusted foundations and government sources. (Free Search, Paid Access)

[Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#), **Institute for Museum and Library Services** - Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Inspire! has three program objectives: Lifelong Learning, Institutional Capacity, Collections Stewardship, and Access.

[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) - IMLS is committed to advancing, supporting, and empowering America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. In doing so we provide grants to a variety of institutions.

[American Library Association](#) – The American Library Association offers a variety of programming grants in partnership with local libraries.

Candid's Foundation Directory - Candid's Foundation Directory gives you access to the information you need to be smart and strategic with your funding requests. The tools available on Foundation Directory allow you to tap funding opportunities beyond open Requests for Proposals (RFPS) that make up less than 1% of total foundation funding. Digging deeper is critical to your fundraising success. **Nearest access points are the Tulsa City-County Central Library, Wichita Public Library's Advance Learning**

Library, Johnson County Library System, or Missouri Southern State University's Spiva Library.

SAM Number/UIE Number - A SAM number refers to an identifier obtained from SAM.gov, which is the System for Award Management, where entities register to do business with the U.S. federal government. This number is now the Unique Entity ID (UEI), a 12-character alphanumeric code issued by SAM.gov. Entities need a UEI to apply for federal grants,

General Tools/Resources

TechSoup - TechSoup Global is a nonprofit international network of non-governmental organizations that provides technical support and technological tools to other nonprofits. This is a free resource for discounted software, hardware, equipment, training, and more. They offer a discounted special twice a year for Grantstation.

Guidestar - Use GuideStar to look up a nonprofit and access the most complete data available. Easily search 1.8 million IRS-recognized tax-exempt organizations and thousands of faith-based nonprofits. Gather insights on financials, people/leadership, mission, and more!

Google Workspace for Nonprofits – FREE!! Yes, Google Workspace for Nonprofits is free for eligible nonprofit organizations. This free plan provides access to core features of Google Workspace, including Gmail, Drive, Calendar, and more, enabling nonprofits to collaborate and work efficiently. Organizations that require additional features or storage can also access discounted rates on other Google Workspace plans.

The Grantsmanship Center – The Grantsmanship Center's mission is to help private and public nonprofits make better communities. We do that by providing training and publications that help organizations plan solid programs, write logical, compelling grant proposals, secure and manage grants, and create earned income opportunities. We succeed when you succeed at helping those you care about most.

AI Tools

Chat GPT - To use ChatGPT effectively for grant writing, you must provide detailed context about your project and the funding opportunity, and then use it to generate ideas, structure content, draft sections like problem statements and project approaches, and refine language, always critically reviewing and fact-checking its output to ensure accuracy and originality. ChatGPT excels at transforming raw information into more polished text. Still, human expertise is crucial for verifying facts, aligning content with funder priorities, and infusing the proposal with authenticity and unique insights.

Prompt Creator – Ai-Dapt Academy created this GPT and helps users create ChatGPT prompts that provide the most detailed answers possible. It asks you a series of questions to help narrow down your prompt. You can also access it by visiting Ai-Dapt

Academy's Resource page and clicking on "Custom GPT Database" (ai-daptacademy.com/resources).

[Microsoft Copilot](#) - Microsoft Copilot acts as an AI-powered assistant integrated into Microsoft 365 apps and the web to boost productivity and creativity. It helps with tasks like drafting documents in Word, analyzing data in Excel, creating presentations in PowerPoint, summarizing emails in Outlook, and enhancing collaboration in Teams. Copilot uses large language models and the internet or work-related data to provide intelligent suggestions, automate repetitive actions, and generate content, making work easier and more efficient.

[Google Gemini](#) - Google Gemini is a family of multimodal artificial intelligence (AI) models and a conversational AI assistant that can understand and generate text, code, audio, images, and video. It acts as an AI-powered assistant, integrated across Google products, providing help with tasks like writing, brainstorming, and planning, and can also access real-world information through Google Search. Users can interact with Gemini through its website, mobile app, and within Google Workspace apps like Gmail and Docs, using text, voice, and images to get assistance.

[Grammarly](#) - Your big ideas get a breakthrough when you write with Grammarly. Have confidence in every word with real-time help that knows exactly where to look to catch grammar, punctuation, and spelling mistakes. Strengthen your work with insights from subject-matter experts and trusted sources, so your writing stands up to scrutiny. See your work through your audience's eyes and make sure your message is understood the first time.