



Free Grant Research and Writing Workshops at the Leominster Public Library

Through a partnership of the Associated Grant Makers of Massachusetts (AGM), the Leominster Public Library, and the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, a Grant Resource Center has now been established at the library. Non-profits in our area will no longer have to travel into Boston to gain free access and guidance to AGM's premier funder database and expertise in grant research. Additionally, non-profits will receive convenient, free training from AGM staff in both grant research and grant writing at the library. The partners in this project are extremely enthusiastic about the invaluable services this Center will offer to grant seekers in North Central Massachusetts.

We are offering a series of free training workshops in the fall of 2010. Class size is limited so please sign up early. Priority will be given to those who can commit to attending all three workshops.

Register either by emailing ebergman@cwmar.org or by calling 978-534-7522 ext. 114. Please provide your name, email, telephone, organization represented and city/town where located. You will be contacted to confirm your registration.

Class 1: Introduction to Grants Research Wednesday, September 22, 2010 10 am -12 pm

The Introduction to Grants Research Workshop introduces you to the world of Philanthropy. You will discover the wealth of opportunity that exists in terms of foundation grants. We will introduce you to the process of grants research and all that it entails. You will learn how to approach the foundations, and most importantly how not to. Learn how to tell your organization's story for best effect. We will demo several databases (AGM Grant Makers, Foundation Directory Online, and Guidestar) that are critical to finding the right grant maker for your organization. A primary focus of the workshop is to highlight key resources (books, websites, and databases) that will be essential to getting a "Yes" to your grant proposal.

Class 2: Grants Research Databases – An In-Depth Look Wednesday, October 6, 2010 10 am -12 pm

In this workshop we'll take a detailed look at the AGM Grant Makers Databases and the Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online, the two key databases that you will use to do your grants research. Learn how to use your own organization needs for funds to create search strategies.

Class 3: Introduction to Grant Writing Wednesday, October 20, 2010 10 am -12 pm

Learn how to create a winning grant proposal! We'll look at the different types of grant proposals, the typical components of a proposal and the steps in the process. We'll also talk about how you can make the process as efficient as possible – how to get the proposals out and still have time to provide services to the community! A look at sample proposals including AGM's Common Proposal Form, websites and other helpful resources will also be covered.

The workshops will take place in the library's Community Room. For driving directions and parking information, visit www.leominsterlibrary.org.