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



Join us for our Spring NSP Workshops!

Please share these dates with the appropriate staff and board members now, and mark your calendars. Invitations for these free Zoom sessions will be sent to Hartford-area executive directors/CEOs five to six weeks prior to each session. We encourage you to attend as a small team!

What Every Board Member Should Know About Financial Management ...and Probably Doesn't
May 14, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

How to Gather and Use Stakeholder Interviews and Other Qualitative Information to Inform Your Programs and Decision-Making (2-part series)
April 25 and May 21, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

How your Board and Staff Can Create Accountability and Transparency and Avoid Legal and Ethical Pitfalls
June 20, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information and to access previous workshop recordings and materials.



Register to Attend Hartford Public Library's Spring Workshop Series for Nonprofits

Hartford Public Library offers a range of basic nonprofit management workshops in partnership with the Hartford Foundation. This season's offerings include: Transitioning from a Volunteer-Led to a Staffed Organization, and Succession Planning & Executive Transitions.

Click [here](#) to register, and to see the list of sessions. Recordings of previous Hartford Public Library and NSP workshops may be accessed [here](#).

Learn How to Gather & Use Client Feedback to Enhance Your Programs and Decision-Making

NSP is partnering with [Listen4Good](#) to support



nonprofits in gathering and analyzing client feedback in order to improve programs, strengthen client partnerships, enhance strategic decision-making and advance equity goals. A cohort of up to 10 Hartford-area nonprofits will participate in Listen4Good's Premium Program starting in July.

Click [here](#) to register to attend an **Information Session on Tuesday, April 9 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom**, to help you decide whether this program would be a good fit for your organization *Please share this registration information with others at your organization, as participation in the program requires two team members.*



Thresholds Program Helps Prepare Retiring Executive Directors/CEOs for Their Leadership Departure

Hartford-area executive directors/CEOs may apply to the Nonprofit Support Program to receive support to participate in the Thresholds Program, which provides tools, resources and support in planning their leadership departures most effectively.

Click [here](#) to view the session dates and learn more about the program. If you are interested in applying, please contact Meher Shulman at mshulman@hfpg.org.



Social Enterprise Accelerator Boosts Nonprofits' Earned Income Potential Up to \$240,000 in Matching Gifts Will Fuel Eight Organizations' Social Enterprises

The Social Enterprise Accelerator allows nonprofits to develop or grow revenue-generating business ventures that are aligned with their missions, to support the financial sustainability of their organizations. The first group of 10 nonprofits started the program in 2018; the second group of six began in 2021, with eight organizations (the Entrepreneurial Eight) currently engaged in a 2 ½-year process to develop business plans, raise start-up capital and implement their earned income ventures.

The Foundation has created a matching challenge: for every dollar of start-up capital raised by the Entrepreneurial Eight, the Foundation will match dollars raised up to \$30,000. This announcement followed "Fast Pitch" sessions on January 23 and January 24 when organizations presented their business plans to potential donors and made a direct ask for financial support toward startup capital needs. The matching

challenge one through April 24.

The Entrepreneurial Eight include:

AHM Youth Services
Conference of Churches
Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
HartBeat Ensemble
Hartford's Camp Courant
Leadership Greater Hartford
Urban League of Greater Hartford
URISE Ventures

Click [here](#) to learn about the Entrepreneurial Eight and their ventures.



Hartford Foundation Announces Upcoming Grant Opportunities

An overview of Hartford Foundation grant opportunities available to Hartford-area nonprofits was provided during an Information Session held on January 30th. You may access the session recording [here](#), and the session PowerPoint slides [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view an updated Hartford Foundation Request for Proposal (RFP) opportunities calendar, as well as sign up to receive alerts about Hartford Foundation grants.



Hartford Foundation Scholarship Website: Application Deadline Extended Until March 14

The Hartford Foundation's Scholarship Website is now open with scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. We offer more than 100 scholarships for all types of students. Due to issues with the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program, we have extended the application deadline for our scholarship portal until March 14, 2024. Don't wait! Visit our [Scholarship Website](#) to find the right scholarship for you. Please help us spread the word by sharing this with a parent or student who may be interested.



Read Candid's 10 Most Frequently Accessed Blogs of 2023

[Candid](#) supports nonprofits with information, resources, training, and data to find funding opportunities, determine which funders are most likely to support their work, and become more visible to donors. (*The Foundation Center and Guidestar are now Candid*). Candid's [10 most frequently accessed blogs of 2023](#) include:

- How to write a winning grant proposal
- Nonprofit Google Ads 101: How to get the Google Ad Grant
- Foundation giving and payout in 2022: What changed and what's next?



Pro Bono Partnership provides non-litigation legal services to nonprofits in areas such as: governance, employment and environmental law, real estate, regulatory compliance, contracts, fundraising, intellectual property, lobbying, mergers, bankruptcy and dissolution.

In addition to offering a range of low/no-cost legal services to nonprofits, Pro Bono Partnership offers a rich array of webinars and articles on a host of legal topics including: employment law, fundraising, by-laws, starting a nonprofit, and more. Click [here](#) to access PBP's Upcoming Workshops & Webinars.

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Leaders on Board Places its 1,000th Board Member

Leaders on Board has now placed over 1,000 individuals on nonprofit boards. If you're a nonprofit seeking motivated board members, or an individual interested in serving on a board, Leaders on Board can assist you.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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