

Resources from my Congressional Grants Conference 2005

On October 24, 2005, my office hosted our first-ever Congressional Grants Conference. I want to thank all of our over 300 attendees for participating in what I feel will always be an important cause. Although I was not able to attend the event, due to my responsibilities in Washington, I am very pleased it was such a productive opportunity for local services in our region.

Because we have the same responsibility to serve the community, I strongly value my working relationship with the nonprofits and local government agencies in my Congressional District. I want to do everything I can to support local groups as they search for funding, grant applications, and award management.

This is an important time for grant seekers. With budget crises facing California and the country, established services in the community and programs run by local government agencies are being asked to do more with less money. I hope here, on my website, you will find helpful resources to learn more about the opportunities available and the work our local service agencies are doing to serve the community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the panelists and resource fair participants who helped make our Congressional Grants Conference possible. I truly appreciate their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to share their knowledge and resources with conference attendees-this contribution helped make the Conference a success.

Sincerely,

Ellen O. Tauscher

Member of Congress

Agenda from the Grants Conference

October 24th,
2005

Pleasant
Hill Recreation Center

Pleasant
Hill, CA

9:30-10:15
Registration

10:15-10:30 Welcome and overview of
Congresswoman Tauscher's services for grant seekers

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Jennifer Barton,
District Director for Congresswoman Ellen O. Tauscher

10:30-11:00
Building Blocks of Government Grants

Types of government funding available,

grant researching strategies, and resources

- Remy Goldsmith,
Field Representative for Congresswoman Ellen O. Tauscher

11:00-Noon
Government Grants Panel

- Thomas Kring, Division
Director, San Francisco Regional Division of Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA), Office of Performance Review, US Dept of Health and Human Services
- Diane Matsuda,
Executive Officer, State of California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE)
- Bob Calkins,
Manager, Contra Costa County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- Anita Addison,
Director of Planning, La Clínica de la Raza

Moderated by Larry Sly, Executive
Director, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

12:00-1:00 Lunch
and Resource Fair (Boxed Lunch Provided)

Representatives from local technical assistance agencies and government departments will be

available to provide information about their services

1:00-1:30 Tips
on Grant Writing

- Scott Hassler,
Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, John F. Kennedy University

1:30-2:30
Alternatives to Government Awards: Private Funders

- Matt Lonner,
Manager of Government and Public Affairs for Northern California, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, Chevron Corporation

- Brent Harris,
Interim Program Officer and Fellow, Philanthropy and Regional Grants Programs, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

- Jennifer A. Webber,
Director of Public Affairs, Safeway Northern California Division

- Ron Rowell,
Program Officer for Social Justice, San Francisco Foundation

Moderated by Eric McDonnell, Chief
Investment Officer, Education & Safe Communities, United Way of the Bay Area

2:30
Close

Additional Grant Resources

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Panelist & Presenter Bios

- Overview of Congresswoman Tauscher's Grants Program Services

- Building Blocks of Government Grants (Powerpoint presentation)

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Tips on Grant Writing (a Powerpoint presentation by Dr. Scott Hassler, Director, Office of Grants and Contracts, John F. Kennedy University)