

Collaboratory Coalition Funding for 2022 FAQs

Q1. What types of organizations are eligible?

Collaboratory Coalition Funding supports coalitions that are existing, emerging, forming, or a next generation idea whose time has come.

Q2. Does a coalition have to be regional or can it be focused on a local community?

Because many of our most pressing issues are not restricted to a single county, our interest is to support efforts that move from local problem solving to regional solutions, but many ideas emerge from local communities and neighborhoods, so please submit your information.

Q3. What happens if more than one member of a coalition applies?

The purpose of our call for information is to gain broad and deep insight into the challenges experienced by residents in our community on the ground. This is not a traditional grant competition for limited funds. Rather, this is the start of an 18-year journey that will gather force with the years as we align our shared interests and common goals. The more information we have, the better decisions we will make.

Q4. Can an emerging coalition apply?

Coalitions at every stage of development are encouraged to apply. We are looking to learn where the energy and passion is, where the opportunities for leverage and change are the greatest.

Q5. How is it determined who is authorized by the coalition to apply?

After reviewing the requests for information, we will reach out to determine the nature of leadership and authority of the coalition as we take the next steps in building our relationship.



Q6. Which member of the coalition should receive the funding?

The coalition will determine the recipient(s) and distribution of funds. For example, the funding could be used to hire a coalition coordinator, or to support one coalition member to serve as the backbone, or to fund data and research.

Q7. What causes are Collaboratory interested in funding?

All of them. We want to learn from you.

Q8. What are acceptable uses of this funding?

Funding may be used for whatever will help the coalition be more successful, as long as it doesn't violate laws or jeopardize the nonprofit status of Collaboratory or the funded partner(s). Funded organizations must provide proof that they are exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and/or you are a unit of government [(c)(4) and (c)(6) agencies are not eligible]; your organization is located in and/or primarily serve residents of Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, or Collier Counties; your organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors with at least five (5) individuals unrelated through familial or business connections; and your organizations must conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, or religious affiliation

Q9. What is bandwidth?

Bandwidth is the resources required to collaborate and tackle issues that go beyond the day-to-day mission of an organization or collaboration. It is what is called out when you might say, "I would like to, or this is important, but I just don't have -----."

Q10. Do we have to provide matching funds?

Matching funds are not required; however, we will be thrilled if a receipt of funding enables you to gain additional support.

Q11. What progress will need to be made for renewed funding?

Our funding commitment is for three years (the time we think is required for sustainable development of your coalition from whatever your starting point might be). We will check in each year to understand what is working, what you have learned, what constitutes success, what new challenges you are facing, and what might have changed that could threaten your continued work.

Q12. What type of commitment is required from the coalition and its members to be considered for funding?

There is no single way to demonstrate commitment and during our review process we will learn about the driving motivations and nature of the commitments, people and organizations have to solving those issues.

Q13. How much time is required to participate in the onboarding process and who from our organization is expected to participate?

Onboarding and relationship building is a first and important step for us to build trust and a relationship as partners working together to solve the social issues facing our region. This time is as important as the funding. We will coordinate schedules respectful of the fact that participants have other commitments.

Q14. What if I don't currently have partners to collaborate with my organization, can I still apply?

We are looking for where there is energy around issues and a critical mass of interest. We anticipate that the call of information will help to reveal these shared interests so that we can connect individuals and organizations. Don't force anything, simply share where you are now and what type of partners you would like to see engaged in the work.

Q15. What Sustainable Development Goals are the priority of Collaboratory? Do I have to have an understanding of them to apply?

The Sustainable Development Goals are one of our tools to help our region come together around common goals. The community will determine which ones are the highest priority to address. You don't have to have experience or knowledge of the SDGs to submit a request for information fund or receive funding. We will work together on the SDGs in the Coalition Cohort.

Q16. How do we report on the Sustainable Development Goals?

An important part of our work together is to determine how best we collect and share information about our contributions to making progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Q17. How can I get help to answer questions during the request for information process?

Our team members are easy to access online or over the phone, drop us a note.

