

Strengthening Nonprofit Organizations – The Foundation Perspective

The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please complete this survey by Friday, February 2, 2018.

Introduction

Thank you for your participation in this research study conducted by the Center for Effective Philanthropy, funded in part by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

The purpose of this survey is to understand what support foundations are providing to grantees to help strengthen organizations and their leaders.

This support may come in the form of grants (such as capacity-building, organizational effectiveness, or general operating support grants), and/or assistance beyond the grant (provided by foundation staff or a third party paid by the foundation) to strengthen the infrastructure, professional development, and other needs at nonprofit organizations. Examples of assistance beyond the grant include assistance for a grantee's internal management and operations, assistance for external efforts such as collaborating and networking, and assistance developing skills of staff.

Your responses to this survey will be kept **completely confidential**. When results of this survey are shared:

- All numeric rating responses to this survey will be reported in aggregate.
- If we quote part of your response to an open-ended question, we will mask all identifying information in the quote to thoroughly protect your anonymity.

Instructions

- Please do not use the forward and back buttons on your browser's navigation bar to move forward and back in the survey. Instead, use the directional arrows at the bottom of each screen.
- To stop and continue the survey at a future time, close your browser and use the survey link found in your email to resume the survey.

CONTACT VERIFICATION

We would like to survey	the '	person who	primarily	oversees v	vour fo	oundation's	prog	rammatic	work.

1.	Are you the best person at your foundary question.)	ation to co	omplete th	is survey?	(This is a f	orced resp	onse
	☐ Yes ☐ No						
2.	(<i>Display only if No for Q1 is selected.</i>) P foundation we should survey instead:	lease pro	vide the co	ntact infor	mation of	the perso	n at your
	Name:						
	Thank you for your response. (End of s	urvey)					
IN	ITIAL THOUGHTS						
3.	Please indicate the extent to which you	ı agree or	disagree v	vith each o		wing state	ements:
			Strongly disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither agree nor disagree 3		Strongly agree 5
	I believe my foundation cares about strengthening the overall health of our organizations.	grantee					
	I believe my foundation has a thorough understanding of the missions our gran working toward.						
	I believe my foundation is aware of the that our grantees have.	needs					
	I believe our grantees are comfortable with us the needs they have.	raising					
	I believe my foundation asks our grant their overall needs, beyond funding.	ees about					
4.	Currently, to what percentage of your	grantees o	do you pro	vide the fo	llowing ty	pes of sup	port?
		None (0%)	A few (1-25%			Most 51-75%)	Almost all (76%-100%)
	Capacity-building or organizational effectiveness grants						

	Assistance beyond the grant (provided through our staff or third parties we hire)					
	General operating support grants					
	Grants that combine both general operating and organizational strengthening support					
ΥO	UR FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT: GR	ANTS				
5.	(Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 CE organizational effectiveness grants you following?		_			_
	Grantee organizations					
	Individual leaders of grantee organizat	ions				
	Groups or networks of nonprofit leade					
	Groups or networks of grantee organiz	ations				
	Other (please specify:)				
6.	(Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 CE building or organizational effectiveness percentage are multi-year capacity-building None (0%) A few (1-25%) Some (26-50%) Most (51-75%)	grants yo	ur foundation	provides, ap	proximately v	
	☐ Almost all (76-100%)					

7.	(Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 GOS or combination grants.) Currently, of foundation provides, approximately what percentage are multi-year general of grants that provide \$100,000 or more per year?		
	☐ None (0%)		
	☐ A few (1-25%)		
	Some (26-50%)		
	Most (51-75%)		
	☐ Almost all (76-100%)		
8.	(Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 CB/OE or GOS or combination grants.) Docurrently provide grants to strengthen groups of grantee organizations, as opp grantee organizations?		
	Yes		
	□ No		
9.	Does your foundation currently pay third-party providers in order to strengthe following?	·	
	Grantee organizations	Yes	No
	Individual leaders of grantee organizations		
	Groups or networks of nonprofit leaders		
	Groups or networks of grantee organizations		
	Other (please specify:)		
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10.	Does your foundation currently participate in any pooled funding or funding co toward strengthening any of the following?	ollaboratives	s directed
		Yes	No
	Grantee organizations		
	Individual leaders of grantee organizations		
	Groups or networks of nonprofit leaders		Ц
	Groups or networks of grantee organizations		
	Other (please specify:)		

11. (Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 CB/OE or combination grants.) To what percentage of your foundation's grantees does your foundation provide support—through capacity-building or organizational effectiveness grants—to strengthen each of the following aspects of grantee organizations, their staff, or their work?

Internal Aspects	To no grantees	To a few grantees	To some grantees	To most grantees	To almost all grantees
_	(0%)	(1-25%)	(26-50%)	(51-75%)	(76%-100%)
Governance		Ш	ᆜ		Ш
Leadership (including executive transitions)					
Strategic planning					
Financial management					
Staffing (including salaries and retention)					
Self-care (including resilience and work- life balance)					
Diversity, equity, and inclusion					
Legal support					
Information technology					
Cybersecurity					
Performance measurement					
Talent management/development					
Field-Related Aspects	To no grantees (0%)	To a few grantees (1-25%)	To some grantees (26-50%)	To most grantees (51-75%)	To almost all grantees (76%-100%)
Fundraising					
Communications					
Volunteer management and engagement					
Collaboration					
Mergers and acquisitions	П	\Box		\Box	
Convening					
Networking with organizations/leaders in the field					
Advocacy					
Movement-building					
Other Aspects	To no grantees (0%)	To a few grantees (1-25%)	To some grantees (26-50%)	To most grantees (51-75%)	To almost all grantees (76%-100%)
Other (please specify:)					

12.	In the past 12-18 months, has your foundation changed anything about its provision of capacity-building, organizational effectiveness, or general operating support grants?					
	☐ Yes ☐ No					
13.	(Display only if Q12 Yes is selected.) In the made in its provision of capacity-building, grants?	•			•	
YΩ	UR FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT: ASSIS	STANCE B	FYOND TH	IF GRANT		
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14.	(Display only if >0% is selected for Q4 assis currently provide assistance beyond the gr	•	_	•	•	
	 My organization's staff directly provided My organization pays for third-party of their (please specify:	rganization	•	-	eyond the	grant.
15.	(Display only if Q14 foundation staff is selection of the	e assistance	e beyond a g	grant to stre		_
	Internal Aspects	To no grantees (0%)	To a few grantees (1-25%)	To some grantees (26-50%)	•	To almost all grantees (76%-100%)
	Governance					
	Leadership (including executive transitions)					
	Strategic planning					
	Financial management					
	Staffing (including salaries and retention)					
	Self-care (including resilience and work- life balance)					
	Diversity, equity, and inclusion					
	Legal support					
	Information technology					
	Cybersecurity					
	Performance measurement					
	Talent management/development					

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	Communications					
	Volunteer management and engagement					
	Collaboration					
	Mergers and acquisitions					
	Convening					
	Networking with organizations/leaders in the field					
	Advocacy					
	Movement-building					
	Other Aspects	To no grantees (0%)	To a few grantees (1-25%)	To some grantees (26-50%)	To most grantees (51-75%)	To almost all grantees (76%-100%)
	Other (please specify:					
16.	(Display only if Q14 third parties is selected foundation's grantees selected? (Select one The foundation typically selects the third The grantee organization(s) receiving the party provider. Typically, the foundation and grantee(selected.	e.) ird-party pro he assistand	ovider with v	which the grant typi	antee(s) wil	l work. the third-
17.	(Display only if Q14 third parties is selected does your foundation use third parties to so organizations, their staff, or their work?	•		•	•	
	Internal Aspects	For no grantees (0%)	For a few grantees (1-25%)	For some grantees (26-50%)	For most grantees (51-75%)	For almost all grantees (76%-100%)
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	Leadership (including executive transitions)					
	Strategic planning					
	Financial management					
	Staffing (including salaries and retention)					

	Self-care (including resilience and work-life balance)					
	Diversity, equity, and inclusion					
	Legal support					
	Information technology					
	Cybersecurity					
	Performance measurement					
	Talent management/development					
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	Advocacy					
	Movement-building					
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	Other (please specify:)					
18.	In the past 12-18 months, has your foundabeyond the grant? Yes No	ition change	ed anything a	about its pro	vision of as	sistance
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19.	(<i>Display only if Q18 Yes is selected.</i>) In the made in its provision of assistance beyond	•	monuis, wha	it change(s)	your 10	uatiOff

YOUR FOUNDATION'S STRATEGIES AND PROCESSES

20.	20. To what extent does your foundation's strategy focus on investing in grantees to help strengthen their organizations?					
			To a moderate	1		
	Not at all	To a small extent	extent	To a large extent	Completely	
	1	2	3	4	5	
21.	Does your foundation	on have a defined stra	ategy to strengthen	grantee organization	s?	
	Yes					
	□ No					
22.	 (Display only if Q21 Yes is selected.) Please explain your foundation's defined strategy to strengther grantee organizations. 					
23.	Currently, does your leaders), movement	•	support to strength	nen networks (of orga	nizations or	
	Yes. my foundat	ion is providing supp	ort to do so.			
		idation is considering		to do so.		
				providing support to c	lo so.	
24.	4. (Display only if Q23 Yes or No, but considering is selected.) How is your foundation providing or considering providing this support?					
25.				oundation provide tra e foundation's grantee		
	Yes					
	□ No					

26.	26. How much consideration does your foundation give to each of the following when determining whether to provide support to strengthen a grantee organization, or what support to provide?					
		No consideration	Some consideration	A great deal of	N/A or Don't	
		1	2	3	Know	
	The grantee organization's request(s) for specific support	Ġ				
	Readiness of the grantee organization to receive the support					
	Developmental stage of the grantee organization					
	Results of an assessment of the grantee organization's needs					
	Support the grantee organization is receiving from other funders					
	Importance of the grantee organization to achieving the foundation's programmatic goals					
	Quality of the relationship with the main contact at the grantee organization					
	Program staff's knowledge and expertise to provide the support					
	Program staff's workload relative to time needed to provide the support					
	Program staff's perception of what would be most beneficial to the grantee organization					
	Other (please specify:)					
GR	ANTEE NEEDS					
27.	What do you believe are the top three as commonly need strengthening? 1		_	-		
	2					
28.	What are the top three challenges your f strengthen grantee organizations? 1.					
	2					

29.	Currently, how responsible do you believe your foundation feels for strengthening its grantee organizations?							
	Not at all responsible 1	A little responsible 2	Somewhat responsible 3	Very responsible 4	Extremely responsible 5			
30.	When grantees request support from your foundation to strengthen their organizations, which of the following organizational aspects are they most frequently seeking to strengthen? Please select the three most common aspects. (<i>Select three</i> .)							
	Internal Aspects							
	Governance							
		g executive transitio	ns)					
	Strategic planning							
	Financial manageme	ent						
	Staffing (including sa	alaries and retention						
	Self-care (including r	resilience and work-l	ife balance)					
	Diversity, equity, and inclusion							
	Legal support							
	Information technol	ogy						
	Cybersecurity							
	Performance measu	rement						
	Talent management	/development						
	Field-Related Aspec	ts						
	Fundraising							
	Communications							
	Volunteer managem	nent and engagemen	t					
	Collaboration							
	Mergers and acquisi	tions						
	Convening							
	Networking with org	ganizations/leaders i	n the field					
	Advocacy							
	Movement-building							
	Other Aspects							
	Other (please specify	y:)					

31.	 Is your foundation concerned about a potential decrease in individual giving to grantee organizations as a result of the tax bill that takes effect this year? (Select one.) 					
	☐ Yes ☐ No					
	☐ Not sure/Don't	fully understand the	legislation yet			
32. (Display only if Yes or Not sure are selected.) What, if anything, might your foundation do assist grantee organizations in responding to this possibility?					ındation do to	
KN	OWLEDGE ABOU	T STRENGTHENIN	NG GRANTEES			
33.	(<i>Display only if</i> >0% capacity-building or				the results of the	
	☐ Yes ☐ No					
34.	(Display only if Q33 building or the organ	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	does your foundations grants that it pro		of the capacity-	
35.	(<i>Display only if Q14</i> performed by third-		ted.) How does your	foundation assess th	ne quality of work	
36.	(Display only if >0%	is selected for Q4 a g	grant or assistance b	eyond the grant.) Ho	ow often does your	
	foundation follow up strengthen their org		nderstand the effect	s of the support it pr	rovided to	
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	
	1	2	3	4	5	

37.	(<i>Display only if Sometimes, Often, or Always was selected in Q36.</i>) What is the most useful type of information your grantees provide to inform your foundation's understanding of the effects of the support provided?
38.	What do you believe are the potential benefits of providing grants or assistance beyond the grant to strengthen grantee organizations?
39.	What do you believe are the potential risks or downsides of providing grants or assistance beyond the grant to strengthen grantee organizations?
40.	How many years have you been in your current role at your organization?
	Less than 1 year
	At least 1 year but fewer than 3 years
	At least 3 years but fewer than 6 years
	At least 6 years but fewer than 10 years
	10 years or longer