



INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING



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PROJECT IDEAS

- ❖ Make a list of your needs and wants
- ❖ Know your approximate budget for each project idea (overall budget and if you have matching dollars or can provide in kind services)
- ❖ If you don't have a budget in mind most engineering or small contracting firms will give you a free estimate



RESEARCH

- ❖ Google is your new BFF
- ❖ Grants.gov
- ❖ South Carolina State Library
- ❖ Email lists



EXAMPLES OF FUNDING SOURCES

- ❖ SCDOT (TAP)
- ❖ CDBG
- ❖ SCPRT (RTP, LWCF, PARD)
- ❖ Private Funding Sources
- ❖ Non-Profit Funding



FILE SET UP

- ❖ It's a good idea to have a hard copy of your file as well as an electronic one.
- ❖ Please look to handouts labeled:
 - Filing Guide and Retention Schedule for Grant Files

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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- ❖ You can use this guide before, during, and after a grant application.
- ❖ Please look to handout labeled:
 - 2016 Development Report Template



APPLICATIONS

- ❖ If the funding entity offers any sort of class or workshop make sure to go!
- ❖ Tell your story/Paint your picture with the narrative
- ❖ Give specifics and make your priority match theirs
- ❖ Double check your math
- ❖ Watch your time. Most places won't allow you to turn in an application packet after the hard deadline.



SUCCESS...

- ❖ If you are successful in obtaining funding the real fun starts. Grant and project management!
- ❖ If you are working alone you are not only the writer but now the manager. If you are working within a team make sure each person knows their specific roll in the process.
- ❖ Make sure to have an open line of communication with the funder.

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OR NEXT TIME

❖ If you are not successful in this funding round all is not lost. Reach out to the funder (typically there is a specific contact person/department listed in the grant packet instructions) and ask questions. See what you can improve on or if they wanted another focus. Take notes and adjust your application accordingly for the next funding cycle.

QUESTIONS?

❖ Remember:

- Start with a specific infrastructure project in mind
- Apply to funders that give money towards these types of projects
- Double check your math
- Have project support from people who will benefit from this project
- Make sure everyone knows the roll they will play in managing the project
- It is a very worthwhile feeling seeing your project come to fruition!