Research Brief

Grants for Alternative Programs.

Questions: What are sources for grants?
What are some resources to help with writing grants?

Summary of Findings: There seem to be no grants directly geared toward alternative programs (although the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has an interest in funding projects focusing on reforming high schools). This should not be a deterrent, however, as there are plenty of funding sources interested in projects and activities which would support an alternative education program. Below are sites that will lead to collections of potential funding sources, grant writing tips, and other resources.

Online Resources:

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is building upon the unprecedented opportunities of the 21st century to improve equity in global health and learning. They currently have a special interest in restructuring high schools.
http://www.gatesfoundation.org/default.htm

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
The online Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance gives you access to a database of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally -recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.
http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html

Yahoo Directory of Education Grants
Extensive listing of educational grants
http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Financial_Aid/Grants/

Teachers Network
Teachers Network is a nationwide, non-profit education organization that identifies and connects innovative teachers exemplifying professionalism and creativity within public school systems. Over 40,000 public school teachers have received Teachers Network grants and fellowships in the areas of curriculum, leadership, policy, and new media.
http://www.teachnet.org/grantsbbs/default.htm

WWW Focus On Fundraising
A list of grants and grant writing resources from World of Websites, an inactive project of the National Writing Project. World of Websites serve to organize information in a way that they hope is useful to teachers and learners.

http://www.geocities.com/world_of_websites/archive/fundraising.html

Fundsnet.com
Extensive list of grant and fundraising opportunities. Fundsnet Online Services, a comprehensive
site, is a privately owned Web site created in 1996 for the purpose of providing Nonprofit
Organizations, Colleges and Universities with information on financial resources available on the
Internet.
http://www.fundsnetservices.com/Default.htm

Fellowship, Grant, and Study Opportunities for Teachers
Compiled by the Center for the Liberal Arts at the University of Virginia.
http://www.virginia.edu/cla/othfellw.htm

List of Grant Funders from Polaris Grant Central
http://www.polarisgrantscentral.net/funders.html

Online Resources for Grant Writers:

Debunking Some Myths About Grant Writing
By Kenneth T. Henson
Chronicle of Higher Education; June 26, 2003
http://chronicle.com/jobs/2003/06/2003062601c.htm

What To Do Before You Write A Grant Proposal
http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/grants/first.html

Finding Federal Dollars: Grant Writing Tips
Grant writing can be overwhelming when you get started. These sites offer some tips that may
help you. Even though the sites are specific to the agencies that sponsor them, they can offer you
general information, which can be applied to writing any grant.
http://www.afterschool.gov/feddollar6.html

Grant Writing Tools Web Sites
A listing of free online resources that may be helpful in the preparation of grant applications. From
the Internet Nonprofit Center.
http://www.nonprofits.org/npofaq/19/64.html

Developing And Writing Grant Proposals
Tips from the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.
http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GRANT_PROPOSAL_DYN.show

SchoolGrants
SchoolGrants was created in 1999 as a way to share grant information with PK-12 educators.
Grant writing can be intimidating to those who are new at it. SchoolGrants helps ease those fears

http://www.educationpartnerships.org/

by providing online tips to those who need them. Finding suitable grant opportunities requires a great deal of time and research - SchoolGrants reduces the effort by listing a variety of opportunities available to public and private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools and districts across the United States.
http://www.schoolgrants.org/index.htm

Grantwriters.com
As a service to local governments, community-based and non-profit organizations, we are pleased to offer this unique web site for grant and proposal writers. This site is organized into four parts: *free information* about what's hot and new in the grant writing world; *the bookstore*--your source for the best in grant writing materials including books, guides and diskettes loaded with sample documents; *training* including open workshops, on-site programs, and web-based instruction; plus *services* from generating the first idea to providing a customized *funding source report.*
http://www.grantwriters.com/

Grant Proposal.com
This site addresses grant funding for nonprofit organizations. It is devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.
http://www.grantproposal.com/

Grant Writing Links from EduPlace
http://www.eduplace.com/grants/help/links.html

Grant Proposal Writing & Other Resources
Here are links to sites that will help you write better proposals. Many proposals, while sharing some common elements, still will differ from other proposals in some way and thus it's helpful to know what different authors believe constitutes a strong proposal. Also, it's frequently helpful to read how different authors approach the same topic. In addition to grant writing help, a number of these sites also include other helpful resources.
http://www.usd259.com/grants/writing.html

Grants Central Station
A grants and development services web site from the Wichita Public Schools. Here you will find links to many sources of information about grants and grant writing.
http://www.usd259.com/grants/index.html

Grant Writing
Learn all about how to write effective and powerful grant proposals. Also, find out what grants are available.
http://712educators.about.com/od/grantwriting/

Grants and Grant Writing from Eduscapes
http://www.eduscapes.com/tap/topic94.htm

Grantwriting Tips and Hints from Polaris Grant Central
Here are some tips and hints for both experienced and novice grant seekers. Just click on a topic and read the articles. These are added to and up-dated regularly, so visit us often.
http://www.polarisgrantscentral.net/tips.html

http://www.educationpartnerships.org/

Grant Seeker's Resources from Polaris Grant Central
http://www.polarisgrantscentral.net/resources.html

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