

NSI Integration Funding Application

(California Community Foundation)

Please contact NSIprojectmanager@gmail.com with any questions.

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BACKGROUND

The Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative (NSI) is a collaborative of 18 foundations working to support Los Angeles nonprofit organizations interested in exploring and pursuing strategic restructuring efforts that lead to greater organizational impact, effectiveness, and efficiency. The NSI originated in 2012 when its funders saw a need for local nonprofits to explore strategic partnerships due to financial challenges and increasing demand for services brought on by the recession. Additionally, they wanted to change attitudes and perceptions so that strategic restructuring is seen as a strategic tool used to enhance nonprofit capacity. Originally, funding was provided only for the initial negotiation stages of reaching a strategic restructuring agreement. Through the NSI evaluation effort and continuous communication with NSI grantees, it became clear that there were significant expenses tied to bringing organizations together and integrating their functions. As a result, the NSI funders created an additional pooled fund to provide integration grants.

INTEGRATION FUNDING

This application provides funding for NSI grantees to assist them in successfully moving from the agreement phase of their relationship to the actual implementation of the agreement and integration of their departments, procedures, personnel and other assets. Examples of costs that might be eligible for funding include: severance packages for departing CEO's and other staff, IT integration, lease breaking, developing new marketing and communications materials, legal fees, consolidating capital assets, accountant fees, and board development.

While there is no maximum amount that can be requested, please keep in mind that funding is limited and the review process is competitive.

CRITERIA

Funding will only be considered for proposals that can clearly show:

- The request is for a **one-time cost** that is directly related to the ability of the partnering organizations or merger to successfully integrate functions or implement the agreement;
- Evidence that the costs for which funding is being sought constitutes a **significant obstacle** to the success of the restructured organization(s);
- A detailed and realistic **work plan, budget and timeline** for the integration work; and,
- Well thought-through **metrics** that measure the success of the integration activities.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING

Only organizations that can demonstrate the following are eligible to apply:

- The strategic **restructuring transaction has been completed** or is highly likely to be completed within a reasonable time period;
- The request is coming from an NSI **funded nonprofit organization**;
- **Only one request** per NSI partnership is encouraged;
- Those applications with **evidence of support** for integration costs from other sources will be more competitive; and,
- Costs related to the **ongoing operation** of the organization(s), such as fund development costs, will not be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS

While there is no application deadline, please be aware that funding is limited and applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. For questions, please contact NSIProjectManager@gmail.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
Executive Director	<input type="text"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>

Application Contact	<input type="text"/>
Contact Title	<input type="text"/>
Contact Phone	<input type="text"/>
Contact Email	<input type="text"/>

Organization Address	<input type="text"/>
Organization City	<input type="text"/>
Organization State	<input type="text"/>
Organization Zip	<input type="text"/>

Organization Phone	<input type="text"/>
Organization Email	<input type="text"/>

Organization EIN	<input type="text"/>
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PARTNER INFORMATION

Partner #1

Partner #1 Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
Partner #1 Executive Director	<input type="text"/>

Partner #1 Website

Partner #1 Address

Partner #1 Email

Partner #1 Phone

Partner #1 EIN

Partner #2

Partner #2 Organization Name

Partner #2 Executive Director

Partner #2 Website

Partner #2 Address

Partner #2 Email

Partner #2 Phone

Partner #2 EIN

Partner #3

Partner #3 Organization Name

Partner #3 Executive Director

Partner #3 Website

Partner #3 Address

Partner #3 Email

Partner #3 Phone

Partner #3 EIN

Partner #4

Partner #4 Organization Name

Partner #4 Executive Director

Partner #4 Website

Partner #4 Address

Partner #4 Email

Partner #4 Phone

Partner #4 EIN

Partner #5

Partner #5 Organization Name

Partner #5 Executive Director

Partner #5 Website

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Partner #6

Partner #6 Organization Name

Partner #6 Executive Director

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Partner #11 EIN

Partner #12

Partner #12 Organization Name

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Partner #12 EIN

REQUEST INFORMATION

Request Amount

Briefly Describe the request for funding in one or two sentences.

(Characters left: x)

Describe the outcomes from the NSI negotiations.

(Character count: x)

Has an agreement been reached among or between partners regarding a strategic restructuring? If so, describe the agreement. If not, describe the anticipated agreement and the expected timeline for its execution.

(Character count: x)

Describe the plan for the proposed integration work, including its timeline and anticipated costs.

(Character count: x)

Describe the involvement of the Board of Directors (of a merged organization or of the partnering individual organization) in the proposed integration work.

(Character count: x)

Describe how the costs for which funding is being sought constitutes a significant obstacle to the success of the restructured organization(s).

(Character count: x)

Explain how the funding being requested is for a one-time cost that is directly related to the organizations' ability to successfully integrate functions or implement the restructuring agreement.

(Character count: x)

Please complete the [linked budget worksheet](#) and attach.

For consulting services, attach the contract and/or scope of work.

For a transaction such as a lease, purchase agreement, severance agreement, etc.: the contract or agreement.

Additional Attachments
