# Write (And Get!) That Grant









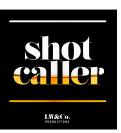
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#### Supporting your podcast

Advertising isn't the only way to fund your work. Let's talk about:

- Foundations that award grants to journalism & media
- How to apply for them







#### The Application Process

- Sometimes, you're applying before you even know it, through talking to people who may know people. But don't use people for their contacts.
- Repeat contact, even if it's brief, goes a long way.







### Getting Started

#### TIMING IS EVERYTHING.

- Make a plan months in advance of the due date with a schedule for completing each step.
- Set calendar reminders to keep you on task.







## Letter of Inquiry vs. Full Proposal

- Also known as a Concept Paper vs. Application
- When do you submit each and what do they contain?







## Write a Compelling Narrative

- Must answer: Why you? Why now? How?
- Talk to your audience: anecdotes and voice (just good writing in general)







#### The Budget & Timeline

- How, when, and with whom will the project get out into the world?
- Be as detailed as possible. Better to overestimate than underestimate.
- Fiscal sponsors.







#### Grants for Journalism

- Park Foundation
  - Funds investigative journalism & public broadcasting
- Open Society Foundations (Soros)
  - Funds organizations (and some fellows) that support democracy

- Ford Foundation <u>Creativity & Free Expression</u>
  - Under "Challenging Inequality" arm, funds investigative journalism
- Jonathan Logan Family Fdtn
  - Social justice thru
     investigative reporting incl.
     Making Gay History, Reveal







#### Grants for Fiction & Stories

- National Endowment for the Humanities - <u>Media Production</u> <u>Projects</u>
  - funds radio/podcast productions about the humanities, incl. WNYC & PRI/PRX

- NEA Art Works
  - Artistic projects
     celebrating creativity
     and cultural heritage







#### Grants that Fund Public Media

- <u>Sloan Foundation</u> Public Understanding Grants
  - funds PRX, NPR, Radiolab, science/tech/economics
- The Wyncote Foundation
  - funds public media, journalism & culture organizations

- <u>Latino Public Broadcasting</u>
   Public Media Content Fund
  - Funds productions with Latinx leadership for a pub media audience, can be narrative or cultural documentary







#### Grants for Social Justice

- Arts for Justice Fund
  - Criminal justice reform
  - Applications by invitation only
- Media Democracy Fund
  - Funds advocacy efforts

     around access to free
     communication (esp for underrepresented groups)

- Wallace Global Fund New Media
  - Global or national 501(c)3
     internet & new media
     initiatives promoting
     engaged citizenry,
     activism, culture change
     through storytelling







#### Grants for Multimedia

- Ford Foundation <u>JustFilms</u>
  - Independent film & new media using storytelling for social justice
- The Compton Foundation
  - Storytelling for climate change, peace/nat'l security, & reproductive justice.

- Open Media Foundation
  - 1-to-1 matching services grants for video, web, or branding
  - Mostly for nonprofit & public sector orgs







#### Incubator & Training Programs

- PRX/Google Podcast Creator
  - Train & support underrepresented voices in podcasting
- Spotify Sound Up Bootcamp
  - Week-long training for female podcasters of color
  - Recent UK edition too!

- AIR's <u>Full Spectrum</u>
  - Week-long audio training, scholarships available
- AIR's <u>New Voices</u> at Third Coast:
  - workshops & mentorships
- NPR Training StoryLab
  - Incubator for pubmedia journalists (& some indies)







#### After You Submit

CONGRATS! NOW TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

TAKE A LONG NAP. Go for a walk. Take the weekend off. Connect with loved ones.







## Some final inspiration...











Articles

#### To write a grant, I was both brave and naive: Here are five things I learned.

AIR August 27, 2018



August 27, 2018—Editor's Note: Juleyka Lantigua-Williams is the founder and CEO of Lantigua Williams & Co., a podcast network whose original shows include 70 Million, Latina to Latina, Democracy in Color, and Shot Caller. 70 Million premiers August 27, 2018. The network's new show, Key Conversations with Phi Beta Kappa, will premiere September 10, 2018.

Shortly after starting her production company, she took another leap of faith by applying for a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. Read on for her top five tips on getting that grant.

#### Tags

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grant writ	ing g	rants	How I Made It
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#### Recommended

Reading List: Seven About Podcasting

Public Media Scan: Mostly Safe for Work

Public Media Scan: 74 Haunting Seconds

<u>airmedia.org/brave-</u> <u>and-naive/</u>

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