

FUNDER COLLABORATIVES

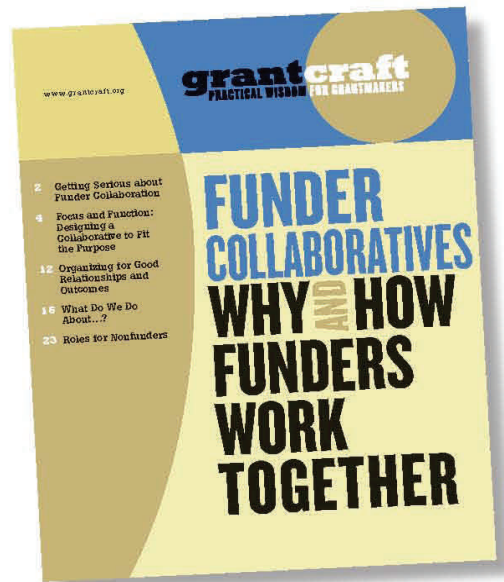
Can foundations make a bigger impact as part of a funder collaborative than by going it alone?

IN THIS GUIDE

Contributors describe how collaboratives help grantmakers learn together, distribute risks, and aim for larger goals, like trying to move an entire field. But these joint ventures also come with challenges: establishing ground rules, sharing control, and keeping your own foundation apprised of what's happening. Get suggestions for handling inevitable tensions and see how critical nonfunders can be to this type of grantmaking.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Designing a collaborative that fits the purpose**
- **Bringing nonfunders into the process**
- **How to assess whether your collaborative is working**



"If we want to make a difference we're going to have to collaborate because there's no way we can 'fix' things ourselves."

—A foundation president

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A sample from the guide:

Nuts and Bolts: Questions to Ask and Answer Together at the Start

The members of a prospective collaborative have a host of important decisions to make together. Experienced funders said that clarity on these issues early on is essential for good relations and success later on. Here's a rough guide to aid the start-up process.

