Creating Fundable Grant Proposals

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Workshop Goals

1) Asset-based collaborative grantseeking philosophy
2) Creating systems: searching, institutional approvals
3) Interpreting guidelines and identifying appropriate funding opportunities
4) Determine feasibility and create your own checklist
5) Preparing the proposal contents

What is grantseeking?

1) Search for grant opportunities / find matches
2) Generate the "it" idea
3) Create a checklist of required application content including criteria for evaluation
4) Build the project team
5) Develop the project timeline and budget
6) Draft project summary

What else is grantseeking?

8) Find partners
9) Talk/listen to the program officer about project idea
10) Determine feasibility: "go now, go later, don't ever go"
11) Research the field to build case for investment
12) Write the proposal based on timeline and budget
13) Package the proposal
14) Seek necessary institutional approvals and submit

Asset-based Collaborative Grantseeking Practices

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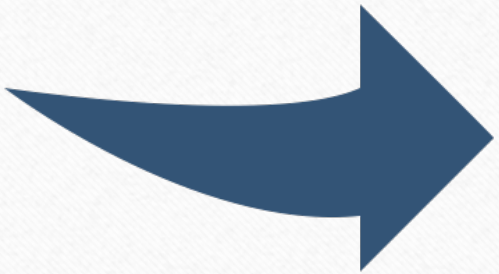

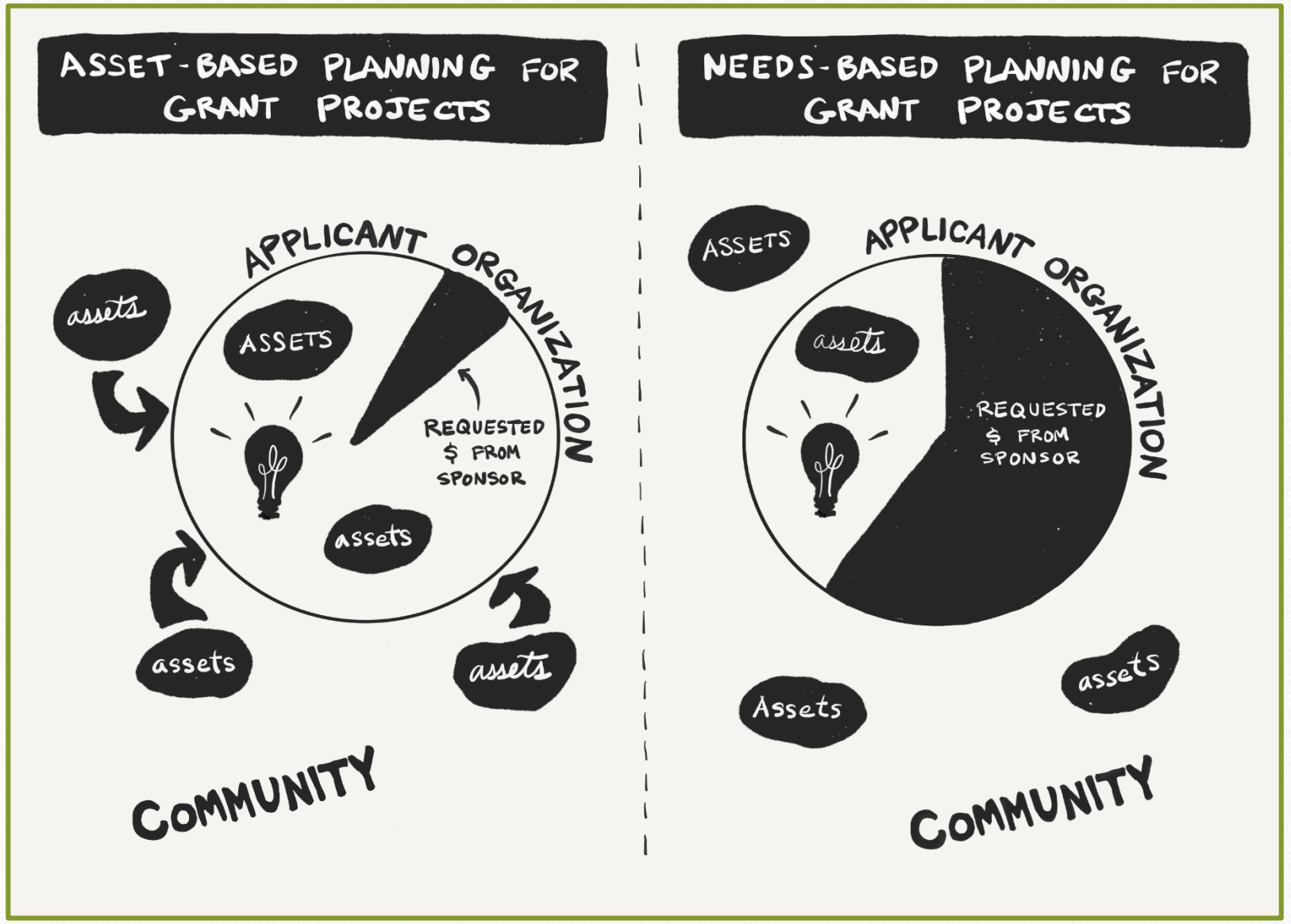
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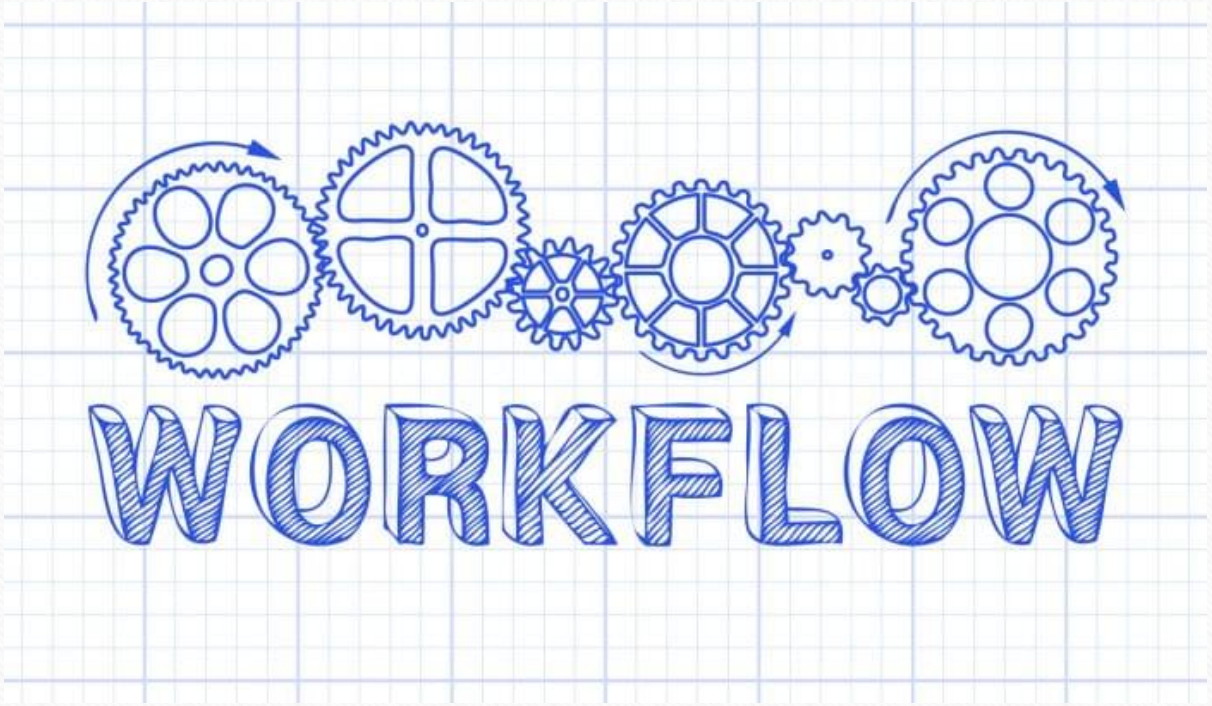
Campus or Department Checklist

Create a checklist for securing buy-in and approvals (handout)



Search for Grant Opportunities

Recipe:

1) Cohort of interested searchers
2) Weekly search for sponsors
3) Read guidelines
4) Capture basic information
5) Circulate viable opportunities

https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/funding

Master Deadline Schedule

Recipe:

1) Deadline, and sponsor name
2) Program name
3) Description of opportunity/eligibility requirements
4) Funding range
5) Link to guidelines

Phases of Grant Proposal Development

Recipe:

1) Determine feasibility of submitting a fundable grant proposal and the feasibility of successfully completing the project
2) Prepare and submit a proposal (use your checklist)
3) Execute the project

Create a Checklist for Funding Opportunity

Component¤	Person's Responsible for Content / Notes¤
Abstract 1-Page:¶ What's the significance for humanities?¶ What are the principal activities?¶ What are the expected results?¶ What research questions or learning outcomes will be considered that will benefit humanities scholarship?¶ What are the quantitative intended outcomes?¤	¤
Table of contents: begin with narrative, page numbers¤	¤
Narrative: 10 single-spaced pages, 1" margins; 11 pt. font¤	¤
Significance:¶ What's the project's intellectual significance for humanities, specifically researching and teaching?¶ What are the national or regional needs that project will serve?¶ Who is the intended audience, and ultimate beneficiaries?¶ What's the potential impact on digital humanities practices?¶ How does this project relate to current or past projects of similar nature?¶ To what degree will this project build on past work or break new ground?¶ Criterion: What's the quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and applicant's clarity?¤	¤

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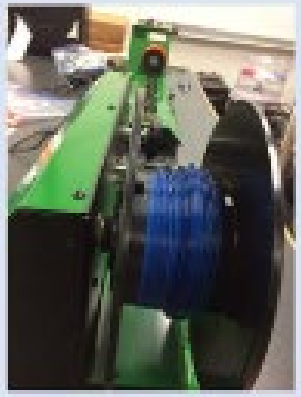
AWARDED PROJECTS

Digital Publishing on Black Life and History Collaborative Workshop

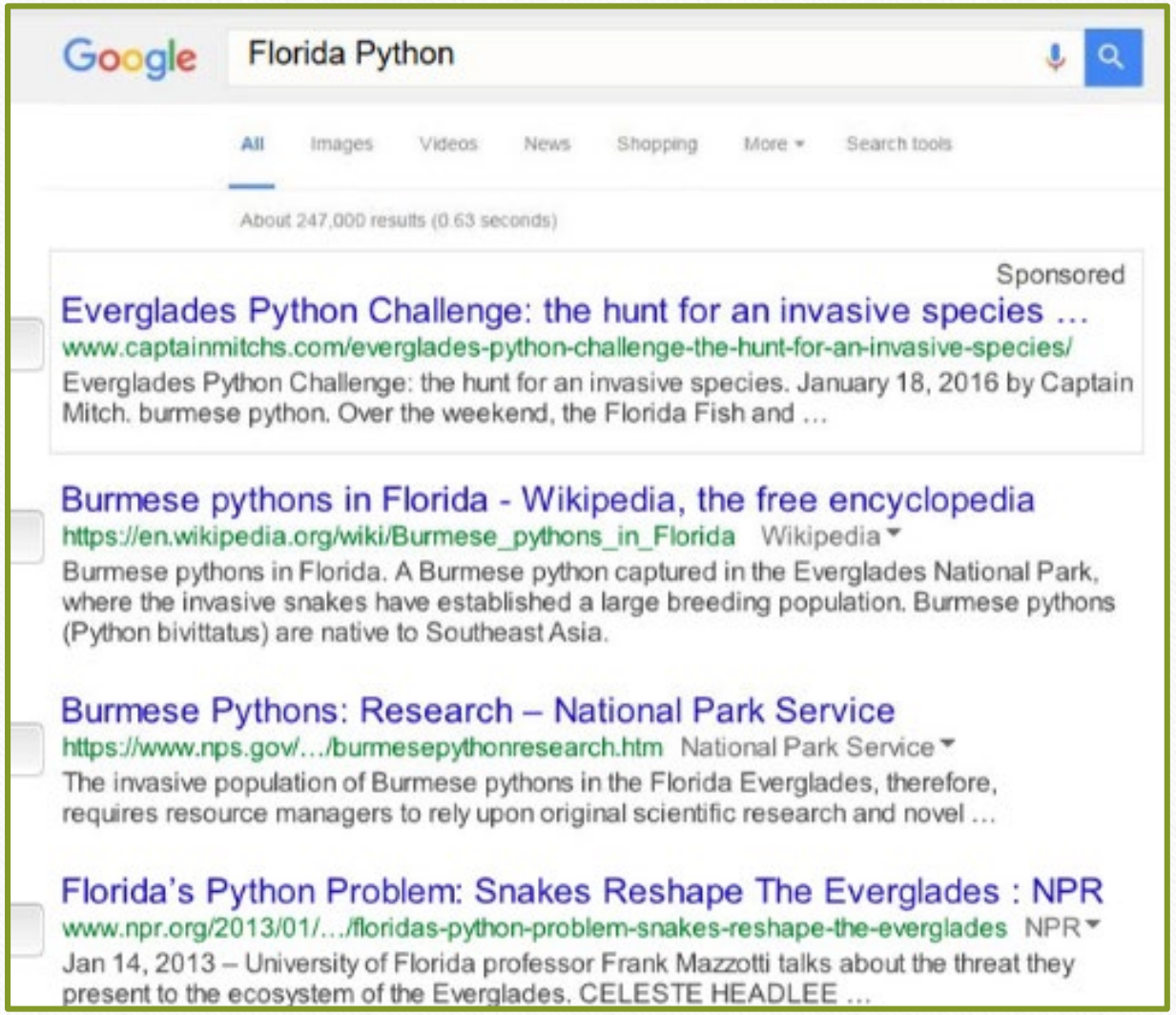
($4,940 cash request; $5,459 cost share)

Extrude, Air Path, Spooler



Finding a Sustainable Solution for 3D Printing Waste

($6,728 cash request)



Researching Students' Information Choices: Determining Identity and Judging Credibility in Digital Spaces

($491,822 cash request;
$232,289 contributed cost share)

Middle Grade and Young Adult Books with Black, Indigenous People and People of Color: Where are they?

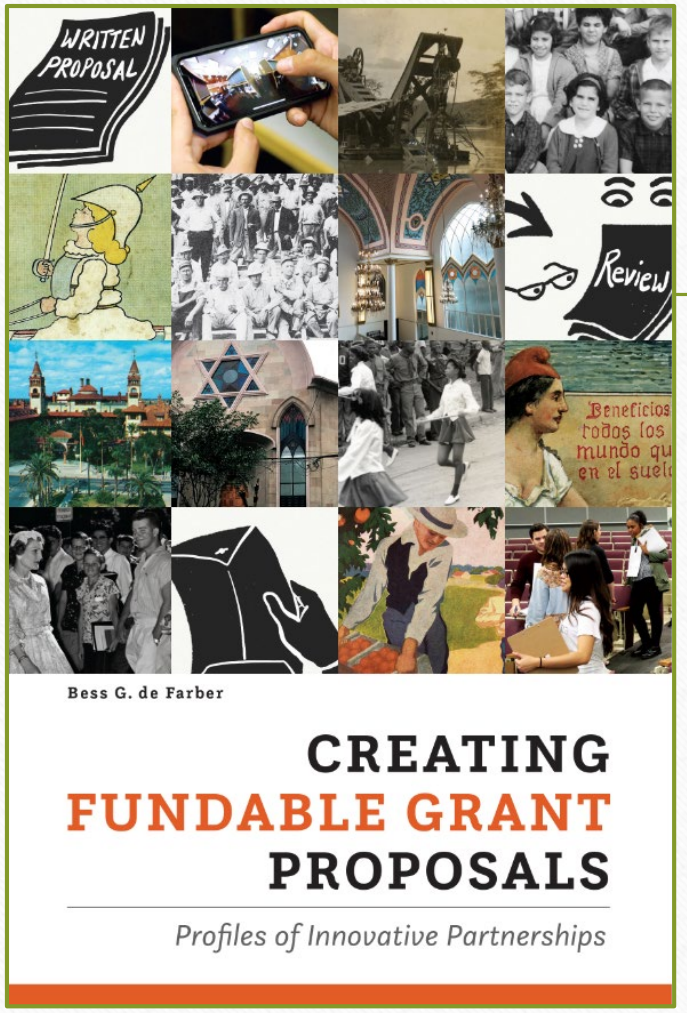
($427,100 cash request; $434,404 combined contributed cost)

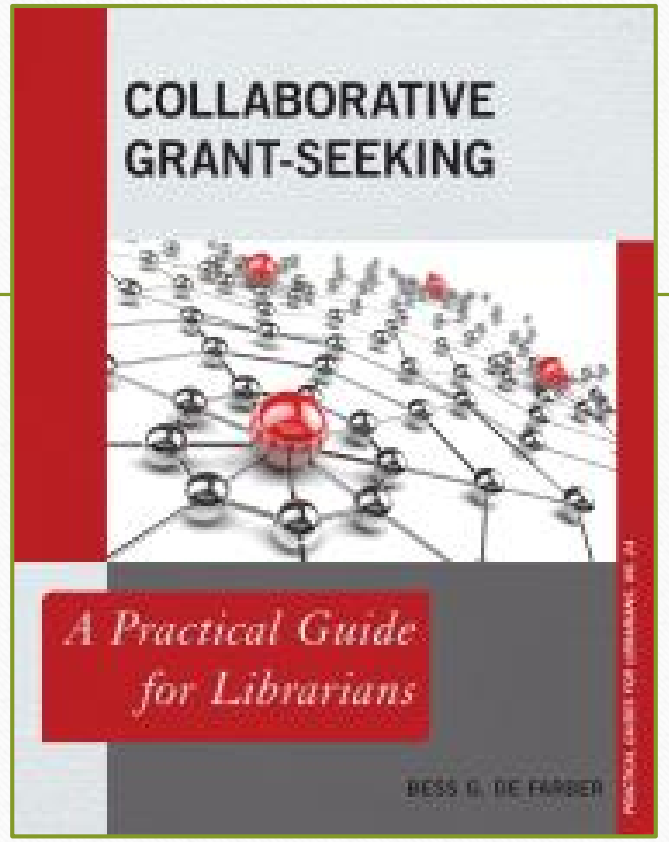
Planning for Open Grants: Fostering a Transparant and Accessible National Research Proposal Infrastructure

($99,833 cash request; $41,218 contributed effort)

Startup Grantseeking Activities

- Learn about the submission and approval processes
- Search for grants
- Read guidelines
- Find a funding opportunity match
- Build a project team and find your assets
- Talk to program officers





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