

# The Google Ad Grant: Explained!

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A young boy in a patterned shirt is jumping joyfully in the rain, with his arms raised and a wide smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence. The entire image has a semi-transparent purple and blue overlay.



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# ELEVATION

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# Overview of Presentation

1. What you need to know about Google Ad Grants
2. Benefits of Google Ad Grants
3. How to tell your nonprofits story through effective campaigns

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# What is the Google Ad Grant?

A **monthly \$10,000 in-kind donation**  
from Google Ads to advertise on their  
search network.



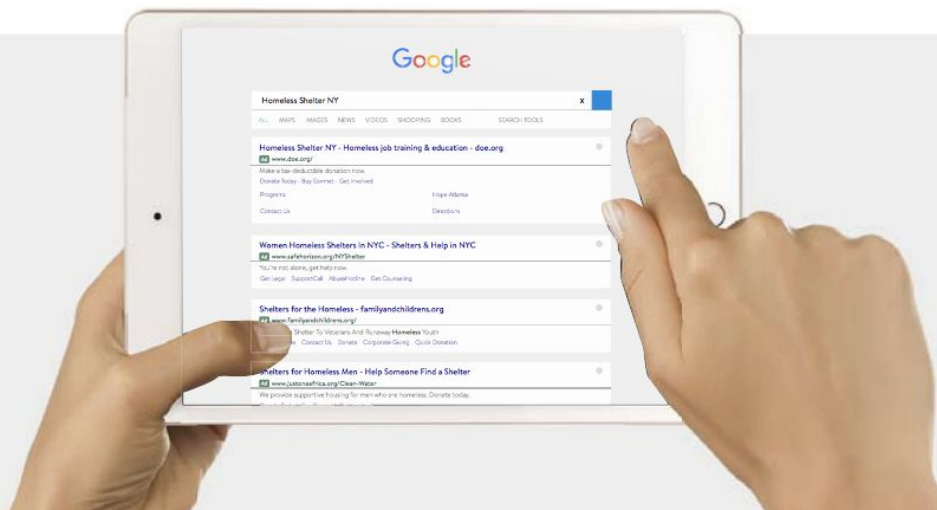
## Google For Nonprofits

1. Google Ads
2. Youtube
3. G-Suite (Gmail)
4. Google Apps (Drive & Forms)
5. Google Analytics



# Google Ads

Digital Ads that appear in Google.com (Google Search Network) next to search results for people who are searching for products, services and organizations like yours.



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Why use the  
Google Ad Grant?



# 1. Google is the #1 search engine in the U.S.

- Don't know something...? Google it!
- Over 1.6 BILLION unique monthly visitors
- #1 U.S. search engine
- Where people search for products & services

## 2. SEM Marketing



Businesses receive an average of **\$2 of revenue for every \$1 spent** on paid advertising on the Google Ads platform



**60%** of Google users are unable to identify the fact that they are looking at a **paid ad**, rather than an organic listing



**75%** of consumers who find useful, local information online are **more likely to visit** the physical stores associated with that information

People already  
know what they're  
searching for...

### 3. Acquisition Channels

- Drives the most engaged & valuable traffic
- Higher search & intent
- Google Ads vs Social Media
  - Conversions vs Branding

## 4. Awareness

### **Share Your Story**

Every nonprofit has a story behind its vision so share yours through online ads by answering “why”.

### **Drive Website Visits**

Direct people to your website to perform different actions through the use of online ads

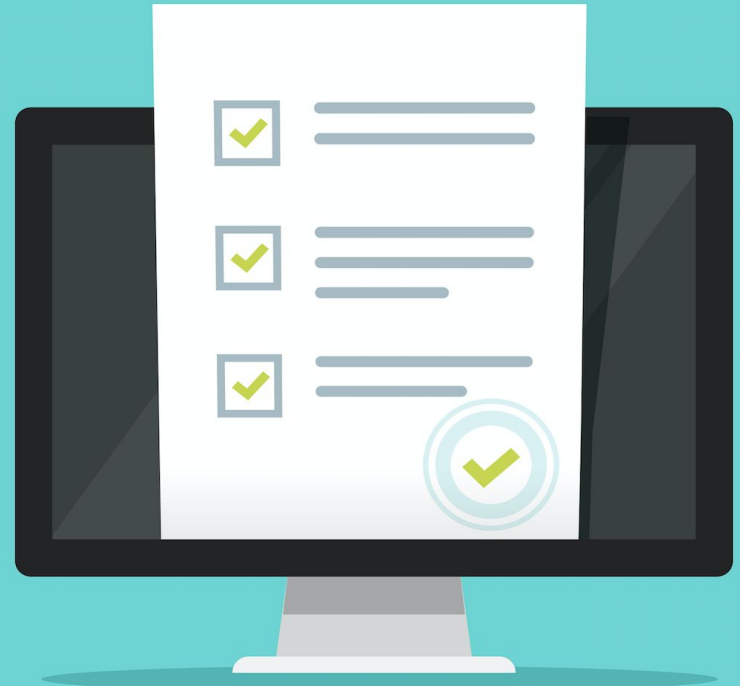
### **Increase Donations**

Get more donations by with online ads that help people find a cause to donate to

More Visibility = More Engagement

## 5. Easy to Receive

- Relatively **short process**
- It's all **online**
- **No limited pool** of funding
- **\$10,000** of free advertising per month
- **No annual renewal**
- **Lifetime grant** as long as it's in compliance





PAY PER CLICK

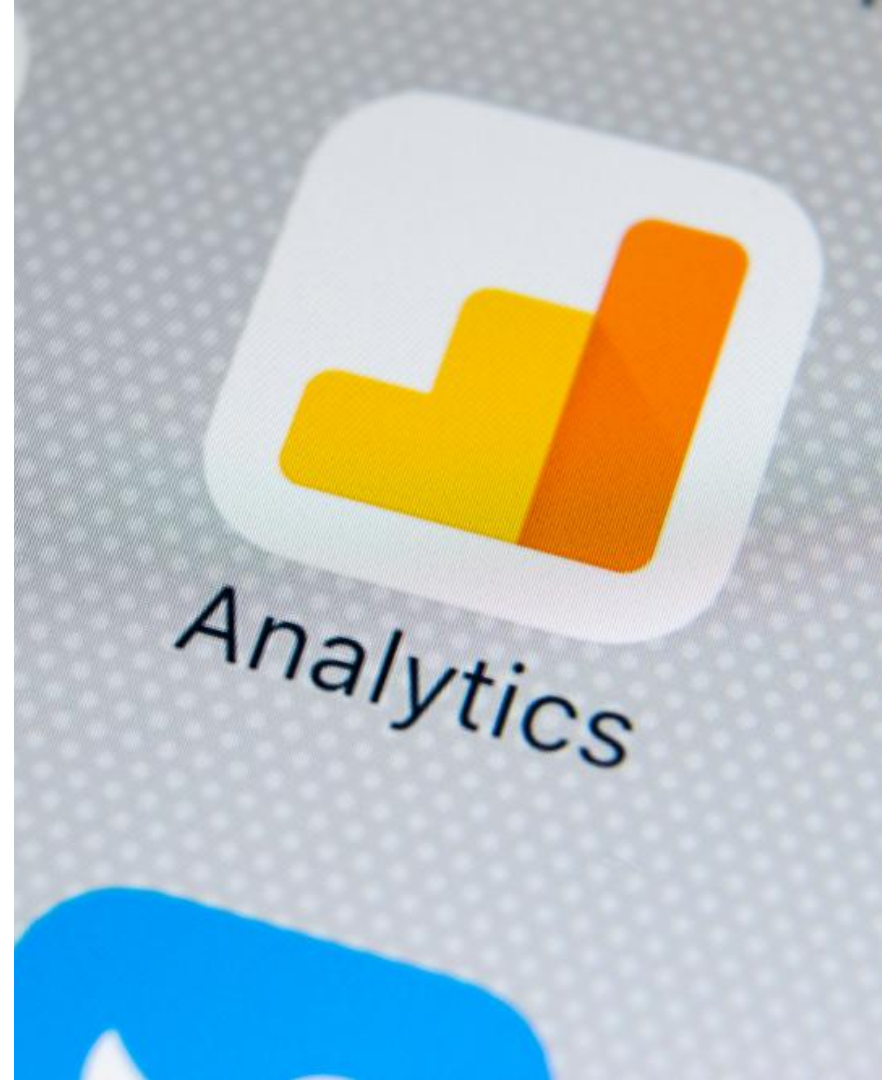
## 6. You only pay for people who click on your ad

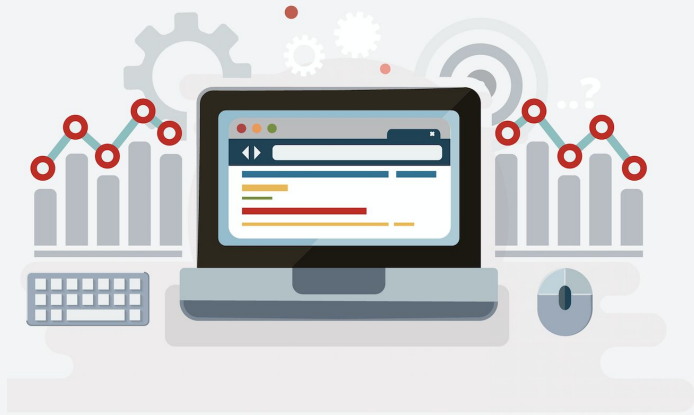
- Google Ads is **PPC** (pay-per-click) or **CPC** (cost-per-click) advertising
- Only pay for clicks, not views
- \$2 CPC limit
- Maximize conversions bidding strategy



## 7. Google Ads allows for performance tracking

- Link to Google Analytics
- Real-time data
- Data Studio reporting
- Evaluate performance indicators - top ads, keywords





## 8. Conversion Tracking

- Track valuable actions on your website
- Channel Attribution
- Donations
- Volunteer Forms
- Event Registrations



# Eligibility

## Eligible Organizations

- Hold valid charity status  
i.e. registered as a 501(c)(3)
- Agree to Google's required  
nondiscrimination certifications
- Have a live website with substantial  
content



## Organizations that are **not eligible**...

- Government entity or organization
- Hospital or healthcare organization
- School, academic institution or University (Google for Education)



## How to Apply...

- 1 Validate Nonprofit with TechSoup
- 2 Enroll in Ad Grants
- 3 Create your Account
- 4 Submit Account for Review





How it works...



## How it works...

1. Select keywords related to your nonprofit or cause to set up campaigns.





## How it works...

2. Showcase your cause through compelling text ads

**NYC Homeless Shelters - doe.org**

**Ad** [www.doe.org/](http://www.doe.org/)

Make a tax-deductible donation now.

Donate Today - Buy Gormet - Get Involved



## How it works...

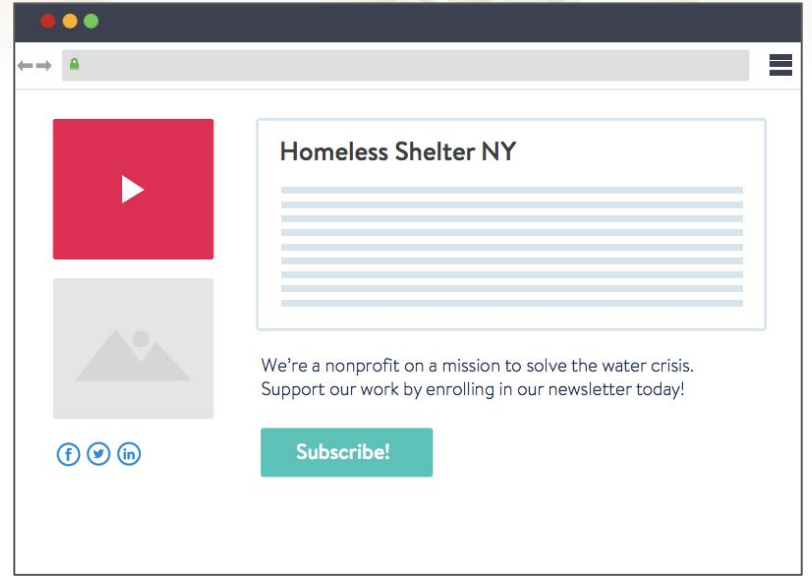
3. Increase traffic when more people see you on Google





## How it works...

4. More people entering your website means more potential supporters



## To keep your account in compliance...

No single-word keywords, no generic keywords & no competitor keywords

No keywords with quality scores under 2 allowed

Minimum of 2 Campaigns, 2 Ad Groups & 2 Extension Links

Set-up conversion tracking if applicable

Maintain a 5% CTR

Respond to program survey

Only **text-based** ads allowed, no display or video

A group of people's hands are stacked in a circle, symbolizing teamwork and collaboration. The background is a soft, blurred image of people's faces, overlaid with a purple and blue gradient. The text is white and centered on the left side of the image.

# How to create an effective campaign

Correct Account Set Up

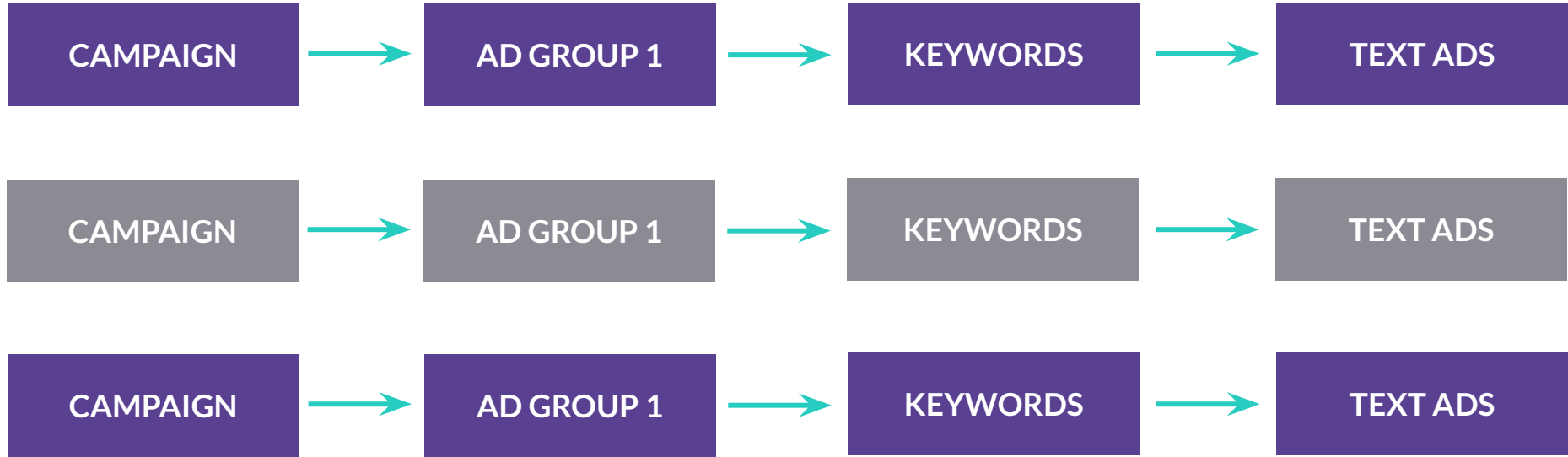
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Better Management

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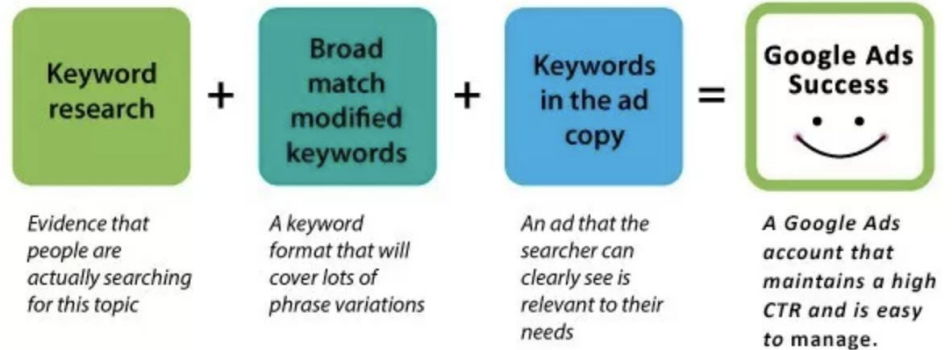
Future Campaign Success

# Account Set Up



# Keyword Selection

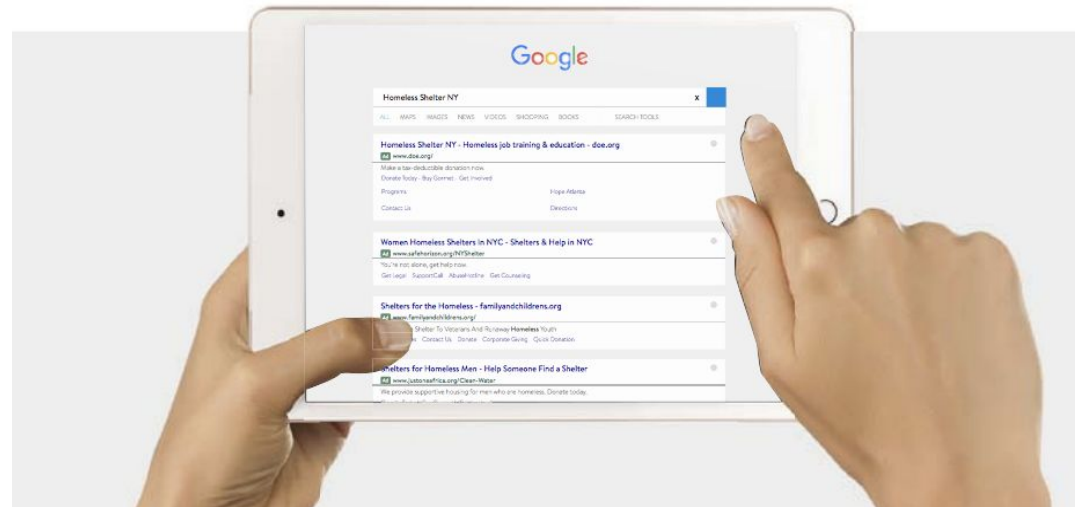
- Keyword Research
- Relevant terms & match types
- Avoid competitors names
- Negative Keywords





# Text Ads

- Target Individuals who are already interested & motivated
- Direct to relevant landing pages
- Use keywords in text copy and headlines
- Use CTA's (Call-To-Actions)
  - Donate Now
  - Make A Difference
- Stay within compliance
  - No excessive symbols
  - Correct spelling



# Ad Extensions

- Enhance your text ads
- Additional information
- Sitelinks
- Telephone
- Reviews
- Location
- Call Out

**Disability Rights Advocates | Donate Today**  
[Ad] [dreamscapefoundation.org/Disability/Advocates](https://dreamscapefoundation.org/Disability/Advocates) (239) 325-1881  
Dreamscape Foundation Focuses On Building Accessibility Through Technology.  
Help Children · Donate Today · Volunteer with Us  
Types: Help Disabled People, Address Disability Needs, Assistive Technology  
Types: Educational Resources, Employment Tools, Assistive Technology

<a href="#">About Us</a>	<a href="#">Why Accessibility</a>
<a href="#">Donate Today</a>	<a href="#">Sponsor A Charity Project</a>



# Cross Device Storytelling

- Adapt Ads to multi-devices
- Mobile
- Desktop
- Bid Adjustment
- Check load time



# Languages

- Serve Ads in multi languages
- Spanish, English
- Proof
- Translation discrepancies



# Global Reach

- Reach your audience, anywhere, everywhere
- City, State, Regional
- Circumference around organization



## Your Google Ad Checklist:

- Keyword list
- 2 Campaigns
- 2 Ad Groups per campaign
- 2 Text Ads per Ad Group
- 2 Sitelink Extensions minimum
- Link Google Ads to Google Analytics
- Conversion Set Up if applicable

A high-angle, low-key photograph of a diverse group of people's hands stacked in a circle, symbolizing teamwork and strategy. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple and blue gradient. The word "Strategies" is written in white, sans-serif font in the lower-left quadrant.

# Strategies

# Sharing Your Story...

Tell your story to the those who are interested or relate to your cause.



GOOGLE ADS

Large Audience

More people will click

Learn "Why?"





# Attract Donations...

People need to know about your cause  
in order to want to donate to it.



GOOGLE ADS

Increase exposure

Increase website  
traffic

Gain financial  
supporters



## Recruit Volunteers...

Frequency of ads on Google =  
More Awareness of your cause



VOLUNTEERS

More Volunteers

Advocates

Volunteer  
Tracking



## Promote Content...

Have people associate your organization with the go to place for topics related to your cause

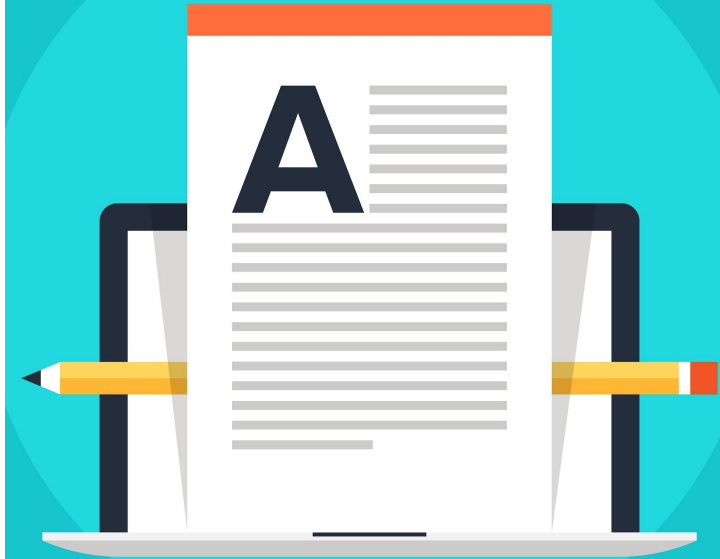


BLOG ARTICLE

Awareness

Education

Thought Leaders



Bloggng

# Fundraising...

Use Google Ads platform to let more people know about your events



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Recruit  
Volunteers

Increase  
Sign-Ups

Increase  
Fundraising





# Thanks for **Joining Us!**

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