Foundation Research:
Tips and Tricks to
Find Your Nonprofit's
Ideal Funders

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### Question??

#### WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY GOAL IN ATTENDING THIS WORKSHOP?

- Learn new Foundation search techniques
- Learn new foundation search resources
- Learn how to evaluate and narrow down a list of potential foundation funders
- Other (if so, feel free to chat this out as well)

#### The Research Process

- Be clear about Your nonprofit's charge and identify grant funding needs.
- Research potential funders.
- Evaluate them and narrow your list.
- Summarize and report relevant information in a foundation profile or other document to make the case for pursuing a grant application.

# Considerations Before Starting Foundation Research

#### How new is your nonprofit?

May need to provide nonprofit status and multiple years of 990 tax returns and other financial paperwork.

Is a potential foundation aligned with your nonprofit's mission and initiatives?

Fit if your nonprofit works to protect the environment and foundation is for an oil or coal company?

Is a potential foundation aligned with your nonprofit's impact areas?

Fit if foundation funds mainly art organizations and your nonprofit provides human services?

What types of grants are you looking for?

Program/Project, Capacity Capital, Operational

Are the foundation's grants large enough to justify the time applying?

What is your nonprofit's minimal grant amount needed?

## Primary Ways to Search for Foundations

\*Include foundation/grant maker/990PF or other criterion to specify these funders in your searches.

Keyword – term or phrase Ex. arts, "arts education"

Cause Areas – NTEE (national taxonomy of exempt entities) Codes - 30 in number, for tax exempt organization's purpose Ex. arts, culture, and humanities/educational institutions, etc.

Finding funders for similar/related nonprofits (organizations either known to nonprofit or researched)

Ex. Search on nonprofit name/look for nonprofit name in results.

## Other Ways to Search for Foundations

- Limit by foundation location
- Limit by where grants given
- Limit by time frame
- Limit by populations served
- Limit by revenues or other financial measures
- Limit by types of grants awarded

# Evaluating Foundations – Examining 990PF Form

**Contact Information (Page 1 and Application Guidelines BELOW)** 

Financials (Parts I – Revenues and Expenses, II – Balance Sheets, and III – Net Assets)

Listing of Board Members (Part VII) - Name, Title, Salary (if any)

Application Guidelines (Part XIV – Sections 1 and 2) - Unsolicited Grant Applications – Yes/No, Contact Information (can include email address), Form, Deadlines, Restrictions/Limitations

Actual Grants (Part XIV – Section 3) – Recipient Name and Location, Purpose, Amount

# Examining 990PF Form – Contact Information

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Porm 990-PF  Return of Private Foundation  or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation  or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation  Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  Go to <a href="https://www.irs.gov/Form990PF">www.irs.gov/Form990PF</a> for instructions and the latest information.			OMB No. 1545-0047  2022  Open to Public Inspection			
For calendar year 2022, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022 , and end Name of foundation THE BEVERIDGE FAMILY FOUNDATION			A Employer identification 31-1698286	number		
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)  3 UPLAND LANE  Room/suite  B Telephone number  (800) 229-9667			<b>B</b> Telephone number (see (800) 229-9667	instructions)		
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WEST NEWBURY, MA 01985  C If exemption application			is pending, check here			

#### Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.) **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:** a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).) **b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest. Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs: Check here $\triangleright$ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed: WARD CASWELL 3 UPLAND LANE WEST NEWBURY, MA 01985 (800) 229-9667 WARD@CASWELL.ORG

## **Examining 990PF Form - Revenues**

Pa	rt I	Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	<b>(b)</b> Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2	Check 🕶 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4	Dividends and interest from securities	1,203,839	1,203,839		
	5a	Gross rents				
	Ь	Net rental income or (loss)				
е	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	1,063,826	5		
Revenue	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
Re	7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		1,063,826		
	8	Net short-term capital gain				
	9	Income modifications				
L0a	Gros	ss sales less returns and allowances				
ь	Less	s: Cost of goods sold				
С	Gros	ss profit or (loss) (attach schedule) 🐪				
11	Oth	er income (attach schedule) 🥞	2,163	2,163	0	
12	Tota	al. Add lines 1 through 11	2,269,828	2,269,828	0	

## **Examining 990PF Form - Expenses**

13   Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.   231,442   48,040   0     14   Other employee salaries and wages       15   Pension plans, employee benefits       16a   Legal fees (attach schedule)       b   Accounting fees (attach schedule)       c   Other professional fees (attach schedule)       17   Interest	9,601 4,875 36,692 31,666
14 Other employee salaries and wages	4,875
15 Pension plans, employee benefits	4,875
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	36,692
b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	
C Other professional fees (attach schedule) 93 397,165 365,499 0	31,666
17 Interest	
<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	0
Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion 7,652 0 0	
<b>E</b> 20 Occupancy	12,563
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	
22 Printing and publications	
Travel, conferences, and meetings	64,387
24 Total operating and administrative expenses.	
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25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	2,571,596
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25 3,563,036 522,560 0	2,914,782
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:	
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements -1,293,208	
h Net investment income (if negative enter -0-)	

# Examining 990PF Form – Balance Sheets

Pa	H III	Attached schedules and amounts in the description  Balance Sheets  column	Beginning of year	End of	year
		should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)	(a) Book Value	( <b>b)</b> Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,697,042	1,759,561	1,759,561
	3	Accounts receivable			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4	Pledges receivable			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other			
	_	disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	_	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
ete	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	14,572	62,918	62,918
Assets	10a	Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)	5,167,571		5,155,218
-	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	40,065,367	_	30,650,424
	l C	Investments—corporate ponds (attach schedule)	8,307,342	_	6,356,793
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	15,761,314	12,398,367	12,398,367
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis   44,962	10.507	7.077	7.077
	15	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) 37,585  Other assets (describe)	12,587 <b>%</b> 216,930		7,377 <b>%</b> 367,696
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the	210,930	307,090	307,090
		instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	71,242,725	56,758,354	56,758,354
-	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	34,817	46,693	
	18	Grants payable			
9	19	Deferred revenue			
iahilitios	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
.5	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	all I		
	22	Other liabilities (describe	214.000	30.000	

# Examining 990PF Form – Balance Sheets

Fund Balances		Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here 🕨 🗹 and complete lines 24, 25, 29 and 30.		
ala	24	Net assets without donor restrictions	<b>52,</b> 439,695	41,903,245
l B	25	Net assets with donor restrictions	18,554,213	14,778,416
or Fun		Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here  and complete lines 26 through 30.		
10000100	26	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		
Assets	27	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund		
As	28	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds		
Net	29	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	70,993,908	56,681,661
~	30	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	71,242,725	56,758,354

# Examining 990PF Form – Listing of Board Members

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors							
1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions							
(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances			
WARD S CASWELL	PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR	194,000	37,442	О			
3 UPLAND LANE WEST NEWBURY, MA 01985	40.00						
PHILIP CASWELL	EMERITUS	0	0	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	0.50						
RUTH S DUPONT	DIRECTOR	О	О	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	0.50						
LEAH BEVERIDGE RICHARDSON	CLERK	0	o	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	1.00						
CHRISTA PALMER BIGUE	DIRECTOR	0	О	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	0.50						
PETER WESTON	DIRECTOR	0	О	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	0.50						
JABEZ PALMER	DIRECTOR	0	0	0			
44 MERRIMAC ST NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950	0.50						

# Examining 990PF Form – Grant Application Guidelines

Pa	Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)
1 a	Information Regarding Foundation Managers: List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
b	List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
2	Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:  Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions

# Examining 990PF Form – Grant Application Guidelines

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL ABSTRACT PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS 1)COPY OF IRS LETTER CLASSIFYING THE APPLICANT AS EXEMPT UNDER CODE SECTIONS 509(A) & 501(C)(3), 2)COPY OF 990 FOR THE MOST RECENT TOW YEARS, 3)THREE CONSTRUCTION BIDS, IF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, 4)NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, 5)IF HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALHT-RELATED FACILITY, A COPY OF THE DETERMINATION OF NEED (DON) OR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED (CON), 6)MOST RECENT AUDITED FIANCIAL STATEMENTS, IF APPLICABLE, 7)NAME AND QULAIFCATIONS OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE OFR ADMINSTERING THE GRANT, 8)DETAILED BUDGET OF TEH PROJECT, 9)LIST OF OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDIGN FOR THIS PROJECT, 10)A STATEMENT THAT THE GRANT REQUEST IS EXECUTED BY A PERSON AUTHORIXED TO SUBMIT ON HEALF OF THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATION, 11)TABLE OF ORGANIZATION, 12)IF A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, EVIDENCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP

c Any submission deadlines:

DUE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETE PROPOSALS IS 5:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 1 AND AUGSUT 1 OF EACH YEAR

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

REJECTED PROGRAM ACTIVILES, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MEMBER BENEFIT, REJECTED TYPES OF SUPPORT AWARDS/PRIZE/COMPETITOINS, COLLECTIONS MGMT, COMMISSIONING NEW WORKS, CONFERENCES/SEMINARS, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, DEBT REDUCTION, EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFTS, EMLOYEE-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS, ENDOWMENT FUNDS, FACULTY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT, FELLOWSHIPS, FIL/VIDEO/RADIO PRODUCTION, FOUNDATION ADMINSTERED PRGRAMS, GENERAL/OPERATING SUPPORT, GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIVDUALS, INCOME DEVELOMENT, INTERNSHIP FUNDS, MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT, PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTION COSTS, PROFESSORSHIPS, PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENT/LOANS, STUDENT AID MAXIUM GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED SHOULD NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MOST RECENTLY ENDED FISCAL YEAR, OR 20% OF THE PROJECT BUDGET APPROVED AREAS OF GIVING INCLUDE HAMPEN & HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES, MA

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## Examining 990PF Form -**Actual Grants**

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Part XIV Supplementary Information (continued)							
3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment							
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to	Foundation Purpose of grant or	Amount				
Name and address (home or business)	any foundation manager Status of		contribution	, and and			
a Paid during the year							
AMELIA PARK CHILDREN'S MUSEUM		PC	THE PIGGY BANK, A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT/PROGRAM	11,500			
29 SOUTH BROAD STREET WESTFIELD, MA 010860931							
CHRISTINA'S HOUSE INC		PC	CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CHRISTINA'S HOUSE	45,000			
38 MADISON AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105							
WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN INC		PC	2022 QUALIFIED DISCRETIONARY DISTRIBUTION	5,000			
200 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW 7TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20001							
Total			▶ 3a	2,571,596			
<b>b</b> Approved for future payment							

#### Other Places to Look for Foundation Information

Foundation website



 Articles (Web and subscription databases) and Social Media postings about foundation and its board/staff

#### **Evaluating a Foundation for Fit**

- Looking for funding trends
- Looking for financial trends
- Looking at application criteria vs. actual funding
- How to overcome a foundation not accepting unsolicited applications

#### **Profile – Suggested Elements**

#### **Looking for Funding Trends**

- Increasing or decreasing OVERALL Last 3-5 years
- Large enough to SIMILAR/RELATED NONPROFITS to consider applying AND increasing, level, or decreasing—Last 3-5 Years
- Type (imply sometimes from description) of grant

#### **Looking for Financial Trends**

- Revenues (Total) Up or down last 3-5 years
- Expenses (Total) Up or down last 3-5 years
- Net Assets Up or down last 3-5 years

Looking at application criteria vs. actual funding -

- Don't always agree Types of nonprofits/location/etc.
- Application criteria can also differ between 990PF and Website – If unsure, inquire.

# How to overcome a foundation not accepting unsolicited applications

- Can you contact the foundation to make it aware of your nonprofit?
- Can you still send an LOI?
- Do you have staff/ board members who know Foundation's staff/board?

#### Foundation Profile – Suggested Elements

- Contact Information
- Board/Staff Listing with Titles and Locations (If known)
- Application Requirements and Deadlines
- Financials History
- Grant Funding History
- Miscellaneous (if helpful)

# THANK YOU!! QUESTIONS?