

Board Member Bootcamp

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Virtual Meeting Norms



We want to see you! Turn your camera on, if possible.



We will keep you muted to minimize background noise and distractions.



raise hand

Raise your hand via the Zoom icon or in the camera.



Use the chat feature to ask questions and make comments!



We will have a formal break at about 1PM.

Welcome!

Leadership Greater Hartford

- Leadership Greater Hartford (LGH) develops, connects and inspires diverse leaders to build strong and vibrant communities.
- Leaders On Board (LOB) trains candidates on board service and helps them find organizations looking for new board members.



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Session Objectives

Participants will learn:

- The definition of a 'nonprofit' organization
- Ten basic responsibilities of nonprofit boards
- Individual board member responsibilities
- Differences between the roles of the board, individual board members and staff
- Common issues that face nonprofit boards

Your Turn!

In the chat....

Your name and organization

What you hope to learn today

Your favorite quarantine activity



What is a nonprofit?



What is a Nonprofit?

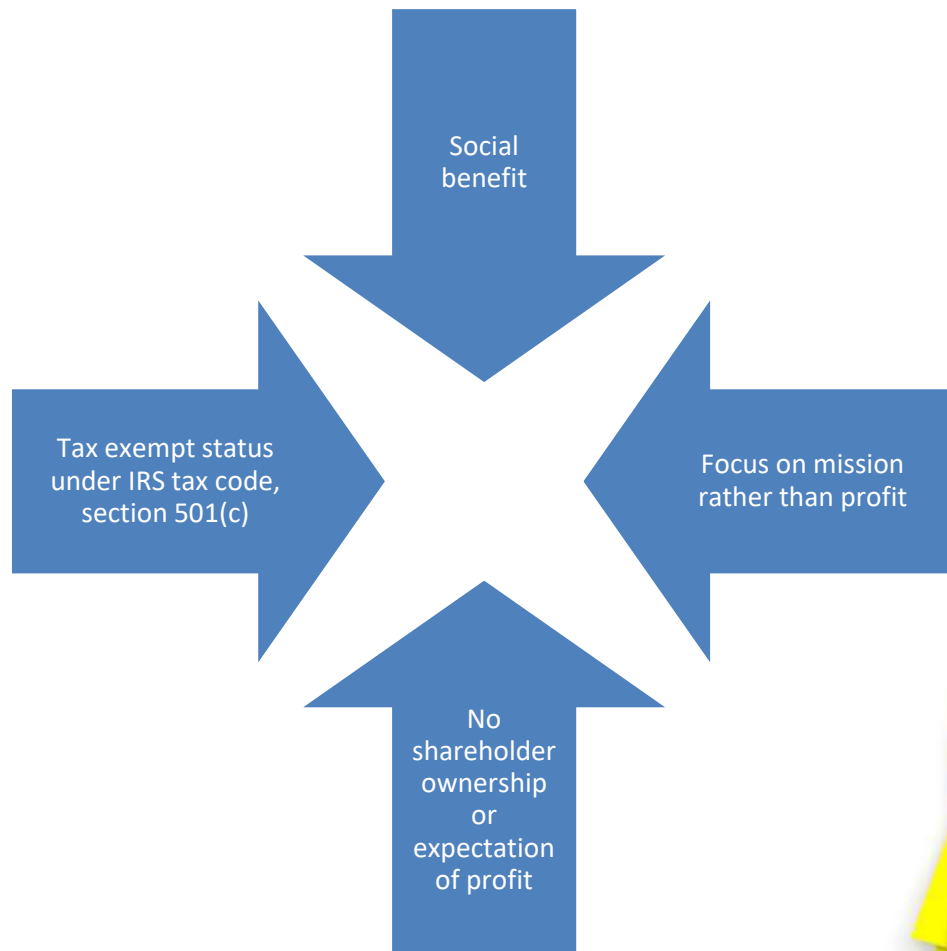
Groups that are tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as "public charities" because they are formed to provide "public benefit."

- The National Council of Nonprofits

A nongovernmental organization established for purposes other than profit making.

- BoardSource

Key Points



Nonprofits In Connecticut

(as of 2018)

All Nonprofits 18,602

501(c)3 Public Charities 11,860*

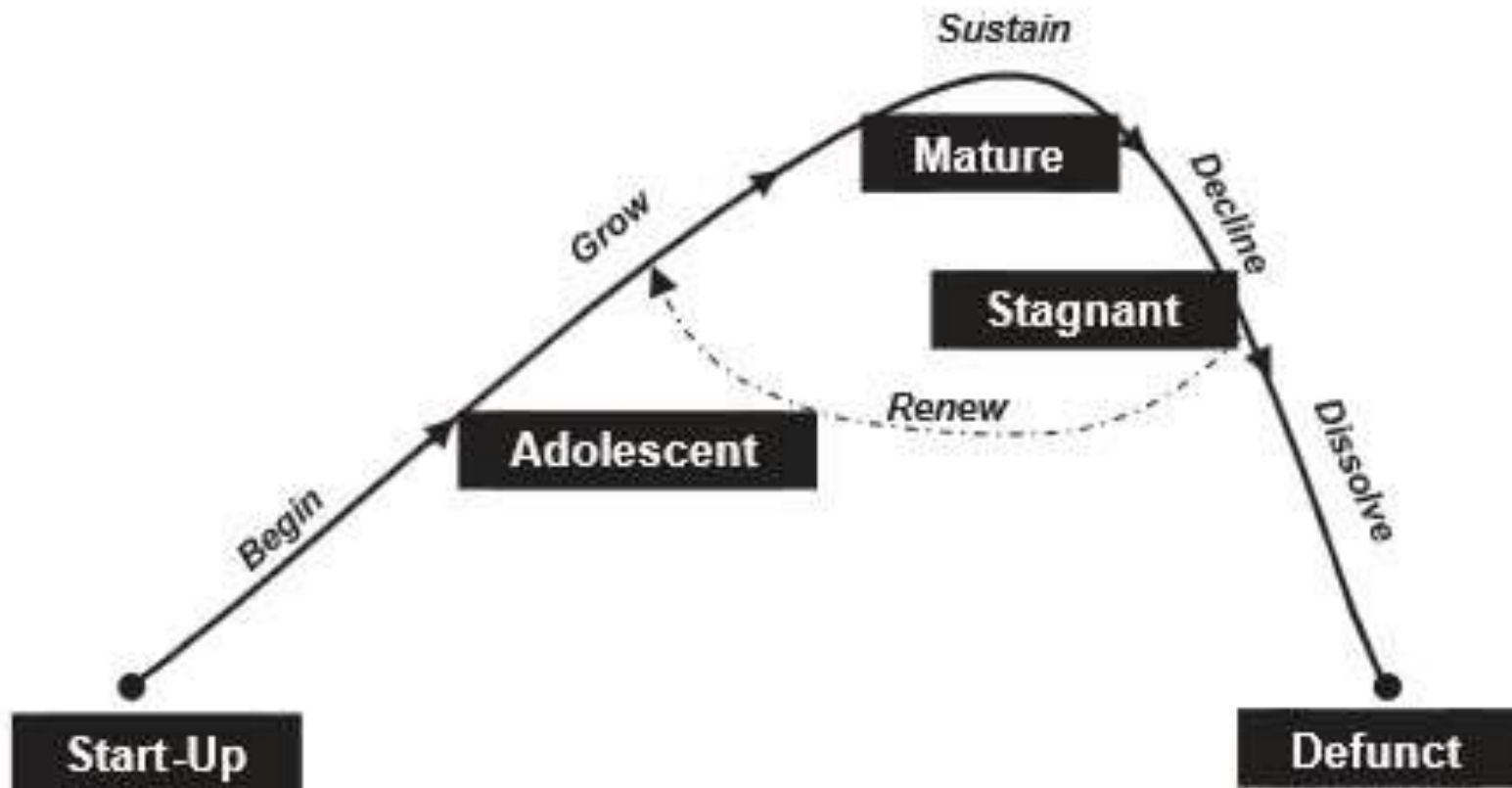
*(up 12.7% since 20013)

Total Revenue \$ 27,749,714,350

Total Assets \$ 73,001,637,801

Source: National Center for Charitable Statistics at the Urban Institute,
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Nonprofit Life Cycles



Nonprofit Boards

The Board **IS** the organization, and is accountable to:

- ✓ Public trust
- ✓ Attorney General
- ✓ Internal Revenue Service
- ✓ Members (if you have them)
- ✓ Donors
- ✓ Mission (including beneficiaries)
- ✓ Cooperating Organizations
- ✓ Employees





GOVERNANCE
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third edition

ten basic responsibilities of nonprofit boards

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Ten Basic Responsibilities

1. Determine mission and purposes, and advocate for them.
2. Select the chief executive.
3. Support and evaluate the chief executive.
4. Ensure effective planning.
5. Monitor and strengthen programs and services.
6. Ensure adequate financial resources.
7. Protect assets and provide financial oversight.
8. Build and sustain a competent board.
9. Ensure legal and ethical integrity.
10. Enhance the organization's public standing.

1. Determine mission and purposes, and advocate for them.

Ensure	Ensure mission is clearly stated and enthusiastically supported
Review	Periodically review mission statement to ensure usefulness, currency
Ensure	Ensure mission guides planning, board and staff decision-making, fundraising, etc.

3. Support and evaluate the chief executive.



Effective board
chair-CEO
relationship is
key to effectively
sharing
responsibilities



Performance
goals tied to
strategic plan



Provide ongoing
feedback, keep
process healthy
and constructive

4. Ensure effective planning

CEO often establishes planning process with Board leadership

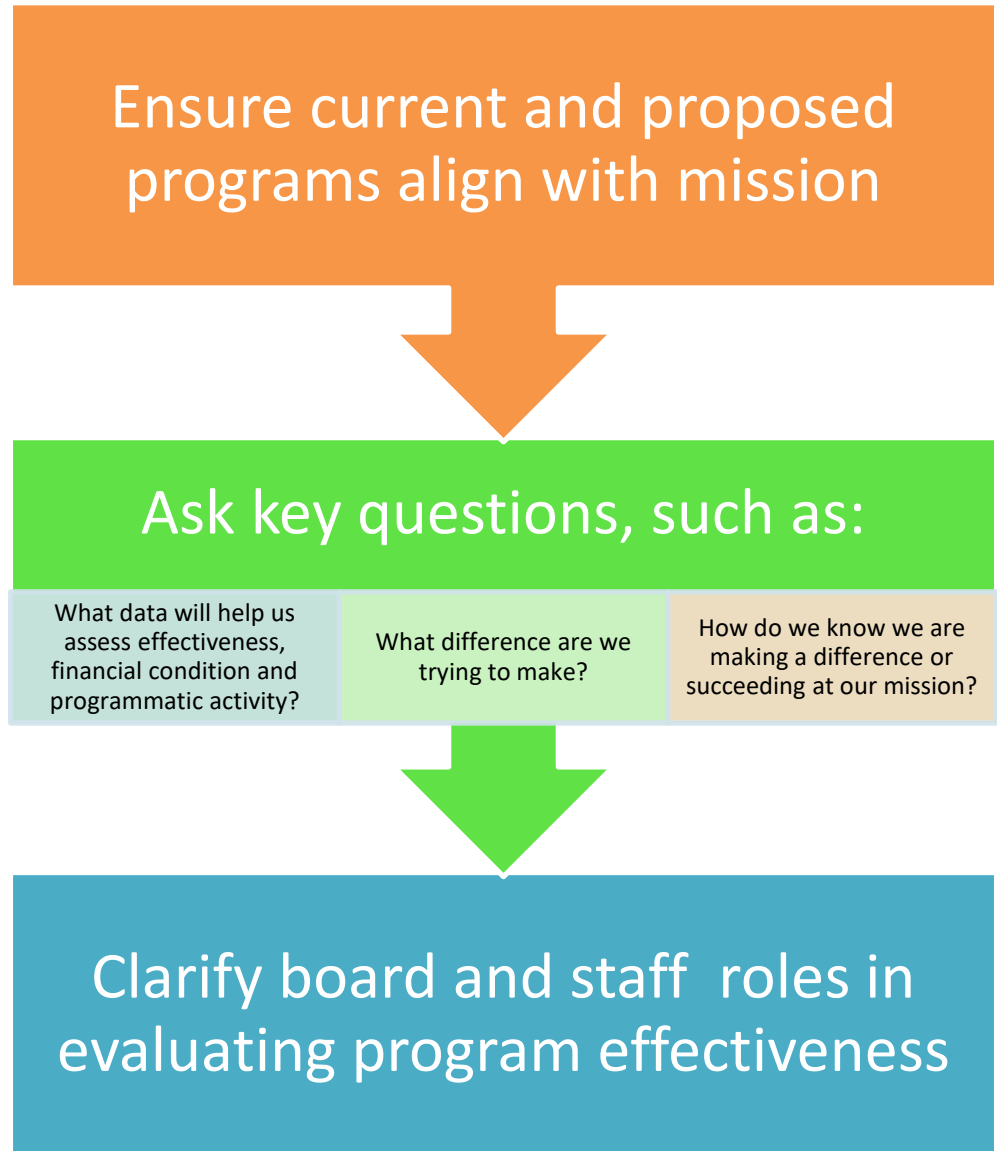
Board ensures comprehensive planning occurs

Participates in strategic planning process

Formally approves agreed-upon outcomes

Uses goals to guide budgeting/other priorities

5. Monitor and strengthen programs and services.



Library of Sample Dashboard Indicators

This library of sample indicators is illustrative of the types of indicators organizations have used. They do not represent best practices nor are they necessarily recommended. The appropriateness of indicators will vary greatly based on the type of organization, its strategic direction and the specific management and leadership questions it is currently addressing.

Category	Indicator	Target	Range Key		
Fund Development			Celebrate	Monitor	Act Now
	New major donors	5 or more	5 or more	3	2
	Major donors introduced by a board member	5 or more	5 or more	3	2
	Donors who gave \$100+ last yr.; renewed this yr.	56% or more	> 56%	40-55%	< 30%
	Fundraising event revenue - net	> \$20,000	> \$20,000	\$18K- 20K	< = \$15,000
	Surplus / deficit compared to budget	within 3%	w/in 3%	3-10%	>10%
	Unrestricted liquidity	> 1.0	> 1.0	1	< 1.0
	Unrestricted contributions (funding diversity)	20% or more	>= 20%	10-20%	< 10%
	On track to meet individual goal	\$550K	>550	500-550	<500
	Board Giving	100%	100%	90-100%	<90%
	Advisory Board Giving	75%	80-100%	60-80%	<60%
	Board involvement	100%	100%	90-100%	<90%
	# of new foundations	10	10 to 12	7 to 9	<6

6. Ensure adequate financial resources.

Work

Work with staff leadership to ensure effective balance of revenue streams (earned income, gifts and grants) to support the mission

Support

Support a culture of philanthropy with the organization

Identify

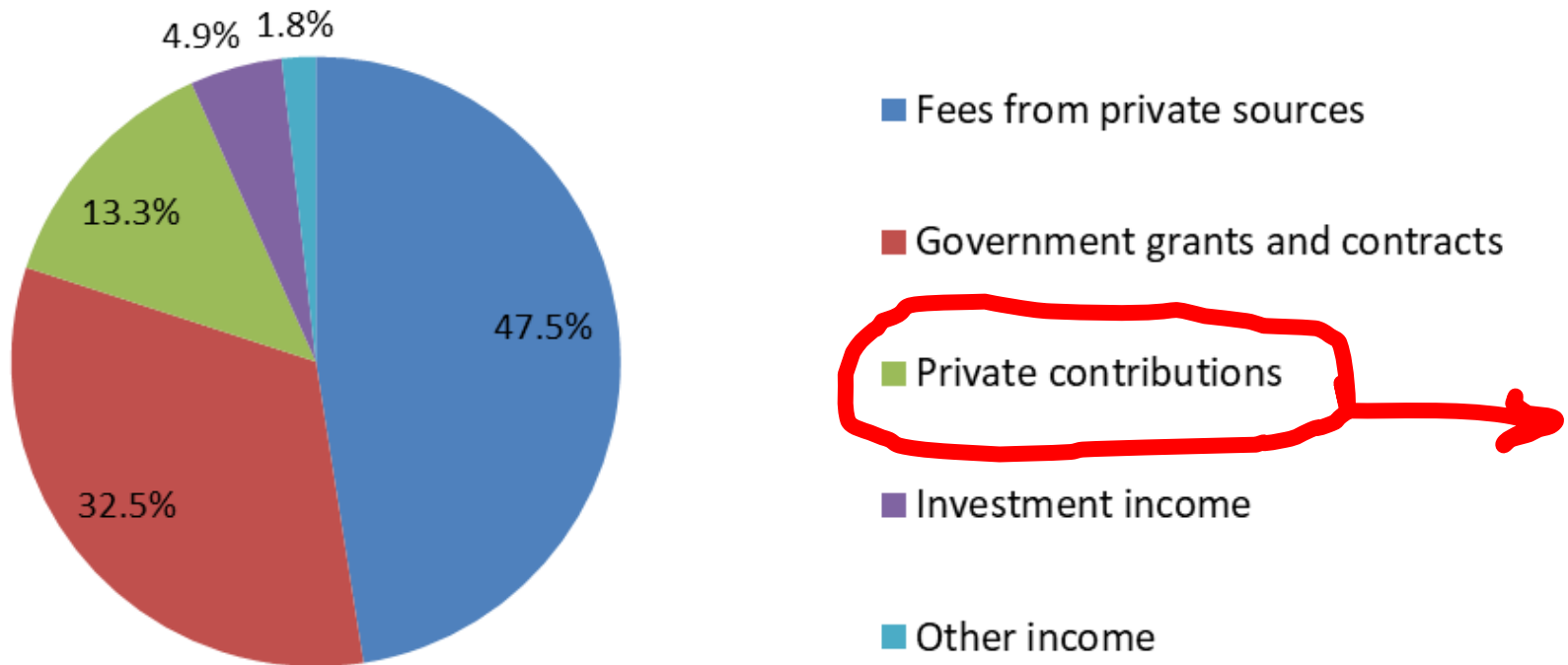
Identify sources of private support, engage with and thank donors in concert with the development staff and plan

Lead

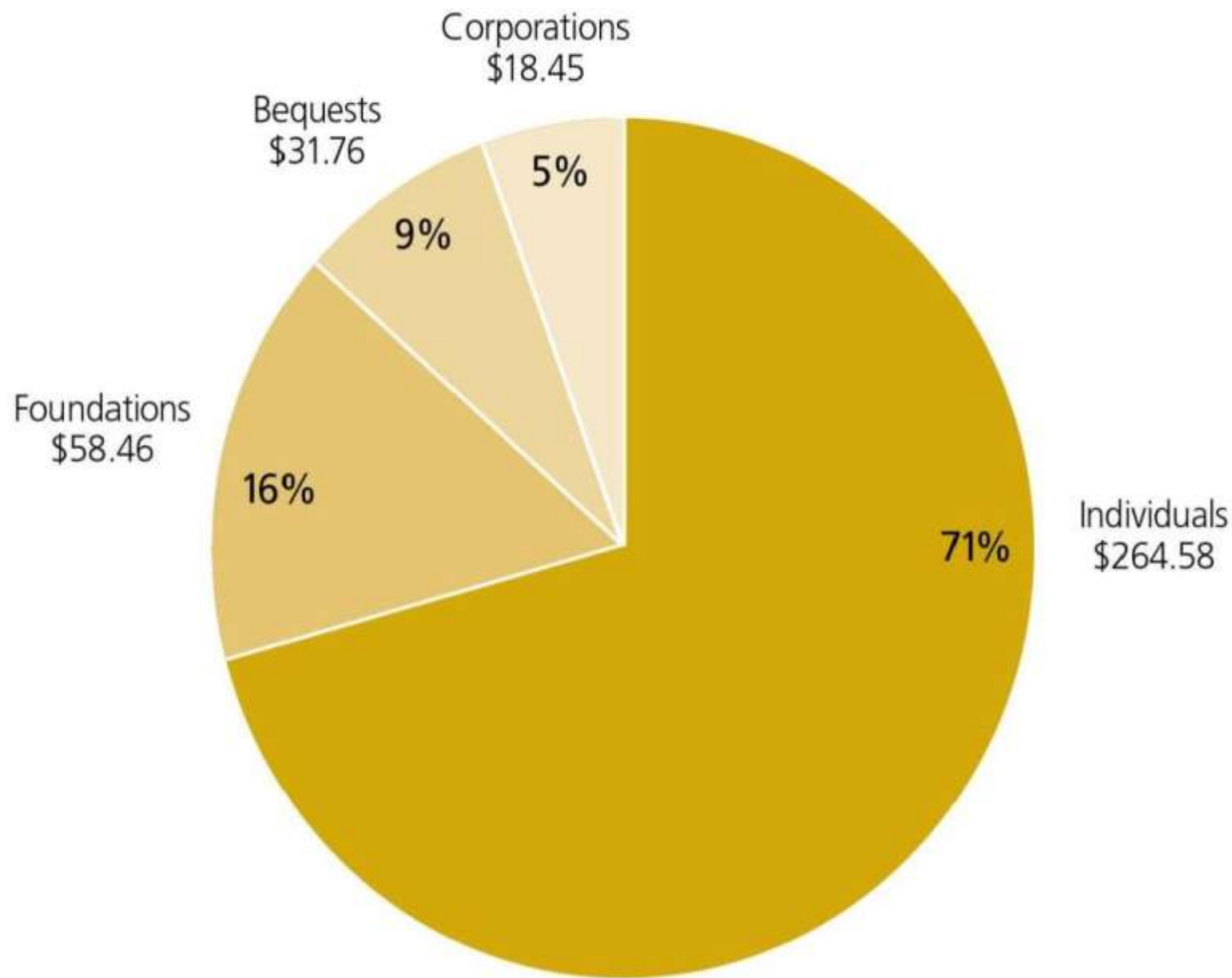
Lead by example – personal philanthropy

Nonprofit Revenue

Source: *Nonprofit Sector in Brief 2015* National Center for Charitable Statistics, The Urban Institute



2015 Contributions: \$373.25 billion by Source
(in billions of dollars – all figures are rounded)



SOURCE: Giving USA Foundation | *GIVING USA 2016*

7. Protect assets and provide financial oversight.



Review and approve how the agency budgets, spends and generates income



Establish and follow financial and investment policies that balance short/long-term needs



Verify that the organization's financial systems and practices meet accepted standards



Safeguard the organization's reputation by ensuring transparency and avoiding even the appearance of conflict of interest

Starting a Nonprofit

SAMPLE Organizational Operating Budget

20XX 20XX 20XX

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions (Individual and Corporate)

Foundation Grants

Government

Fees

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ - \$ - \$ -

EXPENSES*

Wages & Related Costs

Programs [insert specific]

Programs [insert specific]

Programs [insert specific]

Facilities

General Administration

Other

Fundraising

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ - \$ - \$ -

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

\$ - \$ - \$ -

8. Build and sustain a competent board.

- Often led by the Governance Committee
- Key responsibilities:
 - Clarify expectations for all board members
 - Assess board member performance and that of the board itself





9. Ensure legal and ethical integrity.

- **Compliance** – ensure organization adheres to appropriate federal and state laws, and its own by-laws and articles of incorporation
- **Transparency** – establish policies and ensure documentation of finances and compensation, publish annual reports and respond to reasonable requests for information
- **Accountability** – ensure organization adopts ethical standards for board and staff, has procedures for disclosure, records retention, audits and reports

Check Out the Organizations...

Articles of Incorporation: an official statement of creation of an organization, filed with the Secretary of State's office.

Bylaws: the legal operating guidelines for a board.

Code of Conduct: the formal or informal ethical standards expected of every member.

Conflict of Interest Policy: (a) requires those with a conflict (or who think they may have a conflict) to disclose the conflict/potential conflict, and (b) prohibit interested board members from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict.

10. Enhance the organization's public standing.

- **Advocating for your mission** – understand how public policy impacts your organization, help connect with policymakers to advance mission
- **Communicating with the public** – be prepared to explain what you do and how it benefits the public, how funds are used (elevator speech)



Nonprofit boards have legal authority to exercise their responsibilities, individual board members do not.



Legal Duties of a Nonprofit Board Member

Care

Pay attention to the organization's activities and operations

Loyalty

Put the interests of the organization before personal and professional interests

Obedience

Comply with applicable federal, state and local laws; adhere to the organization's bylaws; and remain the guardians of the mission

Avoiding Conflicts

Serve	Serve the organization as a whole rather than any special interest
Avoid	Avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest that might embarrass the organization
Disclose	Disclose any possible conflicts
Maintain	Maintain independence and objectivity
Accept/offer	Never accept/offer favors or gifts from/to anyone who does business with the organization

Meetings

- Be prepared for, and participate conscientiously in meetings
- Ask timely and substantive questions
- Support majority decisions once decided by the board
- Maintain confidentiality of executive sessions
- Never speak for the organization unless authorized to do so
- Suggest meeting agenda items



General Expectations

- Know the organization's mission, purpose, goals, policies, programs, services, and needs
- Serve in leadership positions and take on special assignments willingly and enthusiastically
- Avoid prejudiced judgement on the basis of information from individuals or staff members
- Follow trends in the field
- Bring goodwill/sense of humor to deliberations
- Suggest appropriate nominees

Relationship with Staff

- Counsel the ED/CEO as appropriate, and provide support in difficult situations
- Avoid asking staff for favors or special requests unless in consultation with ED/CEO or board chair
- Remember that the ED/CEO is responsible for assessing staff performance, not the board



Fundraising

- Give an annual gift in line with your means
- As a board member, the organization should be one of your top charities
- Remember that giving one's time and expertise are not substitutes for giving financial support
- Assist the development committee and staff by identifying donors and implementing fundraising strategies

Discussion Scenario

Common Issue #1: Decreased Funding

Your board is concerned about a significant decrease in the amount of funding that the state will be providing for your organization's services. The board expects revenues to decrease by about 30% in the coming fiscal year and is considering what actions to take.

- **What actions might a board take in an organization with a paid executive director and staff?**
- **How would this be different for an all-volunteer organization?**

Discussion Scenario

Common Issue #2: Staff Performance

Your organization has begun to initiate a number of new programs. The board is impressed but concerned about “mission creep” as some programs do not relate directly to the organization’s mission. Others are concerned that the staff is being stretched too thin. The board is considering what actions to take.

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Report Outs



Questions / Discussion



Resources for Further Learning

- BoardSource - <http://www.boardsource.org/>
- Blue Avocado - <http://www.blueavocado.org/>
- CT Nonprofit Alliance - <http://ctnonprofitalliance.org/>
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving,
Nonprofit Support Program - <http://nsp.hfpg.org/nsp/>
- Leadership Greater Hartford,
Leaders On Board Program - <https://leadershipgh.org/>
- Pro Bono Partnership - www.probonopartnership.org
- TSNE MissionWorks, 2017 Compensation Report-
<http://tsne.org/valuing-our-nonprofit-workforce-2017>

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