

## **DARYL VANELLA**

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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Senior-level Grant and RFP Writer with 10+ years of experience securing federal, state, foundation, and corporate funding for nonprofit and mission-driven organizations. Proven success authoring multi-million-dollar awards, including recent state and federal grants. Expert in proposal strategy, compliance, budget narratives, and deadline-driven execution. Thrives as an independent contractor supporting multiple clients in fast-paced remote environments.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Founder & Lead Grant / RFP Writer (Freelance)

Empower & Advocate Consulting Services LLC | Remote | 2009–Present

- Secured \$3.6+ million in awarded grant funding across behavioral health, juvenile justice, housing, and community services in 2025.
- Authored a \$2.2M state grant award within the past 12 months, exceeding required funding thresholds.
- Achieved a 32% award rate across 150+ grant and RFP submissions.
- Led the full proposal lifecycle: opportunity research, narrative drafting, budget development, compliance checks, and submission.
- Developed accurate, funder-aligned budgets and financial documentation.
- Responded to complex RFPs with strict scoring rubrics and formatting requirements.
- Prepared interim and final grant reports to demonstrate impact and ensure compliance.

## **SELECTED FUNDING RESULTS**

- State Behavioral Health Grant (California): \$2.2M awarded.
- Federal Block Grants: \$4.5M across multiple programs
- Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Expansion: \$1.1M
- Local & Regional Foundations: \$25K–\$250K awards

## **TOOLS & SYSTEMS**

Instrumentl, Grantable, Notion, Monday.com, Grant Calendars, CRM Platforms, Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Workspace, Zoom, Meet