

Funding Resource Kit



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¹ Chris Grantham, *Bits of the Kiwi Bible* (Penguin Books) 9

Introduction

Funding! For most of us it is a necessary evil; I don't know anyone who loves filling out applications to groups that may or may not give us any money. It seems that money is harder and harder for the church to get from secular funders. Raising money can seem like taking a walk in the dark, through the belly of a snake, to who knows where.

Should we bother at all?

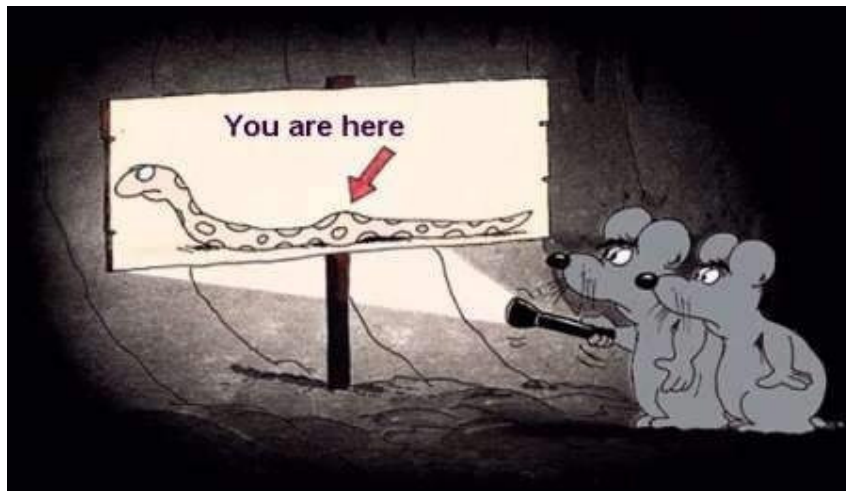
The answer is a clear and resounding "Yes!"

There are ways to take much of the hard work out of funding applications. A little preparation can make all the difference to the amount of work we have to put in for each application. Better still, good preparation is likely to increase the amount of money we may get from funders.

The aim of this Kit is to take the pain out of funding applications. We'll look at some simple systems to set up and maintain, where to apply, what you'll need to make your application, and include some suggestions of where to apply to for what.

I have used a folder to hold this Funding Resource Kit. This means it will be easy to update individual sections should that be needed.

You will notice there are four Chapters and five Dividers. That is so you can gather and store your own resources in the fifth section.



Hope this Funding Resource Kit helps!