

## Succeeding with Financial Assistance



**Search** for funding opportunities that match your mission and projects. Check local and state websites. All Federal opportunities will be posted on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).



**Select** funding opportunities that align with your objectives. You may wish to adjust your project to better meet the objectives of the funding opportunity.

When you find a match, begin the application process.



**Prepare** your proposal. Read instructions carefully. Get information—for example, Reclamation experts can help you determine cultural and environmental requirements.

Clearly demonstrate, with evidence, how your project meets the evaluation criteria.



**Submit** your application. Complete any mandatory forms, and the application package. Make sure that you have met any special registration requirements well in advance of the deadline.



If your project is accepted, the awarding agency will work with you on pre-award requirements.



**Begin work** on the project.

The agency will set up a reporting process and requirements for onsite visits, etc. Provide interim reports for both the finances and the work accomplished.



Once your project is complete, **prepare and submit** final reports, demonstrating all the good work you did.