

Fixing Your (Head)Space:

Grant Writing With Purpose, Process, and Peace of Mind



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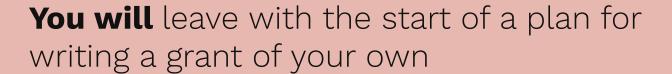
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Our goals for today:



We will present our process for preparing to write a successful grant, with tips gleaned along the way



We will **not** discuss how to find funding opportunities



Steelcase ALC Grant Research Project



With this new classroom design, we're studying the impact of classroom design on student/faculty teaching & learning experience, namely on

- Non-cognitive (affective) factors
- Instructor experiences
- Engaged learning experiences





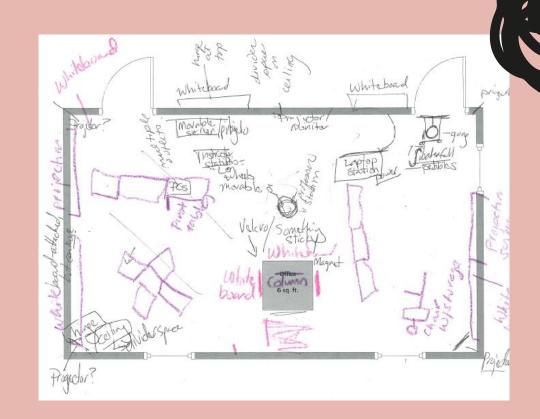
Step One: Identifying Your Need

- What does your library need?
 Why? Is this solving a problem or reaching for a goal?
 - X Worksheet URL:
 - X libguides.radford.edu/active/vla



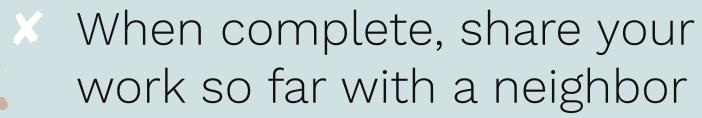
Sharing Our Purpose

With our classroom space, we knew what a better space would enable us to do well before seeking a grant as a potential solution.



Step Two: Finding Your Purpose

What would you be able to accomplish if your library's need was met?



Collaboration & Partnerships

TABLE 1 Foundations' Attitudes and Practices by Foundation Type (Continued)

		munity dation	Corporate Foundation		Independent Foundation	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Ouring the past two fisco ollaborate?***	al years did	the found	ation activ	ely encour	age gran	tees to
No	32	13.91	29	32.22	294	35.68
Yes	198	86.09	61	67.78	530	64.32
oid the foundation requ	ire the grant	ees to col	laborate?(6)		
No	101	51.53	36	60.00	314	59.70
Yes, sometimes	87	44.39	23	38.33	201	38.21
Yes, always	8	4.08	1	1.67	11	2.09



Ostrower, F. (2004). Attitudes and practices concerning effective philanthropy: Executive summary. *Urban Institute*. Retrieved from http://webarchive.urban.org/publications/310986.html

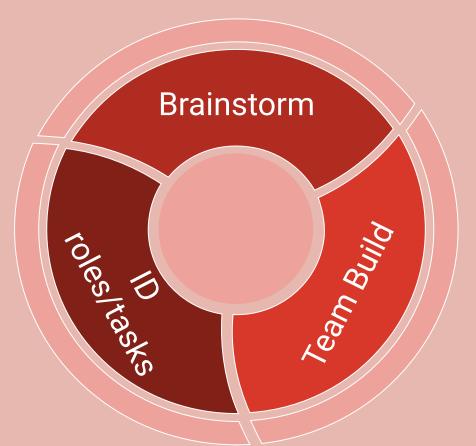
Finding Stakeholders

- X Instruction Librarians
- X Library Administration
- X Creative Thinkers (Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning CITL)
- X Library and Campus Facilities
- × Campus Stakeholders

Step Three: Identify Stakeholders

- Who stands to benefit?
- Who must support any grant?
- X Who will be impacted?
- Who's on your grant-writing dream
 - team?
 - Consider strengths: creativity, organization, institutional knowledge, research savvy

Convene Your Dream Team

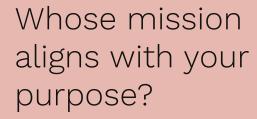




Next Steps



Decide on a grant to pursue



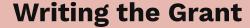
What's your angle?

Keep your project achievable





Share responsibilities



Who will write which components?

Who will manage the grant project timeline?

What value would your proposal provide the grant funder?

Commitments beyond Grantwriting

Who will be responsible for different commitments, if you win?





And the results...

What happens if you win the grant?

Getting the support and space to carry out the grant commitments What happens if you do NOT win?

Plan B: Are any parts of the grant still achievable?





Step Four: What happens if you win?

- Who will you need to get support from?
- X How will you make room for extra work?



Thank you! Questions?

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