

## ***Funding Resources***

Financial support to facilitate Blueprint implementation can be accessed through loans, grants and technical assistance. The attached matrix includes a variety of resources that provide funding and/or technical assistance for programs consistent with the Blueprint principles and local plans. Blueprint principles supported by each funding source are shown in the matrix.

The majority of these programs provide funding through competitive grant programs. Several grant programs require local matching funds or in-kind donations (e.g., staff time).

The following resources provide general guidelines and best practices for grant writing. Grant applications should adhere to specific guidelines, requirements and eligibility requirements. Links to specific funding programs are included in the attached matrix.

### **Grant Writing Tips:**

The [Center for Public Broadcasting](#) provides an overview of best practices for grant writing that are applicable to all funding applications.

The [Rural Assistance Center](#) provides a guide for grant writing, including FAQs, tools for finding and applying for grants and a list of webinars and other training opportunities.

Some agencies, including the [State Parks Department](#) and [Caltrans](#), have held workshops and/or webinars for applicants. When a new grant program is created, specific workshops for that grant program may be scheduled to help applicants understand the requirements and to walk them through the process.

The [Non-Profit Resource Center](#) in Sacramento holds periodic [workshops](#) on seeking grant funds and grant writing. They also have [online tools](#), including a [mini webinar for grant seekers](#).

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[The Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a [guide](#) outlining the federal programs available to support rural economic and community development.

The EPA provides a [list of funding resources for public agencies](#) working in support of smart growth.

The Rockefeller Foundation website provides a [list of public and private sources](#) for grant funds.