

GrantSelect is the online version of the GRANTS Database which identifies approximately 10,000 public and private programs provided by more than 4,000 sponsoring organizations that disperse grant dollars. Funding opportunities range from pure research grants to arts programs, biomedical and health care research, community services programs, children and youth programs, K-12 education funding, international programs, and operating grants for nonprofit organizations. Each record includes contact information, sponsor name and address, subject terms for related searches, and the type of sponsor (federal agency, foundation, research institute, etc.).

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)
Click: **Research and Learning**
Click: **Research Tools**
Click: **Grants (or View All Databases Alphabetically)**
Click: **GrantSelect**
Click: **Inside the Library** OR **Home Access**

★ To begin a new search after each question below, click *Search* on the left side of the screen.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

1. I'm looking for organizations that give grants for library science education in South Carolina.

- ☐ Click the *Search* link at the left of the screen.
- ☐ In the *Geographic Location* box, select *South Carolina* from the dropdown menu.
- ☐ In the *Subject Headings* list, select *Library Science Education*.
- ☐ Click the *Search* button.
- ☐ Matches will be displayed in groups of 10. To advance to the next group of 10, click *More Matches* at the bottom of the screen. The name of each organization listed is a link which can be clicked for the full record.

Note: if the *Geographic Location* box is left blank, a larger number of matches will be retrieved, but South Carolinians would be eligible for only some, not all, of them. Specifying the location makes a more efficient search.

2. I work for an animal shelter and want to apply to as many organizations as possible for grants.

- ☐ At the *Search* screen, hold down the **Control** key, and click (select) *Animal Care*, *Animal Rights* and *Animals as Pets* from the *Subject Headings* scroll down menu.
- ☐ Click the *Search* button.
- ☐ A list of organizations making grants in these areas will be displayed. Note: Choosing several related *Subject Heading* throws a wider search net.

3. I notice that the *GrantSelect Subject Headings* include 'Catholic Church', 'Methodist Church' and 'Presbyterian Church', but I want to see grants by or about the Unitarian Church, which isn't listed. How can I do this?

- ☐ At the *Search* page, type 'unitarian' in the *Enter One or More Keywords* box.
- ☐ Click the *Search* button.

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- ☐ The search will retrieve a list of organizations in which the word 'unitarian' will appear at least once in the body of the full record. Note: when searching by keyword(s) it is important to try variations of a term; for example, 'hindu' and 'hinduism' will retrieve different matches in **GrantSelect**).

4. Are there any foundations or other organizations that fund research on airline safety?

- ☐ At the Search page, hold down the **Control** key and select *Accidents*, *Airplanes* and *Aviation* from the *Subject Headings* box. (Other combinations are possible, for example, *Aviation* and *Safety*).
- ☐ Click the *Search* button.
- ☐ A list of matches will be retrieved.

5. In addition to the private sources listed by GrantSelect, are there any government sources a grant seeker should know about?

- ☐ At the *Home (Welcome)* page, there is a *Helpful Links* heading. Scrolling through this will reveal *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*, *Federal Register*, *FedWorld Information Network* and other public and private sources of information for the grant seeker.