**What Sponsors Have Previously Funded**

When you are planning your proposal, find out what that sponsor has funded in the past to (1) determine if what you propose has already been done; (2) if it meets the missions, scope and/or guidelines of the sponsor; and, (3) if there has been similar research by someone who is a potential partner or collaborator for your project.

Awards to UNC Institutions

* The [University of North Carolina Sponsored Programs Reporting Portal](https://northcarolina.research.unc.edu/ramses_reporting/) contains information about successfully funded proposals to the 16 institutions of the UNC system.

Awards from Foundations

* [Foundation Center Online](http://www.foundationcenter.org/)  
  Information on many foundations with links to their websites. Some choose to publicize their giving histories while with many you will need to open their tax return, the form 990-PF. Without a subscription, searching capability is limited but you can find sufficient information or links to determine if the foundation in which you are interested is funding in a particular region or topic area.
* [Foundation Center 990-PF search](http://lnp.fdncenter.org/finder_990.html)   
  Less information than the Foundation Directory above, but the only source of funding history information for some foundations that choose not to publicize their grant award histories. 990-PFs are forms that tax-exempt organizations must file with the IRS. See [Demystifying the 990-PF](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/demystify/index.html) for more information.

Awards from the State of North Carolina

* [NC Open Book](http://www.ncopenbook.gov/NCOpenBook/GrantsHome.jsp)   
  Searchable database of all North Carolina state contracts and grant disbursements by year.

Awards from Federal Agencies

* [National Science Foundation (NSF)](http://www.nsf.gov/awards/about.jsp)  
  The Award Abstracts database provides descriptions of projects funded by NSF since 1989.
* [National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)](https://securegrants.neh.gov/publicquery/main.aspx)  
  The [Funded Projects Query Form](https://securegrants.neh.gov/publicquery/main.aspx) provides abstracts for projects funded by NEH since 1980. [Press releases](http://www.neh.gov/news/press-releases) may contain more detailed information about recent funded projects.
* [National Institutes of Health (NIH)](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm)  
  The Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool Expenditures and Reports (RePORTER) provides abstracts and detailed budget information, along with research results and products like patents and publications, for funded projects from 1985 to present. RePORTER replaced the CRISP system.
* [U.S. Department of Education (DoEd)](http://www.ed.gov/fund/data/award/grntawd.html)  
  The [Grant Award Database](http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/grantaward/start.cfm) contains brief descriptions for discretionary and formula grants awarded in the last four years. *Note: The Grant Award Database is offline until mid-February 2013. In the meantime, grant award histories for Institute of Education Sciences (IES) programs can be searched at the* [*IES Funded Research Grants and Contracts*](http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp) *database, and lists of grant awards for some other DoEd programs can be found by choosing "Awards" in the purple box at the top of the program page (*[*see example*](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/triovub/awards.html)*).*
* [Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/igms/search.html)  
  Use the [Integrated Grants Management System (GMS) Search](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/igms/search.html) to search EPA awards by applicant name, award date, grant program, or geographic location.
* [National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)](http://www.nea.gov/grants/recent/index.html)  
  Award lists from 2002 to the present by program, discipline, and state. The 'Panelists' tab names the review panelists for each program for the last six years.
* [U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)](http://cris.csrees.usda.gov/)  
  The [Current Research Information System (CRIS)](http://cris.csrees.usda.gov/) provides detailed descriptions of current and recently completed research and education projects in agriculture, food and nutrition, and forestry.
* [Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)](http://www.imls.gov/recipients/grantsearch.aspx)  
  The IMLS supports libraries and museums. This database contains award abstracts from 1997.
* [U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)](http://science.energy.gov/funding-opportunities/award-search/)  
  The [Office of Science Award Search](http://science.energy.gov/funding-opportunities/award-search/) provides abbreviated records about grants, cooperative agreements and interagency awards funded by the Office of Science. *It does not contain information on DOE national laboratory awards. For that information, check the individual program office's website*.
* [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)](http://gold.ahrq.gov/projectsearch/)  
  The Grants On-Line Database (GOLD) describes grants funded by the AHRQ as well as research projects conducted by AHRQ staff.
* [Research.gov](http://www.research.gov)  
  Led by the National Science Foundation, this partnership of federal research-oriented grant making agencies provides [The Research Spending and Results database](http://www.research.gov/research-portal/appmanager/base/desktop;jsessionid=T18pQqGJqP1sn2fg4LjLGJzTTm22lQPXqC6KQ2jVwnkwLk8xTVGc!-183393047!824130606?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=research_node_display&_nodePath=/researchGov/Service/Desktop/ResearchSpendingAndResults.html). This product contains active awards for the National Science Foundation (1994 to date) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (2007 to date).
* [USASpending.gov](http://www.usaspending.gov/advanced-search)  
  Brief reports on grants, contracts, and other federal awards from all agencies. Useful for obtaining information about R&D contracts for agencies that do not provide award databases.