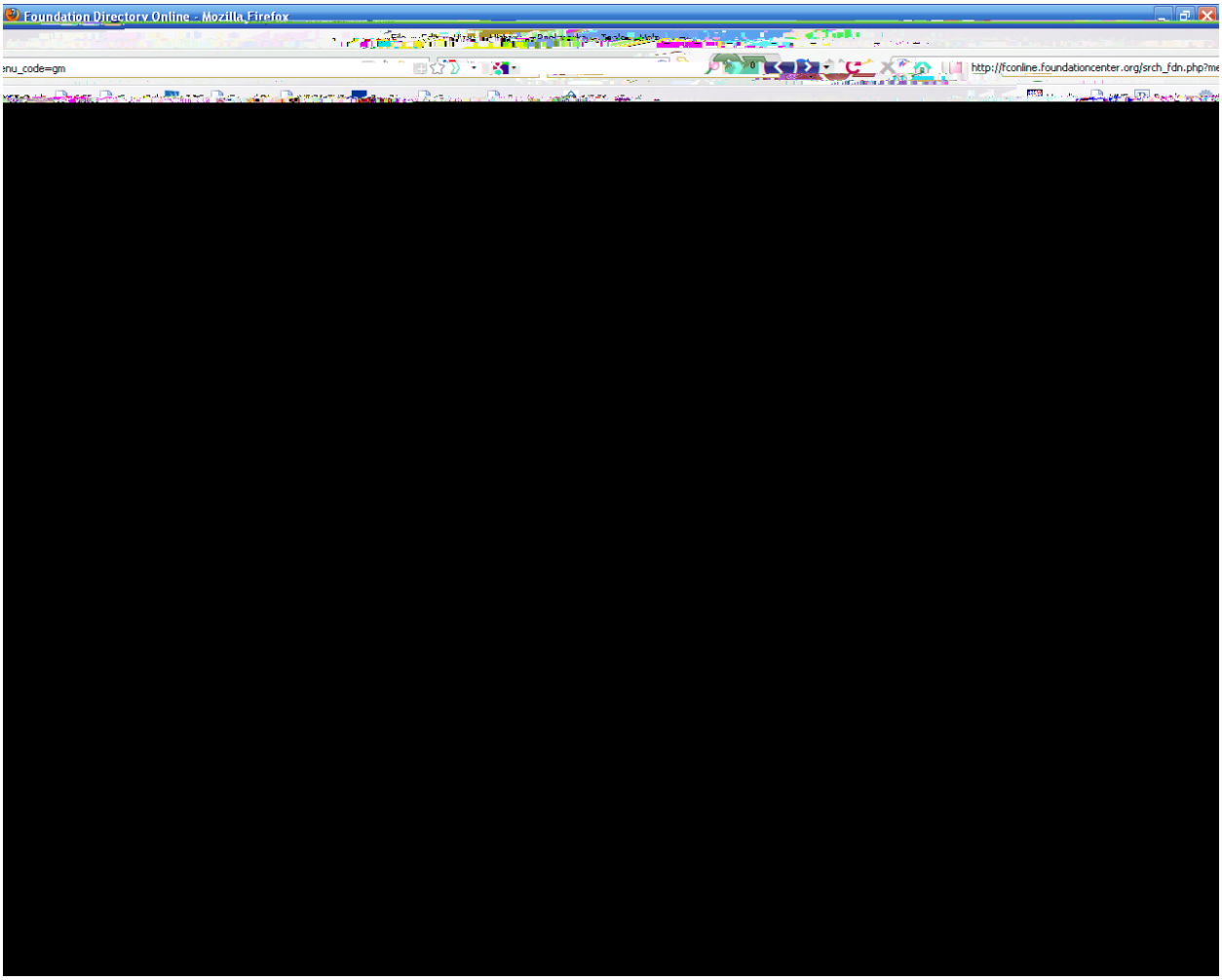
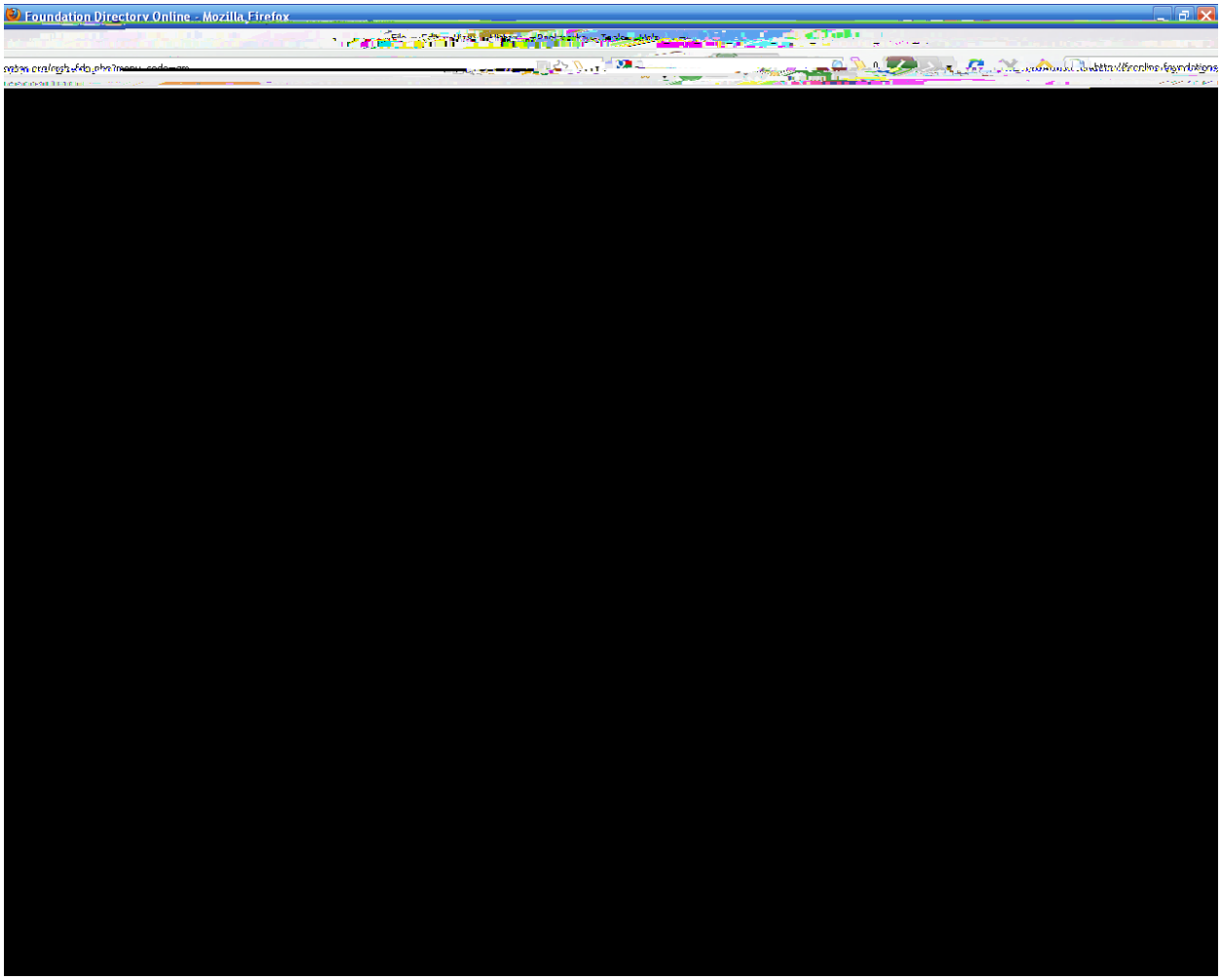
This will bring you to their search page:



The words in Orange (“Grantmaker Name”, “Grantmaker Location”, etc.) each have the words “View Index” beneath them. That is where their search terms hide in FDO.

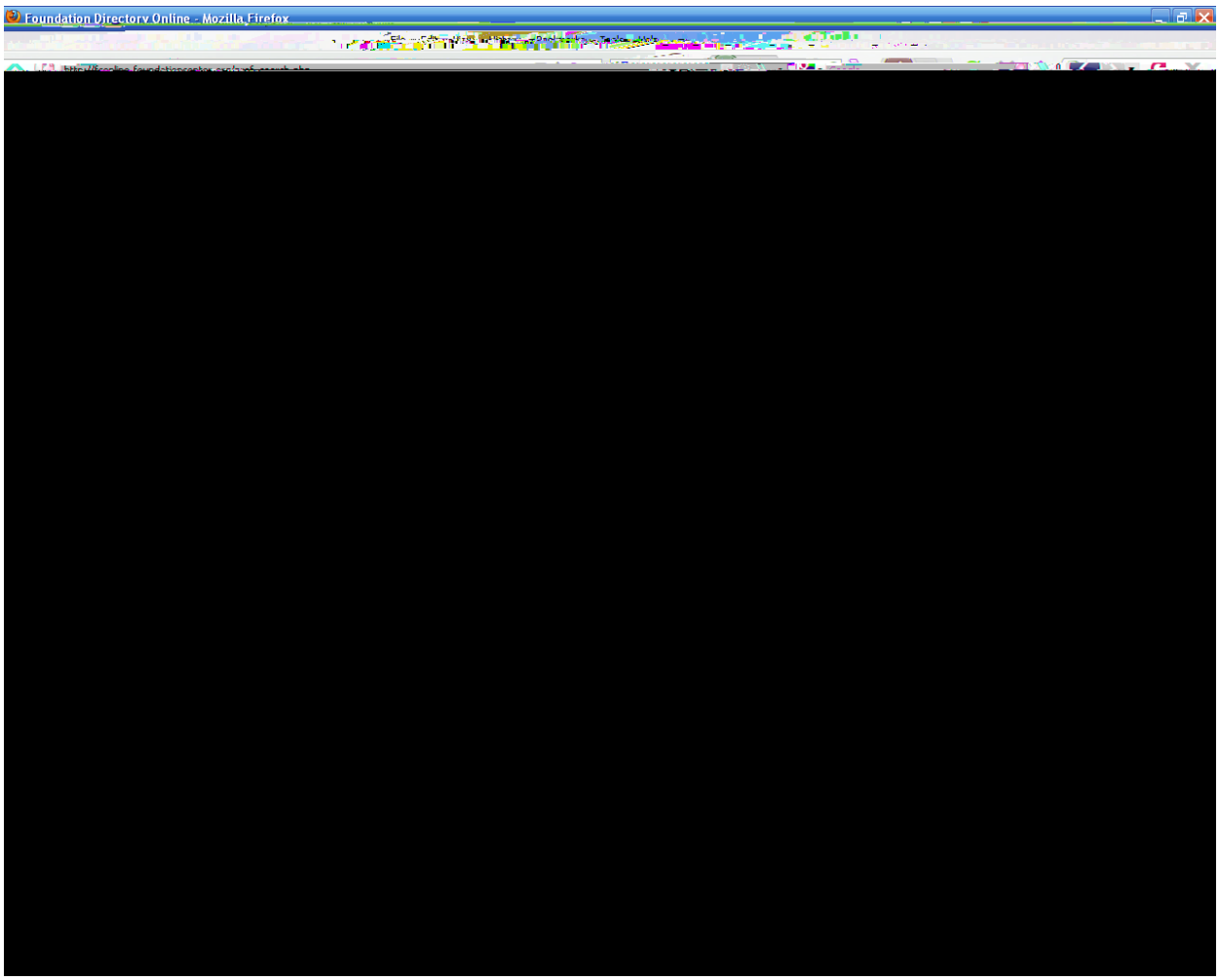
Click on “View Index” under “Geographic Focus” and you’ll see a list population on the left side of the screen.

Click on “Maine (895)” and you’ll see it show up in the box next to “Geographic Focus”. 895 is the total number of grantmakers who list Maine as a Geographic Focus. Now, in the same list, click on “National”, and “National; International”. Finally, click the box at the bottom of the search boxes that says “exclude grantmakers not accepting applications” since you can’t apply to them anyway.



Now you can click on “View Index” under “Field of Interest” and go through to find the topics that apply to what you want to do. Note that this index is long enough that you only see one letter of the alphabet at a time and must click on other letters at the top of the Index list to see more.

Note that it is often helpful to use the “Total giving” section at the bottom of the search area to limit the size of funders. If you are looking to fund a $2000 student project, it is helpful to use an upper cap on funders because the Ford Foundation is not likely to be interested in projects that small. Likewise, your $750,000 State-wide project is not likely to get much support from a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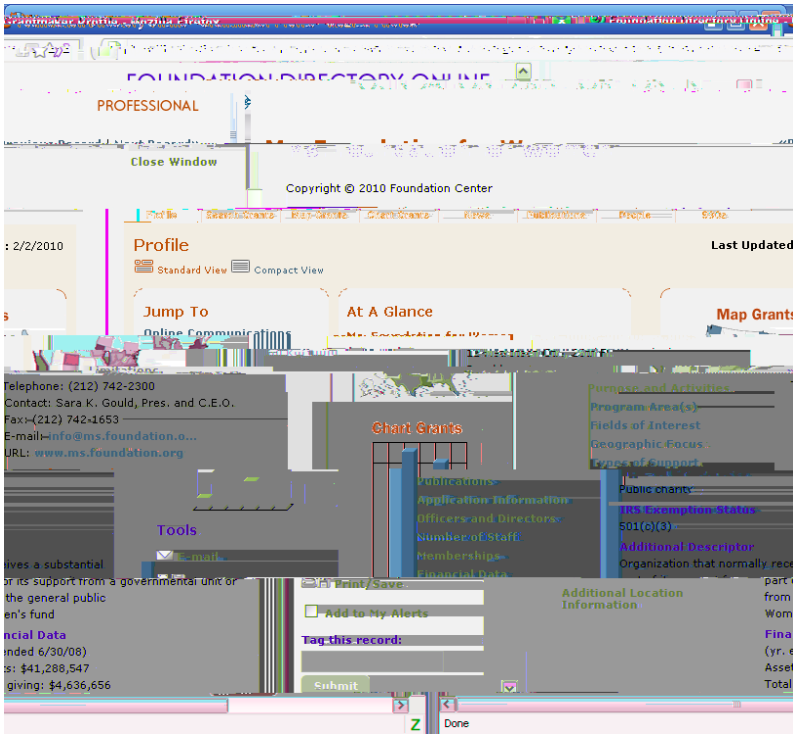

This page scrolls way down with lots of other details. Several things to look for:

Under Financial Data (middle column), what was the total giving last year? Not all foundations are able to give each year (especially in a rough economy), so make sure it's an active one.

Scroll down to "Limitations". Many don't give to universities or won't pay for research,