



Dear Colleague,

Identifying and applying for federal grants is a time consuming and complex process. To assist you in this process, I have enclosed some resources from my office and the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

The first step in this process is searching for potential grant opportunities. I encourage you to utilize the following free databases to research potential federal grant opportunities:

- **Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance – CFDA.Gov:** This database provides a full listing of all of the federal assistance programs that are available to states, local municipalities, non-profit organizations and other domestic entities.
- **Grants.Gov:** This database provides a listing of all federal grant opportunities that are currently active and soliciting applications/proposals.
- **USASpending.Gov:** This database provides information on grants and other federal financial assistance that have been previously awarded and allows grant-seekers to see the types of organizations and projects that have been awarded funding under specific grant programs.
- Also enclosed are copies of the CRS reports: “Federal Grants in Aid Administration” and “Resources for Grant Seekers,” which contain further information on federal and private grant funding.

After identifying an active federal grant program, you must then develop and submit a formal application or proposal for the grant. The enclosed CRS report “How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal” provides tips on developing and submitting competitive grant proposals.

If you decide to pursue a federal grant opportunity, my office can often assist you by providing a letter of support for your application and/or liaising with the relevant federal agency to answer questions or receive clarification about the grant program. Please submit the enclosed “Letter of Support Request Form” to request a support letter for your application.

Lastly, I encourage you to contact your New York State Senator and Assemblyperson to discuss potential funding opportunities through the New York State government.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Syracuse District office at 315-423-5657. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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