

Foundation Directory Online: Grantmaker Sample Searches

What is Foundation Directory Online?: A comprehensive electronic directory of private foundations in the U.S. Also includes some major corporate giving programs, a grants index and access to 990 PF tax information.

How do I get to Foundation Directory Online?:

Option #1: At the Library homepage, search for “Foundation Directory Online Professional” in the Library catalog MARQCAT.

Option #2: At the Library homepage, click on the tab called *Articles & Databases* in the yellow box. From the drop down menu, find and click on “Foundation & Nonprofit Research.” Choose from the menu.

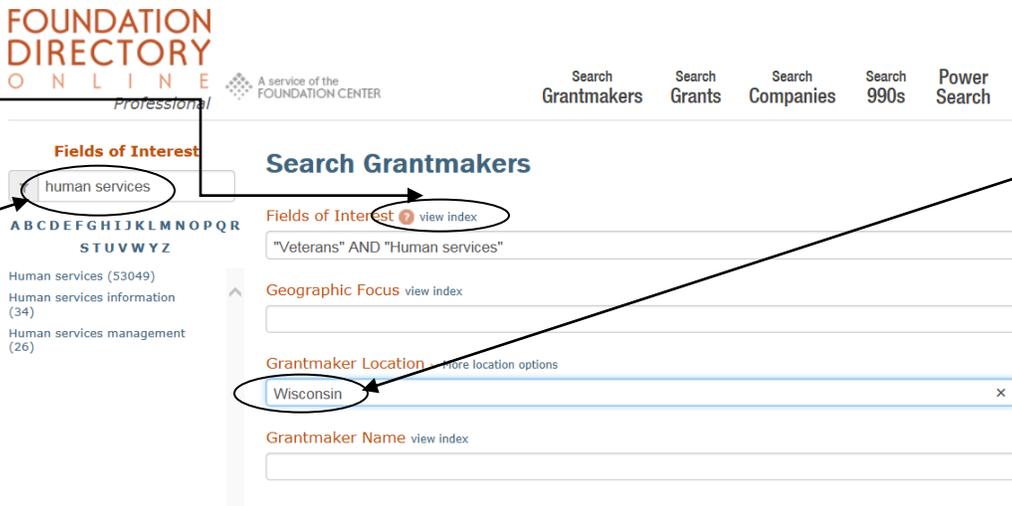
Type of search: Once Foundation Directory Online is open, you have the option of searching by Grantmaker, Company, Grants or 990 tax returns. We’ll look at “Search Grantmakers.” Just click on the tab.



Sample Search #1: You are a development director of a non-profit that deals with services for veterans. Use the Grantmaker search to identify grantmakers in the state of Wisconsin whose fields of interest include veterans as well as human services.

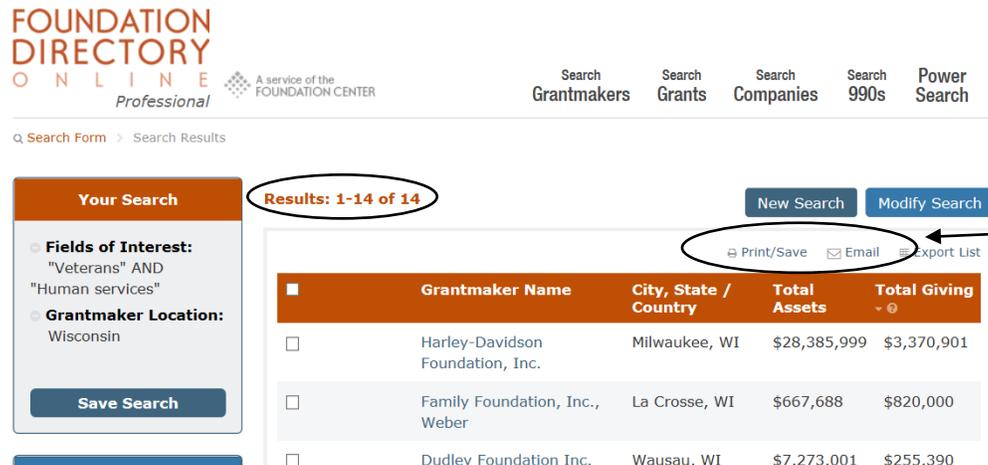
Click “Fields of Interest” index to search the terms for this field.

Type words that describe your mission or services. Matching search terms will appear below. Click on search term to add it to your search



Note: “Grantmaker location” = residence of grantmaker (Different than: “Geographic Focus” which names a place of interest to grantmaker —may or may not be the same as grantmaker state.)

Once you have chosen your search terms, click on ‘Search’ to see results like those below.



Notice that you can print, save, or email any of the 14 records.

Sample Search #2: You are a fundraiser for a general hospital in Wisconsin and need to secure grants in order to renovate the second floor of the facility. You are looking for both state and national foundations. You **do not** want to view profiles of grantmakers who do not accept applications.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Grantmakers' interface. On the left, there is a 'Fields of Interest' section with a search box containing 'hospital' and a list of categories: Children's hospital care (1679), Hospital care (8751), and Specialty hospital care (1331). The main search area includes several filters: 'Fields of Interest' (with 'Hospital care' entered), 'Geographic Focus' (with 'Wisconsin OR National' entered), 'Grantmaker Location' (with a placeholder for country/state/province, etc.), 'Grantmaker Name', 'Keyword Search', 'Include Government Grantmakers' (checked), 'EIN / BRIDGE Number', 'Support Strategy' (with 'Building and renovations' entered), 'Transaction Type', 'Trustees, Officers, and Donors', 'Type of Grantmaker', and 'Total Giving' (with 'From' and 'To' fields). At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Exclude grantmakers not accepting applications' which is checked. Two callout boxes are present: one on the right explaining 'Geographic Focus' and one on the bottom left explaining the 'Exclude grantmakers not accepting applications' checkbox.

Note:
“Geographic Focus” = a location of interest to grantmaker (May or may not be the same as a *“Grantmaker location”* which identifies the residence of grantmaker.)

Check this box to exclude grantmakers who do not accept applications.

Search Tips:

1. Use the Boolean operator “AND” to narrow your search (ex. “Children and Youth Services **AND** Health Care” in the Fields of Interest will only bring up records where both concepts are present.)
2. Use the Boolean operator “OR” to expand your search (ex. “Wisconsin **OR** National” in the Geographic Focus will bring up both Wisconsin as well as National foundations.)
3. Use the Boolean operator “NOT” to exclude words or phrases (ex. “Arts **NOT** Culture” in the Keyword Search will retrieve grantmaker records containing arts and exclude those containing culture.)
4. Use the Keyword Search if you do not find your search terms in the Fields of Interest Search