

A blue FRC robot arm is shown against a blue background with a green geometric pattern of overlapping 'X' shapes. The arm has various labels, including 'FIRST STEPS' and 'DEEP SPACE'.

ROOKIE FRC

GRANTS & FUNDING CHEAT SHEET

FIRST STEPS

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GRANTS

WHAT IS A GRANT?

A grant is funding given to an individual or agency to carry out a specific need or problem in the community. The grants that can be used for the First Robotics Competition are typically science or robotics related. These grants can be private, FIRST-specific, and/or federal grants. Additionally, there are grants specific for rookie teams to cover initial expenses.

HOW GRANTS SUPPORT TEAMS

Grants from outside sources help pay for essential costs during the FRC competitions, these costs can include the following:

- Competitions
- Spirit Wear
- Motors, Electronics
- Manufacturing Equipment & Materials
- Food
- Season Registration
- Competition Travel
- Events (ex. NAC)



TYPES OF GRANTS

PRIVATE

Grants that are offered from private organizations. Often gifted based on a team's outreach and community impact.

GOVERNMENT

Grants that are given from the government such as federal and state grants.

FIRST-SPECIFIC

Grants offered specifically to FIRST teams. Often used to cover registration costs for FIRST.

ROOKIE GRANTS

There are many FIRST grants made specifically for rookie teams. These help new teams get started.

GRANTS TO APPLY FOR

PRIVATE

- Google Data Center Community Grant
- Webb Family

GOVERNMENT

- Federal Grant 22-548
- Federal Grant AC-07-12-22

FIRST-SPECIFIC

- NASA
- REV Robotics
- Intuitive Foundation
- Bae Systems

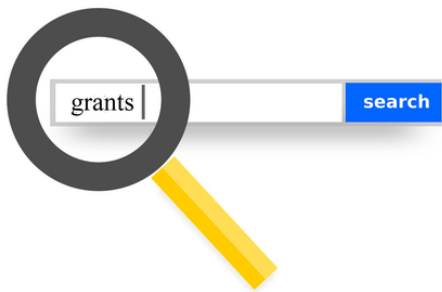
ROOKIE GRANTS

- FIRST Tech Challenge Rookie Grant

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RESOURCES FOR FINDING GRANTS

- [The Grants Learning Center](#)
 - Resource to find federal grants
- [FIRST Grant Searcher](#)
 - Searcher to find grants eligible for FIRST teams



HOW TO APPLY TO GRANTS

1. Research grant opportunities for your team
 - a. Use resources from above
2. Check for the eligibility for the program
3. Prepare your grant application
 - a. Determine the materials needed to submit (forms, documents, essays, etc.)
4. Look over materials and make sure everything is organized & correct
5. Submit application (through website, email, or other based on type of grant)
6. Track your application and wait for a response!



FUNDRAISERS

WHAT MAKES A GOOD FUNDRAISER



- High-income & High Traction
- Over an extended period of time
- Easily promotable
- Convenient
- Supporters receive a benefit or service

HOW TO ORGANIZE FUNDRAISERS

- Determine your goal
- Devise a budget (plan for cost, people, resources, and outreach)
- Get needed volunteers
- Market your fundraiser through social media and promotional materials



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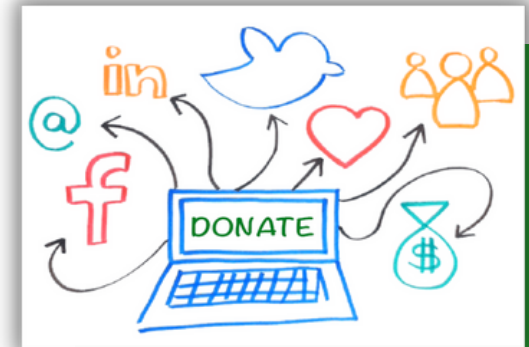
FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR TEAMS



- Car Washes
- Restaurant/Fast Food Fundraisers
- GoFundMe
- Selling Merchandise
- Local Fairs

TIPS FOR FUNDRAISING

- Be organized and professional.
- Reach out to organizations to partner with.
- Use marketing strategies to reach the public.
- Use social media.
- Keep the goal in mind.



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