

SPECIAL ITEM: GRANTS; FINDING THEM

TO START, GROW, OR RECOVER.

As many businesses know, there are thousands of no-cost grants available for the businesses which seek them out. Funds ranging from thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars are available if you develop the knack.

Your Cedar Rapids area SCORE[®] chapter is happy to make you aware of a couple sources to explore. In some cases, we can also help you learn how to succeed in securing grants. It never hurts to give us a call.

One of the best ways to begin your exploration of this topic is with a visit to the grand-daddy government grant sites: www.grants.gov or click image:



SOURCES OF GRANTS

Federal: <http://www.grants.gov> above

The website provides access to all Federal agencies that have grant programs.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN IOWA:



Iowa Economic Development – Entrepreneurial Assistance – General:

http://www.iowalifechanging.com/business/startup_assistance.aspx

Targeted Small Business Development Fund:

<http://www.iowalifechanging.com/Business/tsb.aspx>

Iowa Small Business Loan Program:



<http://www.isbloan.org/>

SCORE[®] East Central Iowa has assembled this brief tip sheet on the location of possible grants. SCORE does not have access to nor do we provide detailed grant information. The sources are too numerous to track. Individuals are encouraged to research if a grant is sought.

GET FREE HELP IN BUSINESS as you begin to seek out alternative funding:

- **SCORE EAST CENTRAL IOWA:**
Including Benton, Cedar, Jones & Linn Counties.
IT'S ABSOLUTELY FREE. We help as long as you feel it necessary.
Call 319-362-6405 ext 2005 or:
- **NATIONALLY:** <http://www.score.org/> or call **1-800/634-0245**
- **GREAT READING :** <http://www.score.org/readingroom.html>

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