

Nonprofit and Grantseeking Workshops at Main Library

Presented by the **Akron-Summit County Public Library** in cooperation with **The Foundation Center-Cleveland** and **BVU**.

The following programs are free and will be held at **Main Library in Meeting Room 2 AB**.

Registration is requested for *each* program.

Is Starting a Nonprofit Right for You?

Thursday, March 7, 10 am - 12 pm

Do you have a passion for doing good? Are you thinking of starting a nonprofit? Attend our free class and explore if starting a nonprofit is the right course of action.

You will learn:

- What is a nonprofit organization and what are the advantages and disadvantages of forming one
- Steps required in starting a nonprofit
- Alternatives to starting a nonprofit
- Common misconceptions about starting a nonprofit

Introduction to Fundraising Planning

Thursday, April 11, 10 am - 12 pm

Learn a basic planning process for diversifying your organization's support. A successful nonprofit organization has diversified funding streams. If your organization has never developed a fundraising plan or calendar, this session is for you. It provides an overview of the process of strategically thinking through the components of a fundraising plan. You'll learn how to:

- Take stock of your organization's strengths and assets
- Develop a case statement
- Set fundraising goals
- Identify funding partners
- Prepare a fundraising plan and calendar

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Introduction to Finding Grants

Thursday, May 9, 10 am - 12 pm

Are you new to the field of grant seeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this introductory course. You will learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants, including:

- Who funds nonprofits and what are their motivations
- What funders really want to know about the organizations they are interested in funding
- How to identify potential funders and make the first approach

In-person classes will end with 30 minutes of hands-on, guided online grant research. It is advisable, but not necessary, to bring a laptop/tablet for this portion of the class.

Introduction to Proposal Writing and Budgeting

Thursday, June 6, 10 am - 12 pm

Are you new to proposal writing or want a quick refresher? If so, you don't want to miss one of our most popular classes! This class will provide you with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. It will include:

- The basic elements of a proposal
- The "do's" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal
- The basic components of a project budget including income and expenses
- How to estimate the realistic cost of a project
- What other financial documents you may also need to submit with your proposal
- How to follow up whether the answer is yes or no

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