

Strategy Supports for Foundations

At Community Health Solutions (CHS) we offer 20 years of experience in helping foundations accomplish their strategic goals for community impact. We invite you to explore our list of supports, and contact us for a no-obligation conversation about the possibilities for working together. To learn more, visit www.chsresults.com or contact Stephen Horan (CEO) at 804.673.0166 / shoran@chsresults.com.

1. Assess Community Needs. Community strategy should ideally be informed by timely intelligence on community needs and assets. CHS can help you:

- Define the focus for community needs assessment (e.g. geography, populations, services to be included)
 - Develop quantitative indicators of community health and well-being
 - Generate qualitative insights about community needs and assets
 - Analyze community impacts of public policy shifts
 - Present assessment results in efficient reports and other communication channels
 - Apply assessment results to inform community investment strategies
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2. Design Community Strategies. The results of the community assessment can be used to inform development of strategies for engaging and supporting community organizations. CHS can help you:

- Identify areas of community need
 - Identify potential grantee organizations
 - Design responsive strategies for grantmaking and other types of community supports
 - Specify intended results and key performance indicators
 - Design grant RFPs that reflect the foundation's strategic aims
 - Design a monitoring and evaluation strategy for guiding and managing the effort.
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3. Develop Community Capacity. Capacity building supports can help grantees develop essential capabilities for accomplishing their goals performance goals. CHS can help you:

- Identify capacity gaps
 - Design capacity building strategies
 - Develop responsive resources (research, data analytics, tools, training, technical assistance, coaching)
 - Deliver supports through efficient channels (online resources, virtual meetings, community collaboratives)
 - Document creation of new or improved capabilities
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4. Foster Community Collaboration. A *community collaborative* is an effective strategy for engaging multiple community organizations in learning and action to build capacity and accomplish defined goals. CHS can help you:

- Define the collaborative focus
 - Design the collaborative structure and activities
 - Engage collaborative participants
 - Develop collaborative content (research, data analytics, tools, training, technical assistance, coaching)
 - Facilitate virtual group learning sessions
 - Deliver virtual coaching and technical assistance for individual participants
 - Monitor the progress of collaborative participants
 - Evaluate the impact of the collaborative
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5. Evaluate Community Impact. Demonstrating community impact is essential for foundations with community missions. CHS can help you:

- Identify strategic objectives for evaluation
 - Design an evaluation workplan
 - Develop data collection methods and tools
 - Collect and analyze evaluation data
 - Develop evaluation reports for specific audiences
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