



Strengthening Communities Fund Capacity Building Allowable Activities

This list provides examples of activities under each critical area of capacity building. The list is meant to give examples of activities and does not cover all possible activities allowed under the grant program.

Leadership Development

- Create a volunteer management plan
- Create a volunteer recruitment plan
- Create board policies
- Create an executive succession plan
- Engage an executive coach
- Implement a volunteer management plan
- Provide management/leadership training to staff
- Provide training/written information for board of directors
- Recruit board members
- Recruit volunteers (non-board)

Organizational Development

- Create a staff performance review process
- Create a strategic plan
- Create financial management procedures/improve internal controls
- Create job descriptions
- Create marketing materials
- Create/revise organizational identity
- Create/update an annual report
- Implement a new accounting system
- Implement a new budgeting process
- Implement a staff performance review process



- Implement new financial management procedures
- Incorporate as a legally recognized organization
- Install IT infrastructure
- Obtain 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
- Create a revenue development plan
- Identify potential funding sources
- Implement donor tracking software
- Provide revenue development training to staff

Program Development

- Analyze outcome data/evaluate effectiveness of current services
- Collect information related to service recipient outcomes
- Collect information related to service recipient satisfaction
- Create an outcome measurement plan
- Obtain program-related equipment and durable supplies
- Research and develop new programs or services
- Take steps to expand current services to new geographic area
- Take steps to increase the effectiveness of existing services
- Take steps to increase the number of clients served in existing geographic area
- Take steps to increase the number of scope of services
- Take steps to reach an underserved population in existing geographic area

Collaboration and Community Engagement

- Assess effectiveness of existing collaborative efforts
- Conduct assessment of community needs
- Create a map/inventory of community assets
- Create action plan for coordinating/collaborating
- Create or update a brochure
- Create or update a website
- Create processes for collaborating with partners



- Develop new strategic partnerships
- Establish partnership agreements
- Make presentations to community groups

Evaluation of Effectiveness

- Implement systems to keep information related to client needs, referral sources, and services provided
- Implement systems to keep records on service recipient satisfaction and/or service recipient outcomes
- Collect information related to service recipient outcomes
- Collect information related to service recipient satisfaction