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• The grant proposal is poorly written.
• The project is a poor fit with the funder’s need and/or don’t do enough to alleviate that need.
• The proposed activities of your project aren’t clearly thought out and don’t seem feasible.
• The competition from other applications is overwhelming.
• The application is good, but the need is great, but other prospects will attract even more population.
• The funding agency isn’t confident that your organization has the capacity to successfully carry out the project.
• Your organization has had problems in administering other grants.

Get Debriefed.

When your proposal is rejected, it’s hard to know which of the reasons listed above is the culprit. Your first step is to get to the root of the rejection. The best way is to request a debriefing from the funding agency or foundation.

A debriefing is a discussion with the funder about why your application wasn’t funded. If funded, will be happy to discuss the reasons for rejection. Helping organizations build their capacity is an important part of their job.

Foundations aren’t likely to other funders to give de briefings. Still, it never hurts to ask.

Some of the advice you may receive in a debriefing:
• You need to provide more detail in the application.
• A required component of the application is missing.
• Not enough matching funds are being provided.
• The grant writer didn’t follow program regulations and guidelines in preparing the application.
• Required documentation wasn’t submitted.
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So your grant application was turned down, and you wonder why? Here are some possible reasons:

• The grant proposal is poorly written.
• The project is a poor fit with the funder’s needs and won’t do enough to achieve what that requires.
• The proposed activities of your project aren’t clearly thought out and don’t seem feasible.
• The competition from other applications is overwhelming.
• The application is good but the need is less, but other

It’s important to take heart that the information was received. A post-mortem is often a useful tool for understanding why an application was not successful.

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