

Seeking Grants for Gang Prevention

While the American Recovery Act rolls out and provides much needed economic relief to particular areas, local government spending cuts still abound for educators, community advocates, youth advocates, law enforcement and prevention/intervention specialists. Communities can not afford to take a passive approach to seeking grant money. Gang prevention and intervention proponents must look beyond the traditional funding sources (i.e., gang prevention) to related at-risk areas, such as drop out prevention, juvenile justice prevention, and alcohol and drug abuse prevention, to identify and secure grant funding sources.

Most businesses donate money to the communities in which they are located. You will usually find giving guidelines under community or corporate citizenship on their respective Web sites.

As a starting point for your search, **Section I** below is a listing of corporations and foundations that provide funding to youth, education, and/or justice-related programs.

In **Section II** you'll find government and law enforcement funding streams that make dollars available for suppression efforts as well as prevention and/or intervention that is closely aligned with or led by law enforcement entities.

SECTION I

[Abelard Foundation West](#) - The Foundation is committed to supporting grassroots social change organizations that engage in community organizing.

[American Express](#) - Work through a regional office.

[Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) - Funding for foster care, mental health for urban children, juvenile detention alternatives, etc.

[BellSouth Foundation](#) - Funds programs for developing educators for leadership and encouraging community involvement in education improvement.

[Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#) - Grants do not exceed \$50,000.

The Constitutional Rights Foundation's [Robinson Mini-Grant](#) program awards mini-grants for K-12 service-learning projects designed to address serious community issues.

[California Endowment](#) - The California Endowment awards grants to organizations which support its mission "to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians." Starting in 2010 TCE will focus on place-based strategies. The Endowment recently announced the [places selected](#) for its 10-year strategic initiative. The goal of [Building Healthy Communities](#) is to support the development of healthy communities throughout California.

[California Wellness Foundation](#) - The Foundation's Responsive Grant making Program prioritizes eight issues for funding: [diversity in the health professions](#); [environmental health](#); [healthy aging](#); [mental health](#); [teenage pregnancy prevention](#); [violence prevention](#); [women's health](#); and [work and health](#). The Foundation also responds to timely issues and [special projects](#) related to other health issues. We particularly encourage requests for core operating support.

[Coca-Cola Foundation](#) - Funds programs that raise standards in classroom teaching and learning.

[Coming Up Taller Awards](#) - Annually recognizes and rewards excellence in community arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth.

[Corning, Inc. Foundation](#) - Develops and administers projects in support of educational, cultural, and community organizations.

[Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation](#) - Funds programs that provide a direct service to economically and socially disadvantaged youth and their families, at-risk or troubled youth, and individuals with special needs.

[Dollar General Stores](#) - Grants up to \$20,000. Funding for literacy and youth development - Click on "Community Initiatives" link.

The [eSchool News School Funding Center](#) has up-to-the minute grant programs, funding sources, and technology funding.

[Exxon Mobil Corporation](#)

[Families and Work Institute](#)

[Gannett Foundation](#) - There must be a Gannett newspaper or television station in your community.

[Graffiti Hurts](#) - The Graffiti Hurts® National Grant Program is offering \$2,500 each to three communities to help kick-start or add to a local graffiti prevention program

[Handspring Foundation](#) - Focuses on supporting nonprofit organizations or international equivalents that help at-risk children and youth.

[Hasbro Children's Fund](#) - Funds programs that improve the quality of life for children from birth to 12 years old, and playgrounds for children. Proposal length: 3-5 pages maximum.

[Hearst Foundation](#) - The Hearst Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that address important issues within major areas of interests - education, health, culture, and social service - and that primarily serve large demographic and/or geographic constituencies.

[William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#) - Funds education, performing arts, population, environment, conflict resolution, family, and community development.

[International Paper Foundation](#) - Grants range from \$1,000-\$10,000.

The [A.L. Mailman Family Foundation](#) funds early care, healthy development of children, moral responsibility of children, etc.

[Major League Baseball](#) (MLB) - Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose a team from "jump to official club site" list. Then, click on "Community Outreach" link.

[Metropolitan \(MetLife\)](#) - Funds health, education, civic affairs, and cultural programs. Click on "corporate citizenship" link.

[National Basketball Association](#) (NBA)

[National Football League](#) (NFL)

[National Hockey League](#) (NHL)

[Open Meadows](#) - Funds programs targeting women and girls.

[Oracle Help Us Help Foundation](#) - A nonprofit organization that assists K-12 public schools and youth organizations in economically challenged communities through grants of computer equipment and software.

[Public Welfare Foundation](#) - Funds efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need. Seek to make a difference in bringing about systemic changes that can improve the lives of countless people. Have a funding focus on criminal and juvenile justice.

[Quaker Oats Foundation](#) - Funds programs that encourage low-income students to stay in school. Click on "Community" at the top of the page.

[Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#)

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides grants for projects in the United States and U.S. territories that advance our mission to improve the health and health care of all Americans.

[Walter S. Johnson Foundation](#) - Funds programs that seek to help underserved youth, ages 14-24, to make successful transitions to adulthood. Specific initiative for [San Joaquin Valley](#)

[William E. Simon Foundation](#) - Funds program that assist the needy by providing the means for the needy to support themselves.

[Sempra Utilities](#) - The Sempra Energy family of companies funds programs that support the environment; education & leadership development; emergency preparedness & safety; and economic, community and

business development through partnerships with local chambers, economic development councils and industry associations.

[Southern Poverty Law Center](#) - Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to K-12 teachers from the Teaching Tolerance Project.

[Sprint Foundation](#)

[SUPERVALU](#) - Funds hunger and nutrition related areas.

[Target Stores Foundation](#) - Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "Community Giving" under the "Company" heading.

[Tiger Woods Foundation](#) - Funds parenting, youth development, children and family health and welfare.

[UPS Foundation](#) - Funds academic research, human welfare, educational programs, etc.

[Verizon Foundation](#) - Eligible groups for the grant must focus on technology applications.

[The Wallace Foundation](#)

[Women's National Basketball Association](#) (WNBA)

[Youth Service America](#) - Funds varies grants/programs/scholarships related to service learning and youth development

SECTION II

[California Emergency Management Agency \(Cal-EMA\)](#) - Crime and Gangs Branch, Gang Violence Prevention provides resources, grants, and information on state programs to address gangs and gang violence.

[US Department of Justice](#) - Office of Justice Programs lists available federal solicitations from Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Bureau of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Office of Victims Crimes and others

[US DOJ - Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) - The COPS Office distributes funding through a wide range of programs, both as grants and cooperative agreements.

[Safe State](#) - lists available funding sources (government and private) for California entities focusing on gang violence prevention and related areas

[OJJDP - National Training & Technical Assistance Center \(NATTAC\)](#) - Provides information on technical assistance and training available to communities as well as formula and competitive federal grants for juvenile related programs.

[National Criminal Justice Reference Center](#) - On this page, you can identify funding opportunities and learn about the Federal Government funding process.

Your suggestions needed - while going after grant money can be competitive often times a grant opportunity may not be the right fit for your community or funders have provided dollars to you in the past and are looking for a new area or project to fund. The ability to share information on the multitude of funding opportunities for collaborative or indirect purposes can be powerful. If there are funding agencies that you know of, not reflected on this list please email them to NeverGiveUp@co.fresno.ca.us with [Funding] in the subject line. We would like to share them with our readers.