



*National Network of  
Consultants to Grantmakers*  
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## A Vibrant Professional Learning Community Dedicated to Strengthening Philanthropy

The National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers (NNCG) is the only organization that brings together high-quality consultants to support the work of all types of grantmakers – while advancing the quality and ethical standards of consultants to philanthropy. NNCG members represent experienced and carefully vetted practitioners and thought leaders in philanthropy.

Founded in 2006 and now entering our 10th year, NNCG has become a valued resource and partner in the national philanthropic community. Our growing network includes a distinguished and diverse membership of consultants representing a broad range of expertise related to grantmakers and their philanthropic missions. NNCG members serve approximately 2,000 grantmakers of all types and sizes of grantmakers, grantmaker networks and philanthropic families.

NNCG's resources include:

- The first **directory** of highly qualified and vetted consultants to all types of grantmakers in the United States and Canada;
- Our online **Knowledge Center** – a searchable database of resources for and about grantmaking, developed in partnership with the Foundation Center's IssueLab and containing hundreds of reports, case studies, issue briefs, and videos about almost every aspect of philanthropy;
- NNCG's **webinar series** addressing timely trends and topics directly related to the work of philanthropy consultants and grantmakers;
- Our co-edited issue **Spring 2015 issue** of *The Foundation Review*, the first-ever issue devoted exclusively to the field of philanthropy consulting.
- NNCG's nationally recognized **Code of Ethical Conduct** for philanthropic consultants that affirms a commitment to donor service and sets clear standards for behavior.
- Our recently launched blog, *NNCG Now!* that offers members and guests a platform to share their expertise with our community

NNCG is proud of its partnerships with organizations that share our goal of strengthening and bringing new perspectives to philanthropy. These include:

- The Foundation Center
- The Council on Foundations
- The Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers
- The National Center for Family Philanthropy
- Philanthropy New York, Northern California Grantmakers, Southern California Grantmakers, the Donors Forum and other regional associations
- The Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University
- Learn Philanthropy
- *The Foundation Review*
- The Alliance for Nonprofit Management
- Philanthropy New York
- Northern California Grantmakers
- Southern California Grantmakers

We are also proud to partner with our funders, including the Ford Foundation, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Lodestar, Meyer Foundation, and The California Wellness Foundation.

This coming year promises to be one of continued growth and heightened impact for NNCG. Our plans for 2016 include:

- Launching our new 2017-20 Strategic Plan
- Expanding our Directory of Philanthropy Consultants with greater visibility and use through promotion by regional grantmaking associations;
- Expanding and deepening the conversation about the content of NNCG's co-edited issue of *The Foundation Review* through social media, blog posts, webinars and special presentations;
- Continuing our webinar series, with upcoming topics including *Corporate Philanthropy: Moving from "That Nice Thing we Do" to a Business Imperative*, and *What if a Foundation Asks About Staff or Trustee Compensation, Benefits or Hiring - and - What if They Don't Ask?*
- Growing NNCG's current partnerships and forming new ones with national and regional organizations committed to strengthening philanthropy.

With the leadership and guidance of our distinguished Steering Committee, NNCG looks forward to building on our strong foundation as an essential resource for high-quality, ethical consultants to grantmakers - while working in collaboration with strategic partners to strengthen philanthropy and civil society throughout the United States and beyond.