



**2017 Grant Conference  
July 25-26, 27, 2017  
Atlanta, GA**

**Presenters**

**Session Topic**

**Lee Brown**

Georgia Homeland Security Office

Homeland Security opportunities

**Gaillyn Bowman, MA, Certified Grant Writer®**

Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc.

Getting the Success Story

**Gale D. Brock**

U.S. Census Bureau

Preparing Thematic Maps using Census Data

**Judy Ceresa**

Program Advisor

Grants.gov

Grants.gov Overview and Workspace update

**Economic Development Office**

U.S. Department of Commerce

Economic Development Opportunities

**Jarriel Forbes**

Game Over

Client Perspective on working with a Grant Writer

**Foundation Center**

Atlanta Staff

Tips for the Foundation Directory Online database

**Carla Harper, Chief of OGS Infectious  
Diseases**

**Terrance Perry, Director of the Office  
of Grants Services**

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

CDC Funding Initiatives and grant trends

**Evette Jones**

USDA Rural Development Office

Rural Development Opportunities

**Alan Mackie, Certified Evaluator**

GtD, Inc.

Program Evaluation

**Lakisha Mearidy-Bell, Ph.D., RSW**

Certified Grant Writer®

Trinity Foundation of Hope for Natural  
Disaster Victims

Epistemological Practice of Grant Writing

## Presenters

**Denise Roggio, Certified Grant Writer®**  
Grant Manager and Project Specialist  
Yarnell Fire District, Yarnell AZ

**Roderick Santulan, Certified Grant Writer®**

**Paul Secor, Certified Grant Writer**  
Sector Strategies, LLC

**Linda Sharp, Certified Grant Writer®**  
Professional Development Director  
American Grant Writers' Association

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**Melanie Weatherhill-Sandi,**  
Certified Grant Writer®  
Critical, LLC

**Heather Zoromski, MPH, Certified Grant Writer**  
Executive Director  
Darr Family Foundation

## Session Topic

Grant Review Process

Preparing Government Contracts

Finding and Winning STEM Grants

Becoming an AGWA Local Chapter Director  
(attendance limited to Certified Grant Writers®)

Developing a 2018 Grant Strategy for Nonprofits  
using Excel®

Quantitative Analysis of Grant Funding in the United States

What Do Funders Really Want?

## Panelists

**E'tienne Easley, Certified Grant Writer®**  
**Rhonda Poppen, Certified Grant Writer®**  
**Diane Rice, Ed.D., Certified Grant Writer®**

Grant Consulting Panel Discussion

## Conference Emcees

**Theresa Walsh, Certified Grant Writer®**  
US Senator Pat Toomey's Office

**Rhonda Poppen, Certified Grant Writer®**  
Grant Consultant at GRANTdog

Additional session topics and presenters will be posted as arrangements are confirmed.