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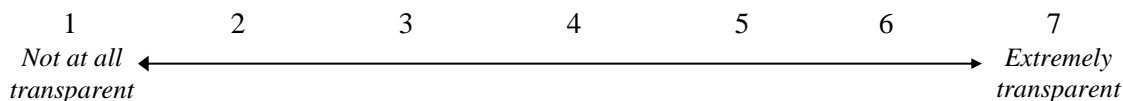
## ***The Grantee Voice: Feedback for Foundations***

### **Survey for Foundation Transparency: What Nonprofits Want**

The survey consists of 7 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

**Through this survey, we hope to learn about how transparent your foundation funders are in their work with your organization. We recognize that there are many perspectives on what it means to be transparent.**

1. How many foundations currently provide grant support to your organization? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Overall, how transparent are your foundation funders with your organization?



3. In one sentence, what does it mean for your foundation funders to be transparent with your organization?
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  - a. Compared to your foundation funders' current levels of transparency, please indicate the level of transparency you want from them about each of the following topics:

	Foundation funders are transparent <b>enough</b>	Foundation funders should be <b>a little more</b> transparent	Foundation funders should be <b>a lot more</b> transparent
Contact information for foundation staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of the person responsible for managing your grant at the foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changes in foundation leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their processes for selecting grantees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their procedures for responding to grantees' concerns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How they will assess the performance of your organization or the work supported by your grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changes that affect the funding your organization will receive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their programmatic goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their strategies to reach their programmatic goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The way they assess their own performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The impact that they are having	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Best practices they have learned - through their work or through others' work - about the issue areas they fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their experiences with what they have tried but has not worked in their past grantmaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b. Briefly, how would more transparency from your foundation funders on each topic make a difference to your organization? *(Asked only if respondent rated “Foundation funders should be a little more transparent” or “Foundation funders should be a lot more transparent” in Q4a.)*

Their processes for selecting grantees	_____
How they will assess the performance of your organization or the work supported by your grant	_____
Changes that affect the funding your organization will receive	_____
Their programmatic goals	_____
Their strategies to reach their programmatic goals	_____
The way they assess their own performance	_____
Best practices they have learned - through their work or through others’ work - about the issue areas they fund	_____
Their experiences with what they have tried but has not worked in their past grantmaking	_____

5. How many of your foundation funders do you consider to be transparent?

- None of my foundation funders
- Few of my foundation funders
- Some of my foundation funders
- Most of my foundation funders
- All of my foundation funders

6. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
Foundations seem to be increasing their efforts to be transparent with nonprofits	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Foundations tend to be less transparent than the nonprofits they fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Foundations that are more transparent have more credibility with nonprofits	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
It is easier to have a good relationship with foundations that are more transparent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Foundations' communication efforts seem to take into account information that is important for nonprofits	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Foundations that are more transparent are more helpful to my organization's ability to work effectively	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My organization receives an adequate level of information from my foundation funders about changes or decisions that affect our work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have a clear understanding of how my organization's work fits into the strategies my foundation funders are using	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have a clear understanding of how my foundation funders use the information they require my organization to provide during the application and reporting/evaluation processes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

7. What is the most important step you would recommend foundations funders take to be more transparent with nonprofits?

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