

Call for Papers FOR VOLUME 10, ISSUE 3

Themed issue on Donor Intent and Legacy

The Foundation Review invites scholars, foundation professionals, evaluators, and others to submit ideas for articles that will advance our understanding of how donor intent and legacy influence, enable, constrain, and complicate grantmaking and other foundation processes and outcomes. Articles on this topic will be published in the September 2018 issue of *The Foundation Review* (Volume 10, Issue 3). To be considered for publication, please submit an abstract of up to 250 words by **Dec. 15, 2017**.

The complexities of donor intent and legacy touch all aspects of philanthropy – from writing mission statements, to devising strategy, to making grant decisions, to evaluating impact. Navigating the complicated issues around donor intent and legacy means confronting many of the core questions of effective giving – questions about power, transparency, collaboration, expertise, loyalty, and the engagement of diverse voices.

For this issue, we seek articles that address issues of donor intent and legacy in grantmaking, such as:

- **The many ways donor intent and legacy affects grantmaking and foundations.** Intent and legacy can affect mission/vision statements, strategies, program areas and preferred issues/solutions, geographic focus, foundation governance and operations, approach to engaging grantees and stakeholders, evaluation, and other factors.
- **Implementing donor intent and legacy while also being responsive to public needs and partners.** Foundations often have to devise creative ways to honor intent and legacy *and* respond to evolving needs and beneficiaries *and* engage closely with partners and grantees.
- **When intent becomes legacy.** Foundations stewarding long-standing legacies have to find creative ways to advance this legacy while adapting to changing circumstances.
- **Donor intent and legacy in different types of grantmakers.**

Submit abstracts to submissions@foundationreview.org by Dec. 15, 2017. If a full paper is invited, it will be due March 31, 2018 for consideration for publication in September 2018.

Continued on the next page ...



Abstracts are solicited in four categories:

- **Results.** Papers in this category generally report on findings from evaluations of foundation-funded work. Papers should include a description of the theory of change (logic model, program theory), a description of the grant-making strategy, the evaluation methodology, the results, and discussion. The discussion should focus on what has been learned both about the programmatic content and about grantmaking and other foundation roles (convening, etc.).
- **Tools.** Papers in this category should describe tools useful for foundation staff or boards. By “tool” we mean a systematic, replicable method intended for a specific purpose. For example, a protocol to assess community readiness and standardized facilitation methods would be considered a tool. The actual tool should be included in the article where practical. The paper should describe the rationale for the tool, how it was developed, and available evidence of its usefulness.
- **Sector.** Papers in this category address issues that confront the philanthropic sector as whole, such as diversity, accountability, etc. These are typically empirically based; literature reviews are also considered.
- **Reflective Practice.** The reflective practice articles rely on the knowledge and experience of the authors, rather than on formal evaluation methods or designs. In these cases, it is because of their perspective about broader issues, rather than specific initiatives, that the article is valuable.

Book Reviews: *The Foundation Review* publishes reviews of relevant books. Please contact the editor to discuss submitting a review. Reviewers must be free of conflicts of interest.

Questions? Contact Michael Moody, guest editor of *The Foundation Review*, at moodym@gvsu.edu, or Teri Behrens, editor in chief, at behenst@foundationreview.org.