Good vs. Fundable Ideas

Are your project ideas good enough to get funded?

A Good Idea…
…helps someone and enables improvement;
…advances an important agenda;
…serves a wise and substantial purpose;
…aligns with personal and professional interest and experience;
…creates and maintains something of value;
…involves learning, growth, or progress;
…can have undefined steps and processes;
…can be of any scale;
…can be a unique effort;
…can be an untested concept;
…has substantiated promise to catalyze positive change;
…can be a first time endeavor.

Meanwhile…

A Fundable Idea…
…and addresses the funder’s target audience;
…advances the funder’s agenda and builds on the funder’s giving history or portfolio;
…serves a wise and substantial purpose while doing something innovative like answering a question or addressing a problem in a new and unique way, proving a concept, or demonstrating scalability;
…aligns with funder priorities;
…builds or expands on something of value and has potential for impact beyond a single organization or group of people;
…and measures/analyzes/advances learning, growth and movement toward a goal;
…has a clear path from A to B to C and has specific, timed, measurable steps;
…is scaled by prior experience, expertise, and to a defined cost;
…should be replicable and sustainable;
…should be in line with the proposer’s professional credentials and demonstrated skill-set.

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Developing Competitive Proposals

The Grants Resource Center’s publication, Developing Competitive Proposals, is a good starting point for getting your head around the basic steps for preparing and submitting a grant proposal. The booklet can be downloaded at http://bit.ly/1CrWP8k. Login with the SU username “supa” and password “member.”

March 2015

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

INTERNAL FACULTY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- CFEST Travel, FTCE* Grants
  *Faculty Training and Continued Ed
  Proposals for Travel and FTCE are DUE at noon April 1 and May 1—or until funds are depleted.

EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Center for Rural Pennsylvania
  CRPA has issued its annual announcement of research grant topics of interest for funding in 2016. SU faculty are eligible to apply by submitting a letter of intent for either targeted research or open topics. The deadline for submission of a letter of intent is May 1, 2015. For those who are invited to submit a full proposal, the submission deadline is August 28, 2015.

The Center’s complete Request for Proposals can be downloaded at http://bit.ly/1Ottn3y.

CRPA staff are happy to talk with faculty members interested in submitting a letter of intent prior to official submission—in fact, we recommend a conversation prior to submission, especially for open topics submissions. Call Mary Gelenser at 717-787-9555 or email gelensermk@rural.palegislature.us.

- March GRC “Deadlines” Access the latest Grants Resource Center rfp compilation is online at http://bit.ly/1Ehp2VJ. Access for SU faculty and staff is available through an institutional subscription. Login information: username = supa, password= member.
Tools from InfoEd & the Grants Resource Center

### Funding databases available online

The chart below highlights the various tools included with University-paid subscriptions. If you have any questions, please give IPSSP a call, 717-477-1251. We pay institutional dues for access to these services. In an effort to not subsidize free and unethical use by others, we ask that you do not share this access outside of the institution. Thank you!

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