

What is coming in does not match the need  
going out

↳ education upstream of

What is needed

↳ questions downstream of

What is needed

Org capacity came back to how we  
communicate the value of the work

↳ how do they get people to stay

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sub-  
Topic

Working with  
government



# Working With Government

1. Gov. funding - how can both as a funder and a grantee, how can we take on the burden of the red tape - be client centered / person centered and not

- How can we move past measuring

## Biggest Challenges

Paternalism - I know best for you, policies that are basically promoting waste - of time, materials, energy

Inherent conflict between gov rules + regs + systems of oppression  
getting people out of poverty vs. benefits of long term relationships

2. b. What are some ideas that have worked?  
- when the gov agencies have owned the record keeping burden (sign in sheets, agenda) freeing agencies + participants  
- having a diverse portfolio of funding to increase flexibility

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Helpful to hear about accountability, how can we care if something is impactful, moving beyond qty + qlt

- What do agencies actually want/need from Gov.
- How many layers of gov do funds have to go through before it goes to people

2D. What ideas ...

How can govt funders support a community of learning

- How do you get all of the stakeholders at the same table to streamline the process of getting

# ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

## Goals

recruit staff in small org

Storage of donations/resources

expand, do more better work

Health system integration of food + primary care

Education/toolkits

Community centers in schools - pantry - expand

Community efforts beyond schools

## Places

OR, CA

WA, OR

- Food/resource groups
- Cleaners, pantry
- Consultant
- State non-profits organization
- Healthcare

## Q1 - Biggest challenges

- small size of org. - not serving as many as like  
- physical space constraints

Wk: stream-line visits, store more food to provide

- consistency

- turnover

- volunteers not always there  
to process inventory

- systems down off by those <sup>(turnover)</sup>  
some buy-in

- staff turnover?

- challenge <sup>(turnover)</sup> to drives (dismantle)

- most of UNH

- age-millennials

- some staff to (change), entry-level

- exec leadership fairly stable

smarter idea!

- growth in organization possible?

- enrichment in org plan

- other benefits

Ask in an

exit interview①

why leaving

- succession - order staff leaving no one to fill in
- non-profit sector  
career path or college vs graduate school?  
  - appeal of the work
  - compensation expectations unrealistic for new/entry level staff
    - do schools paint an unrealistic expectation for students (millennials)?
- income inequality not for profit or for profit -  
  - (OPP)  
opportunity cost NFP vs profit industry  
(food bank vs Amazon)
- impact seen for staff, even if not making a ton of money
- lack of resources, <sup>ex:</sup> profit in 2 of 10 in homes because no options is this encouraging.

### What can supply?

- 401K plans
- educational repayment (FQHC + federal programs)
- benefits - medical
- transparency training & onboarding / realistic expectations

Millennials - episodic, do things for short period of time

- group oriented - do things socially, how do work communally

# Funding

## Issues / Biggest Challenges

Grants toward staff wages

Employee management

want to expand capacity

Coordinating funding between programs

finding grants that replace govt funding

Cultivating donors

Funding for development director.

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## Solutions

Funding a story → build a story about impact of staff.

Direct mail / Online appeal

Corporate Sponsorship - Fundraising events

Build a funding program that is diversified  
face-to-face asks

Collaborating with other agencies on big grants

partnering w/ hospitals for food prescriptions

Funders that need to give

(tapping into (OK)  
medicare)

Tribes (casino funding) WA state

• Using your social justice

Health care Systems

stories to get \$.

Community Foundations

• get and pursue

Google Ads

small donations.

Grant Station

• Media Partners - can get your story out



look at those who have = asset - organizational capacity

DC org 'Family' keep mem connected to the organization

- may help them return to organization in future or become donors
- engaged staff even if episodic are valuable - how do you extract fitting value when can - or improve next?
- food system transactional vs transformational tension in system (not satisfying)
  - see & be the change not sell
- give out food, end hunger, other resources... how much impact can make
- how do you define the change or outcomes for food systems? or day to day providing of resource
  - resistance to doing both in some organizations?

### systems struggle

- access products, \$, organizational capacity  
'not equally yoked', fits hasn't (if could) land  
the playing field
  - partnership potential untapped  
ex: Great Society War Poverty + War on Drugs

Hunger - education  
- employment } Could equalize more would be  
no more hunger

Partnerships + silos - yes  $\leq$  not causes, social  
implications

Smaller - set expectations goal, mission - time as  
resource, how do connect with resources, hard to  
check in with people - prioritize, good vs great

Connect with people - use this to educate  
and engage with staff / clients (vs stuck in sema)

+ longer-term investment for staff, retention

Human resource value + org culture

Concerned effort at staff, volunteer efforts  
every week work check-in = vital resource to  
help clients

- volunteers can become donors - seen & get work -  
time to build connections

- Value of work - how communicate, expectations
- Retention of staff
- Growth of organization in own context &  
own challenges that exist

What drew → topic

## Volunteers & Staff

Never enough

activation ERGy

Staff holding multiple positions/capacity Development Team

Volunteers = life of organization

age of volunteers "younger v. older"

100% volunteer → staffing how bring in new interest?

hire volunteer coord.

bring in experience → pay for experience → corporation donates \$ to cover experience

Social media engage volunteers

How corporate work needs vs. systemic

platform of interest  
experiences available

Covid-19 → AF campus Testing Table

Volunteers Experience v. opportunities jobs, tasks, etc  
Give specific projects tailored to strengths of individuals

Current Volunteers - what enjoy / don't enjoy so can bridge the gap bridge power dynamics

partner w/ schools → make school/high school make it year round

Summer Camp involvement

Community involvement

end of term celebrations, discussions for volunteers

how convert → leadership roles

### Incentives

bus pass

stipend

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raffle buckets

most hours

Juvenile System → allow → work off fines

School system → mandatory volunteer hours

volunteer of the year  
service

Youth driven program → stipends

work on entrepreneurship

everyday level → recognition & thanks  
culture shift

Hospital, sanitizing funds, etc

Niche position → separate to

Individual → group models

