

Funder Collaboratives

A philanthropic collaborative is a model in which funders (and sometimes other participants) join forces to work together toward a common goal.



Resources



Willpower



Networks



Expertise

PARTICIPANTS & FORMS OF COLLABORATIVES



Fully integrated strategy



Pooled fund collaborative



Learning network



Strategic alignment network

By combining resources, willpower, networks, and expertise, participants in a philanthropic collaborative can magnify their capacity to address large-scale social, economic, and environmental challenges and better contribute to change.

COLLABORATIVE GRANTMAKING: BENEFITS & BEST PRACTICES

The number of philanthropic collaboratives has steadily increased over the past few years—many of which are focused on the urgency and complexity of existential and systemic crises such as climate change, racial injustice, migration, and economic inclusion.

Collaboratives benefits to participating funders:

- ▶ Learning opportunities to help inform giving strategies and practices
- ▶ Diffusing risk and encouraging greater innovation and experimentation
- ▶ Enabling co-creation, which allows for more strategic leveraging of resources and inclusion of diverse voices in the decision-making process.

Features of successful funder collaboratives:

- ▶ Clear governance processes
- ▶ Explicit alignment on values, strategy, impact measurement, and potential new partners
- ▶ A defined time horizon for the collaborative
- ▶ Alignment on confidentiality, publicity, and credit for work done
- ▶ Robust internal and external

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES



Social movements & systemic change

The [Global Commons Alliance](#) is a partnership of more than 50 organizations in philanthropy, science, environment, business, cities, and advocacy.



Collaboration on an international scale

The [End Fund](#) works with funders from around the world, including Africa, the Middle East, and the United States to end neglected tropical diseases.



Advocacy for policy & public sector change

The [Collaborative for Gender and Reproductive Equity](#) advances gender, reproductive, and racial equity by building power at the state level, advancing equity in the judicial system, and uniting movement partners.



Participatory grantmaking that centers local communities

The [Arctic Funders Collaborative](#) is a learning community focused on knowledge exchange, learning opportunities, and raising the profile of the Arctic region.

GETTING STARTED



Is a collaborative right for you? Read Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors' [Collaborative Giving](#) guide in the [Philanthropy Roadmap](#) series.