Webinar Follow-up Question and Answer Session with Sherry Allen

**Question from Julie Jorgensen**
Do you know anything about grant siren. If that is a legit site?

**Answer from Presenter**
I don’t have experience with that site.

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**Question from Shanique Griffiths**
Are there any additional requirements such as training to write and/or apply for grants? Or is it based on the type of grant sought?

**Answer from Presenter**
Grant-writing is indeed an expansive endeavor, involving many and varied issues based on type of grant. I am a member of the Grant Professionals Association and have the Grant Professional Certification. I recommend taking a look at the resources provided here: [http://grantprofessionals.org/](http://grantprofessionals.org/). Colleges, universities as well as United Ways often provide grant training.

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**Questions from Renee Curren**
1. I'm considering writing a grant that will enable me to tutor children. Do you have any recommendations?
2. Are there benefits to hiring someone to write a grant for you?
3. Once the grant runs out does your program continue on its own or do grants renew?

**Answer from Presenter**
1. For most grantors, you will need to be a part of an organization in order to receive funding. Exceptions may be to crowdfund through DonorsChoose or Kickstarter.
2. There are benefits if: you have documented the need and identified the program very well, you have the resources to hire a good one, and you can’t do it yourself.
3. Most grants are time limited and required ongoing reporting and/or re-application. Some have one year funding, others may provide multi-year funding. You may re-apply for some grants at the end of the funding period and for others you can’t. This varies widely.
**Question from Joshua Hulen**
Are there databases or software programs that access grants that are not available through a public search online?

**Answer from Presenter**
The search engines that were listed in the slides offer information that is not easily accessible through a public search online. The Foundation Center resources are often available through public and university libraries.

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**Question from Michael Holler**
What are some sources/resources for bid proposals for individuals?

**Answer from Presenter**
This is not my area of expertise, sorry. Here is the link to the federal contractor registration site that I mentioned.

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