



“Communities of Love in Action, on the ground, in community, with community”

Trust-Based Philanthropy manifests in the nonprofit and community scope of work through several key principles and practices. Here are a few examples:



1. **Core Funding:** Trust-based philanthropy emphasizes providing unrestricted or core funding to nonprofits, which gives organizations the flexibility to allocate resources according to their priorities and expertise. This approach recognizes that nonprofits are best positioned to determine how to use funds effectively to achieve their mission.
2. **Reduced Reporting Requirements:** Trust-based philanthropy aims to minimize burdensome reporting and paperwork for nonprofits. It acknowledges that excessive reporting can divert valuable time and resources away from the actual work of creating impact. Instead, trust-based philanthropy promotes open and ongoing communication, focusing on building trust and understanding between funders and grantees.
3. **Relationship Building:** Trust-based philanthropy prioritizes building authentic and collaborative relationships between funders and grantees. This involves actively listening to the needs and experiences of community organizations, involving them in decision-making processes, and valuing their expertise. Funders engage in open dialogue, transparency, and mutual learning to establish trust and shared understanding.
4. **Capacity Building Support:** Trust-based philanthropy recognizes the importance of investing in the long-term capacity and sustainability of nonprofits. It goes beyond providing financial support and offers resources, mentorship, and technical assistance to help organizations strengthen their operations, leadership, and programs. This approach enables nonprofits to better serve their communities and achieve lasting impact.
5. **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Trust-based philanthropy acknowledges that community needs and dynamics can change over time. It allows for flexibility in funding decisions, enabling nonprofits to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. This adaptability helps organizations stay nimble and relevant, fostering innovation and responsiveness within the nonprofit sector.

**By embracing these principles, trust-based philanthropy aims to foster more equitable and respectful relationships between funders and nonprofits, empowering communities and supporting effective, sustainable change.*