FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

When you start building your list of prospects, it’s important to do research on each individual to have a better understanding of what their interests are and whether those interests might align with your campaign. Included below are a number of websites to look up individual donors and/or foundations.

Research Sites:

OpenSecrets.org - Tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. Offers a searchable database of political donors, campaign contributions, news and analysis, and donations to PACs, a lobbyist database, and "soft money" donations. Free.

FoundationCenter.Org - Foundation Directory Online Free provides grant makers' addresses, websites, fiscal data, and more. 990 Finder directs you to an organization's IRS returns. Partially free.

DonorSearch.net - Provides information on donor giving history and assets. Not free.

WealthEngine.com - Web-based research tool which yields information on individuals, non-profits, foundations and companies. Not free.

FEC.gov – The Federal Election Commission’s database of campaign donations. It is a free research tool, but there are strict guidelines on how you can use this database.