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Working with GrantConnect

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1 About Grant Connect

Grant Connect is a website that offers information on thousands companies, foundations and organizations that offer grants, scholarships and bursaries. You can use Grant Connect to look for support for your own organization, look at who in similar to you and where they have gotten funding from and how to get in contact with these organizations. The website content is constantly being updated to make sure that you get the highest quality and quantity of information about funders.

Grant Connect, formerly called the "Canadian Directory to Foundations & Corporations," was launched in1966 and has been helping the philanthropic community for fifty years. You can register for their free monthly enewsletter to keep up to date on all their features and improvements in the works.

2 Software

Grant Connect is available EXCLUSIVELY on browsers on a public library computer or using the public library internet. You cannot access Grant Connect on a computer at home.

3 Your Account

Unlike many of the other resources offered by the library, your account is the PeaceLS account. You don't create any account for yourself and cannot save any of the information you find to an account.

4 Browse & Search

There are a handful of ways to look through Grant Connect and it depends on how comfortable and experienced you are looking for funding and funders. You can access all of these features from your "Dashboard."

4.1 Quick Lookup

On the lower left of the page, type in a funder name or charitable business number if you know a company or charity that is in Grant Connect's catalogue. This is a good tool if you already have an idea of what funder you are looking for.

4.2 Recently Updated Listings

On the lower right you will see a list of 7 names that updating continuously. You can look here to find the most recently updated funders.

Recently Updated Listings

Equitable Life of Canada

Cambrian Credit Union

Youth Investment Fund

Port Metro Vancouver

BC Public Service

The Christina Mary Hendrie Trust

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc.

4.3 Recently Viewed

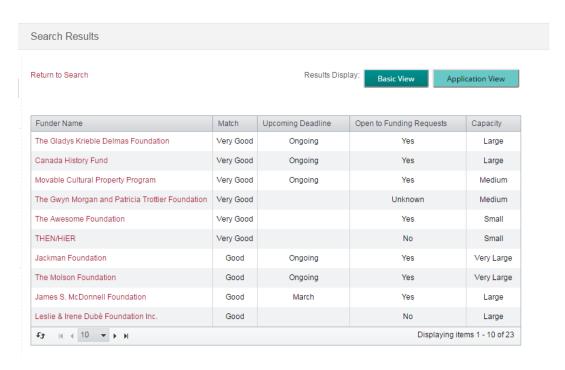On the lower left of the page under Quick Look up, you can see a list of the 6 most recently viewed funders.

4.4 Funder Search

Use "Funder Search" to find out who offers funding to organizations like yours.

1. Choose at least one category from "Field of Activity/Population Served"
2. Type in your location
3. Select the type of funder
4. Select the funder location
5. Select the language of correspondence
6. Select the type of support you are looking for
7. Select the type of funding request you are looking for
8. Select the average gift size
9. Select the deadline for applications
10. Limit your search to only new funders
11. Use a keyword

Not all of these steps are required but the more information you offer, the more accurate your results will be. Your results page will look something like this:

Search Results

Return to Search | Results Display: **Basic View** | **Application View**

Funder Name	Match	Upcoming Deadline	Open to Funding Requests	Capacity
The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation	Very Good	Ongoing	Yes	Large
Canada History Fund	Very Good	Ongoing	Yes	Large
Movable Cultural Property Program	Very Good	Ongoing	Yes	Medium
The Gwyn Morgan and Patricia Trottier Foundation	Very Good		Unknown	Medium
The Awesome Foundation	Very Good		Yes	Small
THEN/HiER	Very Good		No	Small
Jackman Foundation	Good	Ongoing	Yes	Very Large
The Molson Foundation	Good	Ongoing	Yes	Very Large
James S. McDonnell Foundation	Good	March	Yes	Large
Leslie & Irene Dubé Foundation Inc.	Good		No	Large

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All you have to do is select the funder name that interests you to get a detailed breakdown of what you need to display to them, the potential grant amount, a link to their application and/or names of officers and directors to contact.

4.5 Gift Explorer

Use "Gift Explorer" to find out who has given funds to similar organizations to yours.

1. Input the name of a similar organization
2. Select what sector they are from
3. Input a keyword
4. Input a city and province
5. Input a range of years to look into
6. Set a range of grant size
7. Limit the results to only accepted applications or grants with project descriptions
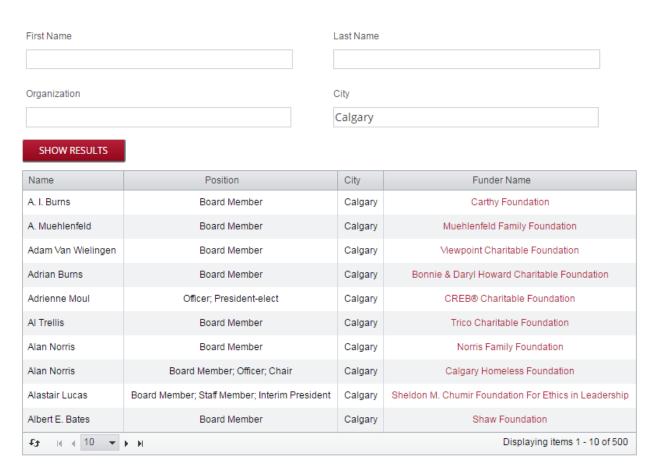
Not all of these steps are required but the more information you offer, the more accurate your results will be. Your results page will look something like this:

Showing 12 results

Funder	Recipient Organization	Area	Location	Amount	Year
The Calgary Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$45,550	2015
The Calgary Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$46,990	2014
The Calgary Foundation	Military Museums Foundation	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$5,000	2014
Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta	Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Society	Military Museums / History	Lethbridge (Alberta)	$3,765	2014
The Calgary Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$59,973	2013
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF)	Alberta Labour History Institute *Research: Women in Alberta Labour History*	Heritage Conservation	Edmonton (Alberta)	$21,790	2013
RBC Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$10,000	2013
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF)	Dakota Community Historical Society *Publications: Dakota History Book Before 1961 and Historical Memories of the Dakota District*	Heritage Conservation	Ponoka (Alberta)	$2,630	2013
Carthy Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$300	2013
RBC Foundation	Calgary Military Museums Society	Military Museums / History	Calgary (Alberta)	$10,000	2012

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You can also get the results displayed based on different criteria below this table like list of the amounts from largest to smallest.

4.6 People Seeker

Use "People Seeker" to find out who is in charge of the fund allocation and decision process. You can search by first and last name, organization and city or browse through the entire list of names. Your results page could look something like this:

First Name	Last Name

Organization	City
	Calgary

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Name	Position	City	Funder Name
A. I. Burns	Board Member	Calgary	Carthy Foundation
A. Muehlenfeld	Board Member	Calgary	Muehlenfeld Family Foundation
Adam Van Wielingen	Board Member	Calgary	Viewpoint Charitable Foundation
Adrian Burns	Board Member	Calgary	Bonnie & Daryl Howard Charitable Foundation
Adrienne Moul	Officer; President-elect	Calgary	CREB® Charitable Foundation
Al Trellis	Board Member	Calgary	Trico Charitable Foundation
Alan Norris	Board Member	Calgary	Norris Family Foundation
Alan Norris	Board Member; Officer; Chair	Calgary	Calgary Homeless Foundation
Alastair Lucas	Board Member; Staff Member; Interim President	Calgary	Sheldon M. Chumir Foundation For Ethics in Leadership
Albert E. Bates	Board Member	Calgary	Shaw Foundation

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This is great is you aren't sure about the application process or want to get a better understanding of what you need to show to get your grant approved.

5 Help

Grant Connect has a "User Support" tab on the top right that offers blogs, webinars, FAQ and a glossary. You can also send questions to grantconnect@imaginecanada.ca