

GRANTS

■ GRANTS: WHAT'S OUT THERE AND HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR THEM?

- Janet Valle
- State and Private Forestry
- USDA-Forest Service



What do I need



1. **Where is the information and money?**
2. **Which grant fits my needs?**
3. **How do I play the “grant” game?**

Where is the information and money?

■ Private Foundations

- 5% of annual assets required to maintain tax exempt status
- \$1.13 billion Idaho assets or \$56.5 million available locally

■ Federal Grants

- Many agencies focus on natural resource and invasive species management
- \$ millions available

■ State Grants

- Promote cooperative and integrated invasive species management
- Often administer funds from federal agencies
- May include State generated funds



Informative Web Sites

- * www.grant-sources.com (general)
- www.unclesamsmoney.com (general)
- www.uro.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=32079 (general)
- Grants.gov (general)
- Red Lodge Clearing House (general)
- * www.foundationcenter.org (general)
- * www.tgci.com/grants/Idaho/foundations.asp (Idaho)
- * www.idcomfdn.org/grants.htm (Idaho)
- * www.cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/ (water protection)
- * www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/ (Forest Service)
- www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov (invasives)
- * Idaho State Department of Agriculture (Idaho noxious weeds)
- * www.weedcenter.org (noxious weeds)

Grant-Sources.com

Locate over 40,000 Grants Today!



Grant-Sources.com provides you with all the information you need in order to obtain Private Foundation Grants, Government Grants, Small Business Grants, Minority Grants, Education Grants, Housing Grants, etc.

- \$ Access Thousands of Private Grant Foundations!
- \$ Access Thousands of government grants available through state and Federal agencies!
- \$ Learn how to put together a grant proposal!
- \$ Learn the secrets to writing a grant proposal!
- \$ Learn how to fill out applications for government grants
- \$ Learn how to receive no interest and low interest Government Loans.

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The Foundation Center

Top 50 Idaho foundations by assets – over \$1.1 billion as of 1999

- What is a foundation and how do they operate
- Who gets foundation grants
- What funders look for in a grantee
- What types of support grantmakers typically prefer
- How to establish a nonprofit organization
- How to find support available to individuals
- Effective tools for funding research
- The basics of proposal writing.

www.fdncenter.org

The Grantsmanship Center

- Training may include local universities
- Top 40 Idaho Foundations that give grants
- Idaho Community Foundations
 - Caldwell Community Foundation, Inc
 - Community Foundation of Jackson Hole
 - Foundation Northwest
 - Idaho Community Foundation

www.tgci.com

Idaho Community Foundation

- Multiple donors
- Public charities
- Boise based
- Focus on 501 © (3) organizations
- \$5,000 maximum grant
- Enhance quality of life for people of Idaho
- Health
- Human services
- Arts and culture
- **Education**
- Public projects
- **Environment**



www.idcomfdn.org/grants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Search with “Invasive Species” key word
- **Bring Back the Natives (riparian) - \$1,150,000**
- **Community-based Restoration (marine habitat) - \$10,000,000**
- Landowner Incentive Program for States (non-Tribal) - \$20,000,000
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation General Grants (habitat) - \$4,000,000
- **Private Stewardship Grants (ESA) - \$6,900,000**
- **Pulling Together Initiative - \$1,300,000**
- State Wildlife Grant Program for States (non-Tribal) - \$63,000,000

www.cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/

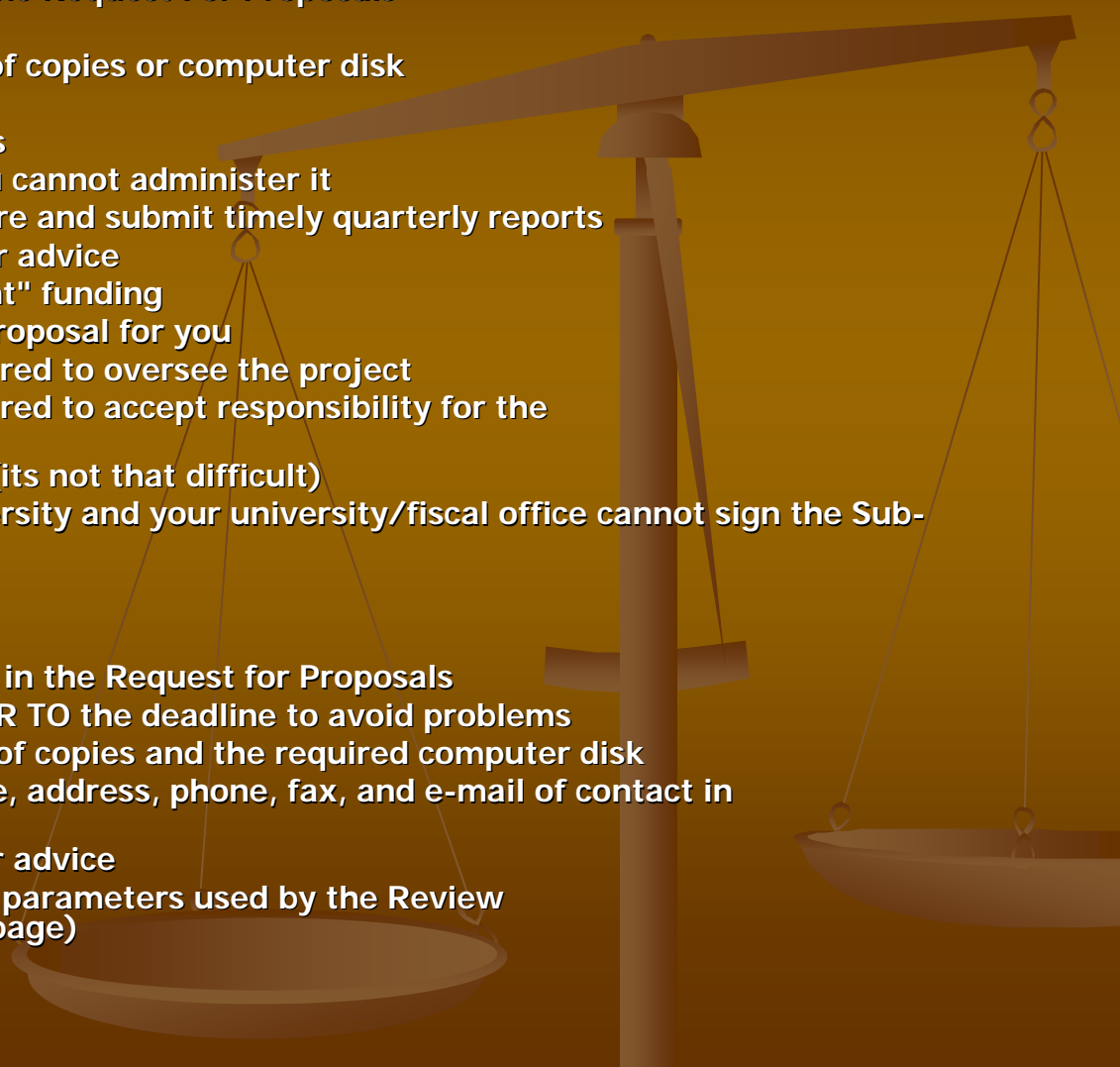
EPA Grant Writing Suggestions

DON'T

- Ignore the specific criteria set out in the Request For Proposals
- Submit late
- Submit without the required number of copies or computer disk
- Submit too many pages
- Submit a proposal with technical flaws
- Submit a proposal if your group or you cannot administer it
- Submit a proposal if you cannot prepare and submit timely quarterly reports
- Be afraid to contact the Foundation for advice
- Submit a proposal if you need "up front" funding
- Expect the Foundation to write your proposal for you
- Submit a proposal if you are not prepared to oversee the project
- Submit a proposal if you are not prepared to accept responsibility for the project
- Get uptight about this whole process (its not that difficult)
- Submit a proposal if you are in a university and your university/fiscal office cannot sign the Sub-Grantee Agreement "as is"

Do

- Pay particular attention to the criteria in the Request for Proposals
- Be sure to send your proposal in PRIOR TO the deadline to avoid problems
- Be sure to include the proper number of copies and the required computer disk
- Be absolutely sure to include the name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail of contact in the main body of the proposal
- Feel free to contact the Foundation for advice
- Be sure to review the proposal review parameters used by the Review Committee (on the Selection Process page)



Partnership Resource Center

- National Forest Foundation & USDA Forest Service
- 76 page USDA Forest Service document
 - Over 200 sources for Forest Service & partners
- The Redlodge Clearinghouse
 - Searchable database of grants, etc. for natural resource projects in the western United States

www.partnershipresourcecenter.org

Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture

- Idaho's source for noxious weed funding
- Specifically tailored to Idaho needs
- Depends largely on federal sources
- Includes State generated revenues
- Accountability is paramount

www.agri.state.id.us



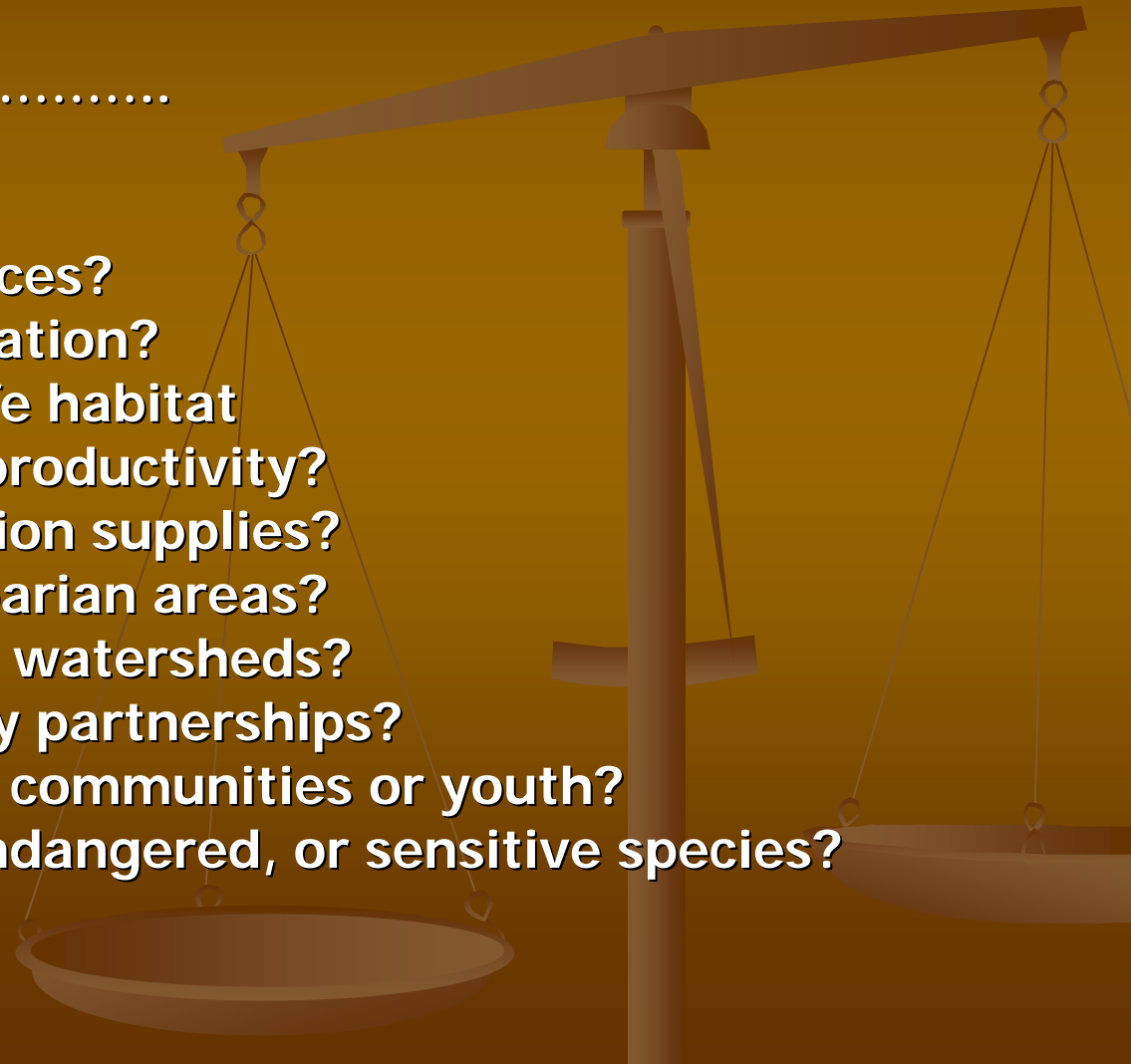
Center for Invasive Plant Management


- Department of Defense (3)
- Department of Interior: Bureau of Reclamation - Irrigation (1)
- Department of Interior: US Fish and Wildlife Service (2)
- Environmental Protection Agency (2)
- Transportation Research Board (1)
- National Science Foundation (1)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (17)
- Wildlife & Conservation Groups (9)
- Foundations & Associations (55)
- States (14)
- General Sources (14)

www.weedcenter.org

Which grant fits my needs?

- “Kill weeds!” or.....
- Protect environment?
- Protect natural resources?
- Provide informal education?
- Improve fish or wildlife habitat
- Improve agricultural productivity?
- Improve use of irrigation supplies?
- Protect or enhance riparian areas?
- Protect or rehabilitate watersheds?
- Strengthen community partnerships?
- Serve underprivileged communities or youth?
- Protect threatened, endangered, or sensitive species?





August 2007 Tamarisk Coalition
newsletter included a list of 178
funding opportunities for addressing
tamarisk issues and riparian
restoration

Economic stimulus will be looking
at restoration activities

Potential Sources

- Arthur B. Schultz Foundation
 - BoatUS Foundation
 - Brainerd Foundation
 - **Center for Invasive Plant Management**
 - Directory of Watershed Resources (Environmental Finance Center at BSU)
 - Ducks Unlimited
 - Exxon-Mobil Corporation
 - Forest Service Guide
 - Grants.gov
 - **Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee**
 - Hewlett Foundation, William & Flora
 - **Idaho State Department of Agriculture**
 - Laura Jane Musser Fund
 - **Lava Lake Foundation**
 - Lawrence Foundation
 - Mountaineers Foundation
 - **National Forest Foundation**
 - NFWF General Matching Grants Program
 - **NFWF Pulling Together Initiative**
 - Pheasants Forever
 - Red Lodge Clearinghouse
 - **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**
 - The Bullitt Foundation
 - Toyota Tapestry Grants
 - **USDA Forest Service, Resource Advisory Committee**
 - **USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service**
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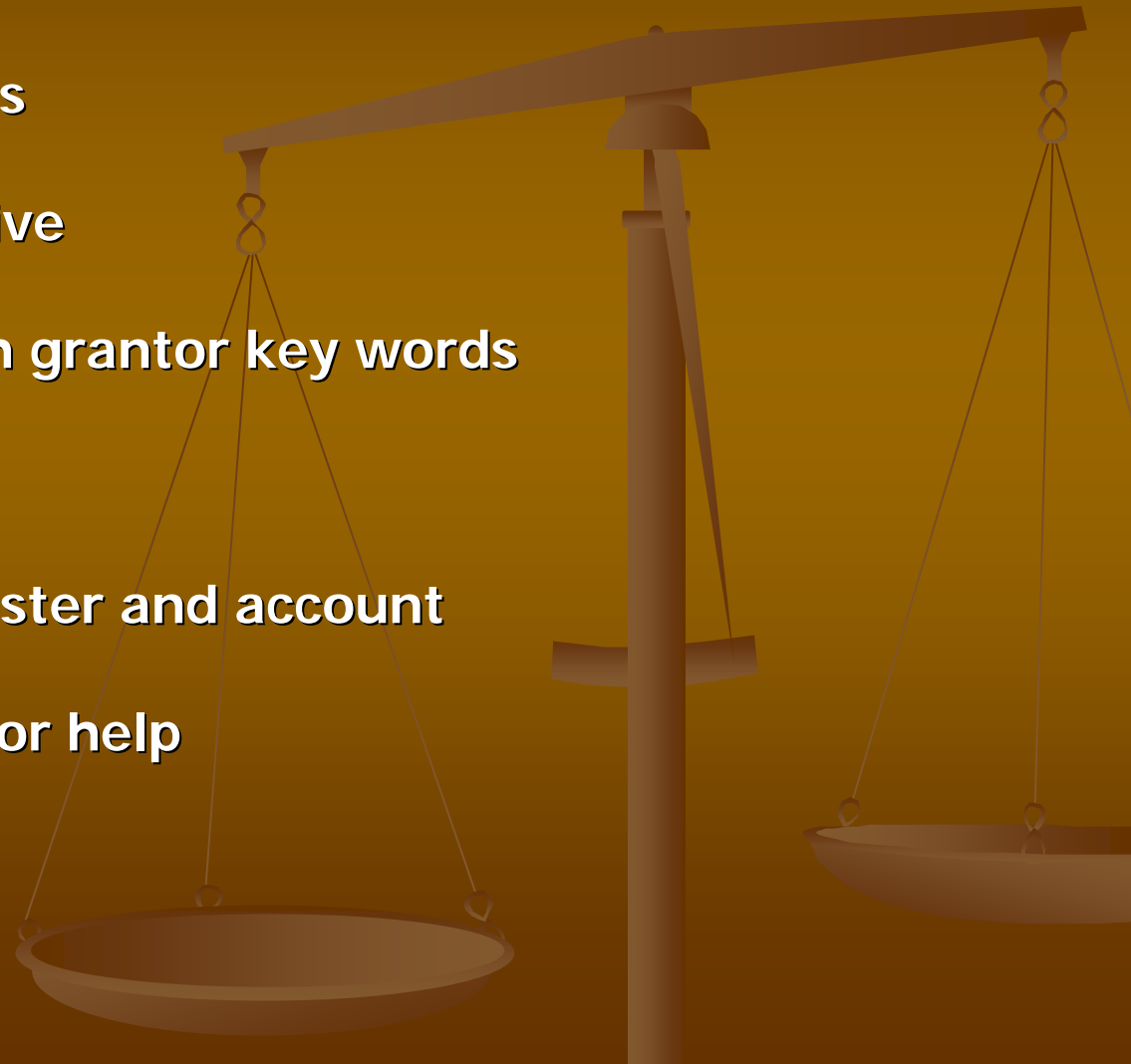
Top 10 Picks for Idaho CWMA's

1. Idaho State Department of Agriculture
2. Center for Invasive Plant Management
3. NFWF Pulling Together Initiative
4. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
5. National Forest Foundation
6. USDA-FS, Resource Advisory Committee
7. Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee
8. Environmental Protection Agency
9. NRCS
10. Community Sources

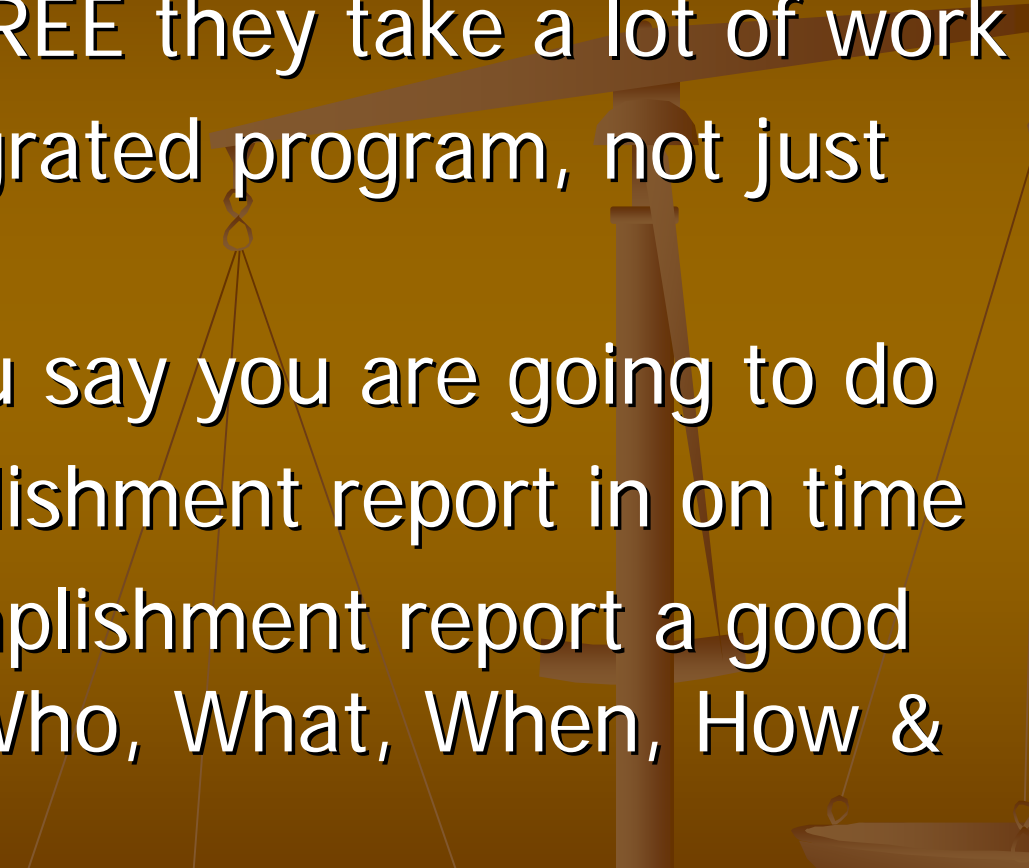


How do I play the grant game?

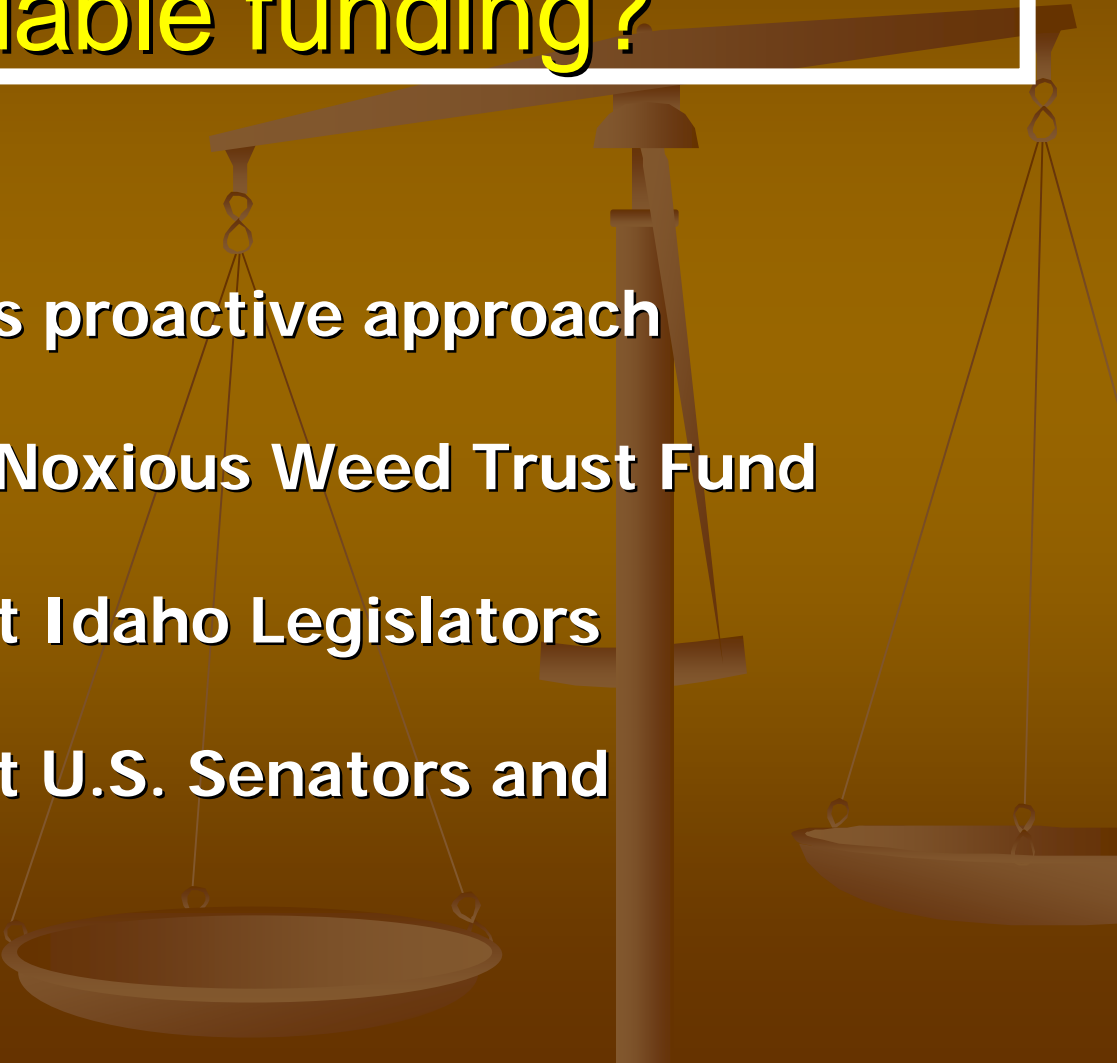
- **Research opportunities**
- **Expand your perspective**
- **Match your needs with grantor key words**
- **Follow directions**
- **Be prepared to administer and account**
- **Don't hesitate to ask for help**



Be prepared to do the work

- Grants are not FREE they take a lot of work
 - Present an integrated program, not just kill weeds
 - Do the work you say you are going to do
 - Get the accomplishment report in on time
 - Make the accomplishment report a good success story (Who, What, When, How & Pictures)
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More importantly, how can CWMA's ensure long-term dependable funding?

- Consider Montana's proactive approach
 - Promote an Idaho Noxious Weed Trust Fund
 - Inform and support Idaho Legislators
 - Inform and support U.S. Senators and Congressman
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Questions?

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