

Consider these questions before seeking grant funding

1. is anyone else working on a similar project?
2. how does the project fit in with the group's overall mission?
3. how does it benefit the group, how does it benefit collaborating groups?
4. what is the problem we are trying to solve?
5. what are our goals for this program? (one or, frequently, several more...)
6. specific objectives of the program:
 - a. how will we know if we are succeeding? (# of clients, # of meetings...?)
 - b. we plan to help x# of constituents receive x# of services/or other countable items over the next 3-6months-year...
7. do we have a list of tasks with start and completion dates -- what specific tasks will we undertake to reach our goal?
8. how much money will we need to do the job right?
9. what will the program's structure look like? that is, who is *running* it, who is taking responsibility for what parts...
10. and, finally, where could this program lead us? could it be replicated? could it be expanded?