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GROW YOUR G.R.A.N.T.

5 Quick Tips for a Successful Grant Application

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GET into the heads and hearts

- **HEAD PEOPLE**

- Analytical people who want the **data/facts/stats**
- Use data and best practices to convey your message
- Use real numbers or percentages to show quantitative impact
- Do not leave anything up for assumption

- **HEART PEOPLE**

- Empaths who want to hear **stories of impact**
- Give real life examples of your work in action
- Explain the situation before your organization intervened and what is it now to show qualitative impact
- Paint a complete picture of the organization's value proposition

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REVIEW past performance

- **WHAT GRANTS HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR?**
 - How much funding did you apply for?
 - How much funding did you receive?
- **DO YOU HAVE A STRONG GRANT WRITER?**
 - Does this person work for or volunteer regularly with your organization?
 - Do they understand the innerworkings of the organization?
- **DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME?**
 - Did you give yourself at least one month to work on each grant application?

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APPLY for grants that best fit your organization

- **WHO IS THE FUNDER?**
 - What type of funder are they?
 - Foundation? Corporate? Government?
 - **WHAT ARE THEIR FUNDING PRIORITIES?**
 - What types of organizations have they funded in the past?
 - What types of organizations have they funded repeatedly?
 - **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**
 - Much like resumes and cover letters, each grant application you submit should be different
 - All funders are not the same, so all of your grant applications should not be the same
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NETWORK with funders throughout the year

- **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

- The funder should know of your organization prior to submitting a grant application
- Before the next application deadline, connect with the funder so you don't miss out on the next opportunity
- Get an understanding of how often they fund
- Ask whether they have funding opportunities outside of their grant cycle

- **REVIEW PARTNERSHIPS**

- Recognize anyone? Get a referral!
- Don't see an organization like yours? Reach out!

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TEST before you submit

- **BE OBJECTIVE**

- Are you too in the weeds?
- Was it written with the appropriate audience in mind?
 - Trained grants committee vs community members
- Did you use words most would understand?
- Did you explain acronyms, technical terms and language?

- **TEAM REVIEW**

- Have multiple people who work for or serve the organization review each application
- Ask your board's fundraising committee to review!

- **EXTERNAL REVIEW**

- Have a trusted contact review the application
 - What questions do they have?
 - Would they want to invest in your organization?
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RECAP



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ABOUT ME

I am a grant editor (versus a grant writer)

I **help** nonprofits write **strong** grant applications so they have a **better** chance of **securing grant funding**

11 Years of Experience:

- Raised money for multi-million dollar regional and international nonprofits
 - Funded dozens of nonprofits
 - Reviewed hundreds of scholarship applications
 - Storyteller for marketing agency
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Interested?

Let's work together!

Opportunity	Six Month Engagement	Three Month Engagement	One Month Engagement
# Past Grant Application Review	5	3	1
# Grant Alignment Evaluations	12	5	1
# Current Grant Application Review	Unlimited	1	
# Sessions Grant Coaching and Consulting	2 x month	1 x month	
INVESTMENT	\$9,000	\$4,500	\$2,000

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