

Grant Writer Resource List

Applying for grants can be a time consuming process, especially for rural communities that have limited staff capacity. This resource provides a list of grant writers with expertise to assist communities with funding research and applications. The writers can be hired on a contract basis and fees will differ depending on the length and complexity of the project. All writers listed in this resource are accepting new clients at the time of publication (any known geographic limitations are noted).

Agency/Organization	Contact	Expertise
A&O Grant Consulting	A&O Grant Consulting Frank Shimerdla Earling, IA 402.620.0309 frank@aogrants.com aogrants.com	Services: Grant development from proposal to submission, grant reports, technical writing, white papers, newsletters, press releases, website documentation Specialties: Economic and workforce development and education Accomplishments: 15 years of experience with more than \$40 million in funded grants
Acton Grant Consulting, LLC	Acton Grant Consulting, LLC Amanda Acton, GPC, Founder and Chief Dot Connector 515.360.7023 amanda@actonconsulting.net actonconsulting.net	Services: Grant writing, data management, and research Specialties: Rural, health, mental and behavioral health, and homelessness projects, U.S. Department of Agriculture programs Accomplishments: Grant professional certified and more than 20 years in grants and fundraising experience
Ag Visions Enterprises, LLC	Ag Visions Enterprises, LLC Jim Venner Breda, IA 712.830.8381 venner@win-4-u.net	Services: Grant writing Specialties: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Energy for America Program, and solar and energy efficiency projects
Agriculture Grant Solutions	Agriculture Grant Solutions Alex Freeman, Owner & Grant Manager 650 S. Prairie View Dr. #125, West Des Moines, IA 50266 515.346.8488 info@agriculturegrantsolutions.com agriculturegrantsolutions.com	Services: Grant writing, feasibility studies Specialties: Food and agriculture programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture grants, state programs, and local incentives Entities Served: Agriculture, manufacturing, food processing, municipalities, regional governments, food processors, fuel retailers, and more
Amy Sue Alesch	Amy Sue Alesch amyalesch@gmail.com 515.829.9955	Services: Grant writing Specialties: Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department Agriculture-National Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the Iowa Economic Development Authority Accomplishments: More than 20 years of experience

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Best Practice FS	Best Practice FS Dr. Charles (Chad) Vogel 2610 SW 19th Street, Ankeny, IA 50023 515.291.3470 charles.chad.vogel@outlook.com	Services: State/federal grants, fundraising campaigns, interim executive Specialties: Climate smart and research grants through U.S. Department of Agriculture, fundraising, and federal guidance principles Accomplishments: Grant professional certified with more than 20 years of leadership-level philanthropy experience
Bigelow Grant Writing Services, LLC	Bigelow Grant Writing Services, LLC Susan Bigelow 1584 South Mountain View Dr. Sheridan, WY 82801 susan.bigelow307@gmail.com 307.752.1762 bigelowgrants.com	Services: Grant writing services, funding research, project development Specialties: Rural economic and workforce development
Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD)	Central Nebraska Economic Development District Carla Kimball, Executive Director 106 E. State St., Atkinson, NE 68713 402.394.1755 carla.kimball@cnedd.org cnedd.org	Services: Grant research, writing and administration, and business, community, and economic development Accomplishments: Secured more than \$15 million in grant and project funds Locations served: Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler counties in Nebraska
Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA)	Community and Economic Development Associates Courtney Bergey Swanson, Vice President of Development and Collaborative Services Based in Minnesota 507.251.9272 courtney.bergey@cedausa.com cedausa.com	Services: Grant writing and management, small business assistance, economic and workforce development Accomplishments: Secured more than \$50 million for clients Locations served: Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Howard, Itasca, Martin, Nobles, Pope, Sibley, Swift, and Winona counties in Minnesota
Coneflower Consulting	Coneflower Consulting Hannah Bailey, Director of Grants and Program Development 1240 Rhode Island St., Lawrence, KS 66044 816-830-5826 hannah@coneflower.org coneflower.org	Services: Grant writing, grant project development, grant project management, budget creation, federal grant writing, state grant writing, foundation grant writing, and grant opportunity searches Specialties: Federal grants, rural communities, mental health and social service organizations, workforce development, arts organizations, youth organizations, criminal justice, county and local governments Accomplishments: Secured more than \$9.5 million for clients
DBA David A. Loney Consulting	DBA David A. Loney Consulting David A. Loney 5441 Colibri Pl., Farmington, NM 87402 515.231.6208 davidaloneyconsulting@gmail.com	Services: Grant writing Specialties: U.S. Department of Agriculture–Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program Locations served: Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Washington, Montana, and California

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Eileen Rainey Consulting	Eileen Rainey Consulting Eileen Rainey 23 El Charman Lake Pl. Gibbon, NE 68840 308.627.7172 me.rainey20@gmail.com	Services: Grant research and prospecting, grant writing, and copy editing, grant monitoring for goals and outcomes development, assistance with reports to funders, strategic planning, and budget development Specialties: Nonprofits Locations served: Nebraska
Energy Improvement Matters (EIM, LLC)	Energy Improvement Matters (EIM, LLC) Dr. Janet Everly, EdD, COO 7545 Chablis Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46278 317.228.0134 info@eimgrants.com eimgrants.com	Services: Grant applications, energy audits Specialties: Rural Energy for America Program, energy audits for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Accomplishments: More than 22 years of experience
Fox Creek Fundraising	Fox Creek Fundraising Lisa Fox 1402 Jones St., Omaha, NE 68102 (mailing address) 130 Broadway St., Carson, IA 51525 712.202.8046 lfox@foxcreekfundraising.com foxcreekfundraising.com	Services: Local, state, and national grant research and grant writing and development Specialties: A full-time government grant writing and compliance specialist is available
Futureful	Futureful Jaime Aguirre 187 E 650 Rd, Overbrook, KS 66524 913.562.4234 jaime@befutureful.com befutureful.com	Services: Grant writing, pre-application readiness, grant portfolio growth, organizational health and long-term sustainability Specialties: Government and private foundation grants, currently supporting nonprofits in the social services, agriculture, conservation, social justice, community development, health, and arts/cultural sectors Accomplishments: Secured more than \$6.7 million for nonprofits in the Kansas City metropolitan region Locations served: Kansas and Missouri, but open to other areas
Grant Administration & Consulting, LLC	Grant Administration & Consulting LLC Judith Stanton, MBA, CEO PO Box 325, Laurel, NE 68745 402.404.0422 grantwriting@judithstanton.com judithstanton.com	Services: Grant research and writing, financial analysis, budget preparation Specialties: State, federal, and foundation grants
GrantMatch Inc.	GrantMatch Inc. Luis Scheinkerman 403 Fifth St., Lynchburg, VA 24504 434.771.0150 ext. 108 lscheinkerman@grantmatch.com grantmatch.com	Services: Grant applications from identification and project matching through compliance Specialties: State and federal government funding Accomplishments: Secured more than \$300 million in government funding for a wide range of clientele

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GrantSmiths	GrantSmiths Nicolas Perilla 404 Dickinson St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 703.254.4693 Nicolas@grantsmiths.com	Services: Grant writing Specialties: Energy savings, sustainability, renewable energy, infrastructure, curriculum, U.S. Department of Agriculture programs, school safety, and more
Innovative Grant Services	Innovative Grant Services Kris Vrooman Hastings, NE kris@innovativegrants.com innovativegrants.com	Services: Federal, state, and foundation grant and contract development assistance including site registrations (sam.gov, grants.gov, eRA Commons); Extensive experience submitting to a variety of United States Department of Agriculture grants and with Small Business Innovation Research grants across agencies such as National Institute of Health, and National Science Foundation Specialties: More than 20 years of experience and \$80 million in grant and contract awards; Special focus on agricultural and rural development topic areas
Learn Design Apply	Learn Design Apply Andrew Henshaw 3616 N. Union Ave., Tacoma, WA 98407 785.760.4086 Andrew.henshaw@learndesignapply.com learndesignapply.com	Services: Grant writing and funding forecasting, grant and funding trainings, use-case analysis, and technology alignment Specialties: Broadband infrastructure, digital equity, agriculture
Leswee, LLC	Leswee, LLC Taylor Lee, CRO and CISO Montclair, NJ 973.433.6165 info@leswee.us leswee.us	Services: Grant writing, research, management, registration, evaluation, peer review, government contract writing and management, compliance, and cybersecurity services Specialties: Free technical assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses in Nebraska applying for the Rural Energy for America Program
Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD)	Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Andrea Larson, Community Planner 111 S. First St., Norfolk, NE 402.379.1150 andrea@nenedd.org nenedd.org	Services: Local, state, and federal grant research, grant preparation and management, community surveys and town hall meetings facilitation, and action plan development Specialties: Economic, housing, and business, development Locations served: Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Thurston, Boone, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Nance, Platte, Colfax, and Dodge counties in Nebraska
Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA)	Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Grant Anderson, Community & Economic Development Manager 2222 Cuming St., Omaha, NE 68102 402.444.6866 ext. 3222 ganderson@mapacog.org mapacog.org	Services: Strategic planning, needs assessments, grant application development Specialties: Economic development and environmental issues Locations served: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties in Nebraska, and Mills and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa

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Redwood Area Development Corporation	Redwood Area Development Corporation Pat Dingels 200 S. Mill St., PO Box 481 Redwood Falls, MN 56283 507.637.4004 pat@radc.org radc.org	Services: Grant writing and fiscal management Specialties: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Clean Energy Resource Teams, foundation and legacy grants Locations served: Entities in Minnesota
Sage Project Consultants, LLC	Sage Project Consultants, LLC Sharon Chontos, Partner/Co-Owner 5 Prospect St., Vermillion, SD 57069 605-728-5303 sharon@sageprojectconsultants.com sageprojectconsultants.com	Services: Grant writing and reporting, grant management, evaluations, technical writing, strategic planning Accomplishments: More than 15 years of grant management and consulting experience with public agencies, nonprofits, for-profits, and universities
Sage Project Consultants, LLC	Sage Project Consultants, LLC Rachel Oelmann, MBA, Partner/Co-Owner 5 Prospect St., Vermillion, SD 57069 605.321.7262 rachel@sageprojectconsultants.com sageprojectconsultants.com	Services: Research, data collection and analysis, project management, technical writing, grant management services Accomplishments: 17 years of experience securing private and federal funding for clients
Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)	Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council Michelle Bostinelos 6401 Gordon Dr., Sioux City, IA 51106 712.279.6286 mbostinelos@simpco.org simpco.org	Services: Grant writing, planning studies, and technical assistance Specialties: Transportation planning, community development, economic development, and housing assistance Locations served: Dakota County in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury, Plymouth, Cherokee, Ida, and Monona counties in Iowa
South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD)	South Central Economic Development District, Inc. Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director 401 East Ave. (Second floor), PO Box 79, Holdrege, NE 68949 308.455.4770 admin@scedd.us scedd.us	Services: Grant preparation and administration, foundation grant review Specialties: Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grants, Trust Fund applications, Civic & Community Center Financing Fund, Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Locations served: Howard, Merrick, Hamilton, Hall, Buffalo, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls counties in Nebraska

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Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D)	Southeast Nebraska Development District Tom Bliss, Executive Director 7407 O St., Lincoln, NE 68510 402.475.2560 tbliss@sendd.org sendd.org	<p>Services: Grant writing and administration for economic, community, and housing development</p> <p>Specialties: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Community Development Block Grant programs, Department of Revenue, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Economic Development Authority, as well as, private foundations including Kiewit, U.S. West, and Coryell</p> <p>Accomplishments: Secured more than \$422.5 million in funding for communities</p> <p>Locations served: Polk, York, Fillmore, Thayer, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Saunders, Lancaster, Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Richardson counties in Nebraska</p>
Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC	Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC Christy Eichorn 301 S. 68th Pl., Lincoln, NE 68510 402.730.8539 christy@sundaisyent.com sundaisyent.com	<p>Services: Grant writing for projects related to zoning or comprehensive planning activities</p> <p>Specialties: Land use planning, permitting analysis, zoning reform, project management, educational outreach</p>
Sunflower Grant Writers	Sunflower Grant Writers Katie LeDoux Based in Omaha, NE 202.277.6344 katie@sunflowergw.com sunflowergw.com	<p>Services: Grant research, writing, reporting, consultation, business plan development</p> <p>Specialties: State and federal funding</p> <p>Accomplishments: Secured more than \$1.6 million for clients that have funded arts programs, city expansions, youth development, agriculture, health care projects, and more</p>
Sustainable Results, LLC	Sustainable Results, LLC Mara Bacsujlaky Based in Fairbanks, AK 907.987.0886 mcbacsujlaky@gmail.com	<p>Services: Grant writing, community planning and development</p> <p>Specialties: Tribal government, Tribal development, community development, rural community development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, youth development, environmental education, environmental and social justice, and health-related projects</p>
The Right Grants	The Right Grants Becky Vonnahme, MA 15302 140th St., Breda, IA 51436 712.210.4974 becky@therightgrants.com therightgrants.com	<p>Services: Funding opportunity identification, grant writing</p> <p>Specialties: Rural community projects, especially critical access hospitals and libraries</p>
Van Kooten Grant Consulting	Van Kooten Grant Consulting Valerie Van Kooten 2051 Old Hwy. 163, Pella, IA 50219 641.780.1584 valerie@vankootengrantconsulting.com vankootengrantconsulting.com	<p>Services: Grant planning, research, writing, and reporting, business writing, including case studies, white papers, fundraising letters, brochures/booklets, articles, and press releases</p> <p>Specialties: State, federal, and private foundation grants, Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant</p> <p>Accomplishments: Grant professional certified, secured more than \$16 million in funding</p>

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West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD)	West Central Nebraska Development District Amber Kuskie, Executive Director 333 E. Second Street, PO Box 599 Ogallala, NE 69153 308-284-6077 akuskie@west-central-nebraska.com west-central-nebraska.com	<p>Services: Grant writing and administration, comprehensive and strategic planning, technical assistance with Community Redevelopment Authority projects</p> <p>Accomplishments: Secured more than \$65,000,000 of grant funding for communities</p> <p>Locations served: Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Dawson, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and Furnas counties in Nebraska</p>