

# Grantseeking Readiness Checklist

## 8 Things You'll Need To Get Started Grantseeking

- Nonprofit tax status and other state/local certifications
- Clear, unique mission statement that addresses a pressing need
- Appropriate financial accounting system
- History of financial sustainability
- Active, supportive Board of Directors
- Identification of at least 1 priority program with a budget
- Quantitative and/or qualitative evaluation systems
- A track record of success (or at least the right leadership to make that happen)

***For an explanation of each item, please refer to the following blog post:***

***<http://www.writingtomakeadifference.com/archives/7175>***

## **BONUS: 7 Things to Work on as You Move Forward**

- Strategic plan
- Listing of board diversity (often including clients or constituents)
- Method to keep track of success stories
- Letters of support from partner organizations
- Non-discrimination policy
- Action photos
- Publicity plan (especially for corporate funders)