Grants Overview
What is a Sponsored Project?

Activities sponsored whole or in part by sources external to the University with an expectation (implied or specifically stated) on the part of the sponsor for performance, deliverables, outcomes.

Awards come through various mechanisms - grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, etc.

For this presentation, “grant” will be used to refer to any external proposal/award.
Grants Offer Funding For...

- Research
- Fellowships/Scholarships
- Training/Conferences/Workshops
- Equipment
- Service Projects
- Construction
- Artistic Pursuits
- And lots more!
Grant Writing...Where to Start?

1. Develop your idea
2. Develop your budget
3. Find a potential sponsor/grant
4. Develop your proposal
5. Submit your proposal
Develop Your Idea

A. What is the problem? What need will the project fulfill?
B. Why is the problem/need significant?
C. What are your goals and objectives?
D. How do you achieve your objectives?
E. Who will it affect/benefit?
F. When and where will the project take place?
G. How will you evaluate the results?
H. How will you disseminate your findings?
## Developing an Idea: Sample

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<th>Problem/need</th>
<th>Skin safety of children</th>
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<td>Protecting a child’s skin during the first 18 years of reduces skin cancer risk by 78%.</td>
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<td>Goals/objectives</td>
<td>Protect children from the sun while playing outside</td>
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<td>Install shade structures over playground equipment</td>
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<td>Children and teachers of the ECHL at SFA</td>
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<td>The when and where</td>
<td>ECHL playgrounds during the 2018-19 school year</td>
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<td>Long term - annual surveys to track skin cancer occurrence</td>
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Develop Your Budget

How much money will it take to successfully complete this project?

Budget should reflect all aspects of project from any preliminary research/planning to the evaluation of the project and dissemination of results.

See separate *Budget Presentation* for more details.
Find a Sponsor

- **www.grants.gov** *(federal)*
- **Google** *(search for sponsors, projects, other institutions with known funding)*
- Visit individual websites for each entity
- **PIVOT** *(subscription database available to all SFA faculty, staff, and students)*
- Professional listservs
- Meet with ORSP staff *(we search for you!)*
• Internal Funding- ORSP Faculty Research Grants and MiniGrants-
  http://www2.sfasu.edu/orsp/internal.html; Provost’s Faculty Mini Grant

• External Funding- www.grants.gov, www.research.gov, foundations, private companies, non profits, state, federal, ORSP blog-
  http://orpsfsa.blogspot.com/
Find Funding Opportunities

- PIVOT
- Talk to your peers – listservs, newsfeeds
- Review journals and publications in your field
- Look into your professional organizations
- Check with your counterparts at similar institutions
- Work with ORSP to find funding opportunities
Review Sponsor Guidelines

• Is SFA an eligible applicant?
• Do you have enough time to prepare the application and obtain all necessary SFA approvals prior to the sponsor deadline?
• Does your project suit the agency’s funding areas?
• Has the sponsor funded projects similar to yours?
• Has the sponsor made awards to organizations similar to yours?
• Does SFA have the infrastructure and expertise to conduct the project? Will partners be beneficial?
Develop Your Proposal

Typical components of a proposal:
- Abstract
- Organization description
- Narrative
- Curriculum vita
- Budget
- Budget justification
- Bibliography
- Supporting documents

[ Breakdown of components: ]
- Statement of problem/need
- Project goals and objectives
- Literature review
- Methodology/project design
- Timeline
- Expected outcomes
- Proposed evaluation
- Plans for dissemination
Submit Your Proposal

ORSP has the authority to submit on behalf of SFASU

How will submission be done?

- Website
- Email
- US Mail
- Hand delivery

*Submit early to avoid any last minute complications or technical issues!*