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**Finding Funds Just Got Easier**  
*New Internet Tool Now at Libraries Thanks to Community Foundation*

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA— People seeking funding sources for everything from art to architecture, music to museums have just acquired a new collaborator. The San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation (SLOCCF) has just made GrantStation available at seven library locations countywide. GrantStation is an online funding resource for individuals and organizations seeking grants throughout the world. GrantStation connects grantseekers with accurate, comprehensive information about grantmakers that are actively accepting inquiries and proposals.

A report from the SLO County Libraries indicated that a growing number of callers were requesting information about grants, which was absorbing more time from the reference staff. This prompted SLOCCF Executive Director Barry VanderKelen to approach SLO County Library Director Brian Reynolds with an idea that makes researching funding sources more effective and efficient. SLOCCF will sponsor GrantStation at libraries in: Atascadero, Cambria, Morro Bay, Nipomo, Los Osos, Arroyo Grande, and San Luis Obispo.

SLO Library Manager Kristine Tardiff said that online tutorials make the program easy to use and soon the library will offer hands-on workshops to assist users with navigating GrantStation.

“We so appreciate the support offered by the Community Foundation,” said Tardiff. “Now every organization that needs help with researching funding sources can get it.”

Local organizations have already shown an interest in GrantStation, since obtaining current, up-to-date information on grants is hard to find.

GrantStation offers information on federal grant programs; links to state funding agencies; and a growing database of U.S. and international grantmakers.

“Staffing cuts have made it harder for our library staffs to respond to requests for assistance with finding grantmaking sources,” said VanderKelen. “We are pleased to be able to sponsor this important new service to anyone seeking funds for nonprofit causes.”

Since its founding in 1998, SLOCCF has successfully impacted the local community with its philanthropic efforts. During the past 11 years, the SLOCCF has granted over \$12 million to deserving causes and individuals through its 200 funds and scholarships. It continues to grow its assets despite a down economy, and is committed to serve as an enduring source of charitable funding for the SLO County community. For more information about the SLOCCF, to find or establish a fund, or to donate, please call (805) 543-2323 or log onto [www.slocf.org](http://www.slocf.org).

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