

Collaboration Checklist



Are you thinking of collaboration? Ask yourself these questions to figure out what kind of collaboration might work best for the community you serve!

- Are we collaborating with the community members we seek to serve?**
 - Does the collaboration make sense given the changes of recent years?

- What voices in our community are not represented by our current collaborations?**
 - What concrete steps can we take to include those voices?
 - What timeline should we work towards in this regard?

- What mission-aligned organizations are we partnering with?**
 - What other nonprofits might strengthen our success metrics?
 - What other nonprofits might scale our work?

- What partnerships have outlived their usefulness?**
 - What steps can we take to gracefully close out those relationships?

- What narrative do I have about my relationship with funding partners?**
 - Can I shift the narrative to make the connection more generative?
 - If so, how?

- Does my organization engage in timely and consistent communications with our funding partners?**
 - Are we using calendars, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and funder relations software to ensure this?

- Beyond mere communication, how often do we connect with our funding partners?**
 - Can we improve how they see the impact of their funding?

- What learning tools might begin to build or to enhance our culture of collaboration?**

Remember, we are stronger together!