

# A bulletin for nonprofit leaders from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving



#### **NSP Launches New Website!**

NSP is pleased to announce that our new website has been launched! Many thanks to the nonprofits and consultants that participated in focus groups conducted several months back in order to better understand how the new website could meet their needs. We welcome your thoughts and feedback on the site!



## Nonprofits Serving the Hartford Region May Access the Nonprofit Risk Management Center's Benefits Free of Charge

The Hartford Foundation has become a member of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center. If you are a nonprofit that serves Greater Hartford, you have free access to our member benefits through January 26, 2019. To see what you're entitled to as a member, go to <a href="https://www.nonprofitrisk.org/affiliate-membership/">https://www.nonprofitrisk.org/affiliate-membership/</a> and scroll down to "Affiliate Member Benefits."

#### To register to access member benefits:

- **Go to** https://www.nonprofitrisk.org and click on "Affiliate Login" in the upper right corner.
- · Click on "Create your Account" and enter your information. (Enter: "Hartford Foundation for Public Giving" in both the "Your Organization Name" and "Affiliate" fields).
- · Click on "Subscribe" at the bottom of the page.

Your membership will be approved within 24 hours, at which point you may access any of the member benefits. If you have questions about any of the resources, please don't contact NSP, but contact Kay Nakamura, 703-777-3504 or Kay@nonprofitrisk.org.

## Please Help Us to Make the Consultant Directory an Even More Valuable Resource!

As you may know, NSP launched the new and improved New England Nonprofit Consultant Directory last year. While the directory is not a vetted list, it includes many highly qualified consultants in a variety of areas of organizational



capacity building. If you've had a great experience with a consultant, please e-mail us at nsp@hfpg.org so that we can reach out and ask that they enter their information in the directory. Together, we can make the directory an even more valuable resource than it already is!





### **NSP Supports its Partners in Capacity Building**

The Hartford Foundation's commitment to NSP's capacity building work is featured in the Center for Effective Philanthropy's newly published report, Strengthening Grantees: Foundation and Nonprofit Perspectives (see page 22). The report offers some thought provoking insights on grantees' and funders' perceptions of each other.

The NSP staff were invited to make presentations on cohort learning, building capacity in smaller agencies, and overall capacity building at the Alliance for Nonprofit Management's national conference which took place in Hartford this year.

NSP staff were also part of a panel on building small agency capacity at the CT Community Nonprofit Alliance's annual conference in Hartford.



### Program for Small Agencies Graduates First Class

Congratulations to the 11 nonprofits that completed the Foundation's "Building on Success" capacity building program in September! This program, implemented by NSP and the Community Investments department, is part of the Foundation's broader effort to assist nonprofits with annual budgets below \$200,000 to strengthen their organizational capacity.

For more information about the Foundation's **Small Agency Program**, contact Doug Shipman at dshipman@hfpg.org or Yvette Bello at ybello@hfpg.org.

### **Could your Organization Benefit from an Organizational Assessment?**

If your nonprofit organization is: beginning a new planning process; has recently undergone major organizational changes; has new board or staff leadership; or needs to establish clear priorities, you may benefit from an Organizational Assessment (OA). An OA provides a professionally facilitated governance-level review of your nonprofit, and brings key board and staff leadership together to develop a common understanding of important issues and priorities for future action. Click here to learn more about this free service, and contact Doug Shipman at 860-548-1888 or dshipman@hfpg.org.



#### Applications through December 7

NSP helps sponsor the *Leadership Development Roundtable (LDR)*, which develops emerging leaders in the nonprofit sector. The program is entering its 11<sup>th</sup> year, and has supported more than 150 rising leaders to grow their leadership skills and networks. The program consists of: 1) A learning cohort of peer leaders, 2) Leadership coaching sessions, 3) Planning and executing a project, 4) An expanded professional network.

Visit www.ldrct.org to learn more and to apply.

If you have questions about the program, please do not contact NSP, but contact Anne Watkins at LDR directly, anne@fivefrogsct.org.





### Hartford Public Library and The Alliance Offer Workshops for Nonprofits

Some of the Hartford Public Library's free workshops are offered in partnership with the Hartford Foundation in order to better meet the needs of smaller agencies, including *Boards Matter!* On Nov 14 and the *Board Member Boot Camp* on Nov 28.

**The Alliance** also offers workshops for nonprofits: Click here to see the schedule.



## Pro Bono Partnership Can Provide Free Legal Services to Your Nonprofit

If you are considering: updating your by-laws, revising your employee handbook, moving to a new space, or merging or collaborating with another organization, PBP may be able to help. PBP provides free non-litigation legal services to nonprofits in areas such as corporate structure and governance, regulatory compliance, contracts, employment and environmental law, fundraising, intellectual property, lobbying, mergers, bankruptcy and dissolution, and real estate.

Visit www.probonopartnership.org or contact Priya Morganstern, Director of PBP's Hartford Program at pmorganstern@probonopartner.org or (860) 541-4950

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