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Publications



Cutting Costs, Keeping Quality: Financing Strategies for Youth-Serving Organizations in a Difficult Economy

This research brief highlights financing strategies that successful youth-serving organizations are using to maintain quality services despite difficult economic times.



Beyond the Award Letter: Fund Management for Leaders of Small Youth-Serving Organizations

This guide supports and enhances the systems that program managers of small youth-serving non-profit organizations use to manage grants and contracts.

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/BeyondtheAwardLetter.pdf>



Beyond the Paycheck: A Human Resources Management Guide for Leaders of Small Youth-Serving Organizations

The guide aims to help organization leaders develop the tools and knowledge they need to create and use sound human resources management (HRM) systems and practices that support program success and sustainability.

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/BeyondThePaycheck.pdf>



A Guide to Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research for Financing and Sustaining Programs and Services for Youth

This strategy brief reviews the research on “what works” to promote positive youth development and it provides decision makers with background information for making good investment decisions.

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/PositiveYouthDev.pdf>



Beyond the Checkbook: A Financial Management Guide for Leaders of Small Youth-Serving Organizations

This user-friendly guide outlines the elements of an effective fiscal management system and how youth organizations can put them into practice. This publication is available at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/BeyondtheCheckbook.pdf>



Tobacco Settlement Revenue - Recent State Actions and Opportunities for Youth Programs

This Issue Note provides an update on the use of MSA payments across the 46 states party to the agreement; highlights the unique opportunity provided by the increased payments under the

SCF; and offers strategies for policymakers, community and program leaders to access MSA funds for youth programs.

http://www.financeproject.org/./publications/Tobacco%20Settlement%20Funds%20Issue%20Note%204_15.pdf



Finding Resources to Support Mentoring Programs and Services for Youth

This brief highlights three strategies that leaders and stakeholders can use to finance and sustain mentoring programs and services for youth. These strategies include building partnerships with businesses and foundations, conducting community fundraising to generate revenue and maximizing public revenue. In addition, it provides information on 25 federal funding sources that can be used to finance and sustain these programs. This publication is available at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/FindingResources-MentoringPrograms.pdf>



Using CDBG to Support Community-Based Youth Programs

This brief aims to provide policymakers, stakeholders, community leaders, and program developers working in or with community-based youth programs with a basic understanding of how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is structured, how community-based youth programs fit into CDBG purposes and activities, and how communities nationwide are using CDBG to support youth initiatives. This publication is available at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/CDBGyouthprograms.pdf>



Snapshots of Sustainability: Profiles of Successful Strategies for Financing Out-of-School Time Programs

This compendium includes 32 profiles of out-of-school time programs that have succeeded in sustaining their work by developing strategies to marshal a broad range of critical fiscal and non-fiscal resources. Each profile includes an overview of the program or initiative, and typically includes budget information, a summary of financing and sustainability strategies employed, keys to success, lessons learned and anticipated challenges or next steps. A cross-profile analysis of promising approaches, trends in program leaders' responses and common themes in their success is also provided. This publication is available online at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/Publications/SustainabilityProfilesOST.pdf>



Financing and Sustaining Out-of-School Time Programs in Rural Communities

Leaders of rural out-of-school time programs need to act strategically to ensure the long-term success of their initiatives. This brief describes the funding landscape and highlights the unique resource challenges confronting rural out-of-school time programs. It also describes various public and private resources that can support out-of-school time programming and identifies effective strategies that can be used by program leaders to create sustainable approaches to their work. This publication is available online at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/publications/OSTRuralYouth.pdf>



Investing in the Sustainability of Youth Programs: A Funder's Assessment Tool

This brief and accompanying assessment tool is intended to help foundation leaders address the challenges of sustaining youth programs. The brief begins with a framework for thinking about sustainability, introduces an assessment tool funders can use in a variety of ways to support sustainability in their grantmaking, and concludes with guidance on how to use and adapt this tool for particular purposes. This publication is available at:

http://www.financeproject.org/Publications/Funders_Tool_PM.pdf



Using TANF to Finance Out-of-School Time Initiatives

This brief presents general considerations for using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars to support out-of-school time initiatives. It explores strategies for using TANF funding, considerations for using each strategy, and examples of innovative state approaches. This publication is available at: <http://76.12.61.196/publications/TANFtoFinanceOST.pdf>



Thinking Broadly: Financing Strategies for Youth Programs

This guide is intended to assist policymakers, community leaders and program developers by outlining an array of approaches to finance youth programs and initiatives. It presents general principles to guide the selection of financing strategies and considerations to help state and local leaders develop financing plans that closely align with their program goals, available resources and the political and economic environments in which they work. This brief is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/Thinkingbroadly_PM.pdf



Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Youth Programs

A guide for policy makers, program developers and others with critical information about federal funding sources to support and sustain youth programs and initiatives. This publication is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/findingfunding_PM.pdf



Creating Dedicated Local and State Revenue Sources for Youth Programs

This brief outlines strategies to create dedicated local and state revenue sources for youth programs, provides guidance and information on the capacity, funding, and community support required for these strategies, and profiles these strategies at work in different states and communities. This publication is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/DLR_PM.pdf



A Guide to Successful Public-Private Partnerships for Youth Programs

This guide provides practical information on creating and maintaining public-private partnerships to improve and expand youth programs and initiatives in communities and states. The full report is available online at: http://financeproject.org/publications/PublicPrivate_PM.pdf

Monthly Funding Tips

Monthly funding tips cover financing strategies and approaches that help programs finance and sustain their work. All funding tips are available at: <http://www.financeproject.org/special/irc/monthlyFundingTips.cfm>.

- Using Data to Communicate Impact to Funders
- Accessing Funding to Build Program Capacity- The Strengthening Communities Fund
- Using AmeriCorps Funds to Support Youth Programs and Services
- Coordinate Resources and Services to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth
- Build Partnerships with Businesses and Foundations to Support Mentoring Programs
- Conducting Community Fundraising to Generate Revenue for Mentoring Programs
- Improve Access to Mainstream Financial Services
- Access Education Dollars to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth
- Create a Diverse Funding Base

- Use CDBG to Fund Youth Facilities
- Maximizing Federal Dollars to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth
- Transfer TANF Funds to CCDF to Support Out-of-School Time Initiatives
- Create a Children's Trust Fund To Dedicate Local Revenue Sources for Youth Programs
- Use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Support Youth Programs and Services
- Partner to Access Funding to Address Transportation Issues in Rural Areas
- Access Private Funding
- Develop a Proactive and Influential Board of Directors
- Develop New Dedicated Revenue
- Create More Flexibility in Existing Categorical Funding Streams
- Form Public-Private Partnerships

Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) Promising Practices

This series of promising practice profiles focuses on the state infrastructure built to support the allocation MSA funds to programs and services that promote the healthy development of children and youth. All promising practices are available at: <http://www.financeproject.org/tobacco/>.

Alabama Children First Trust Fund

The Children First Trust Fund receives a portion of Alabama's MSA payments and allocates funding to programs and services supporting children, youth and families.

Alabama Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

In Alabama, MSA funds have allowed the TFC program to sustain increased payments for foster parents; finance a new assessment process to ensure that children are placed in the most appropriate; and support a continuum of care model.

American Lung Association of Idaho

The American Lung Association of Idaho (ALAI) operates statewide anti-smoking initiatives and has used tobacco settlement funds to launch two nationally recognized ALAI program models for young people.

Colorado Read to Achieve Grant Program

The Colorado Read to Achieve grant program awards funds to eligible elementary schools for research-based intensive reading programs.

Healthy Maine Partnerships

Healthy Maine Partnerships is a network of communities, schools, hospitals, businesses, and volunteers that uses MSA funds to establish policies and environments that reduce tobacco use.

Kansas Children's Cabinet

The Kansas Children's Cabinet was created to oversee expenditures from the state's tobacco MSA, which are held in the Kansas Endowment for Youth (KEY) Fund. Ninety-five percent of the MSA funds are dedicated to improve the health and well-being of children and youth in the state.

Kentucky Early Childhood Mental Health Program

The Early Childhood Mental Health Program (ECMH) provides mental health consultation for early childhood programs and assessment and therapeutic services for young children and their families.

Michigan Promise Scholarship Grant

The Michigan Promise scholarship program encourages students to excel in education by providing up to \$4,000 to high school graduates for successfully completing two years of postsecondary education.

North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund

North Carolina's Health and Wellness Trust Fund advocates for the health needs for poor and underserved groups in the state, and has focused much of its efforts on preventive health strategies for youth.

Wyoming Substance Abuse Control Plan

The Wyoming Substance Abuse Control Plan is an integrated, statewide alcohol and drug control plan enacted by the Legislature and funded with proceeds from the State's share of the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Webinars

This series of webinars has disseminated findings from our research and provided program leaders, intermediaries, and policy makers with a wide array of financing strategies to support their work. Summaries available at:

<http://www.financeproject.org/special/irc/archiveAudioConference.cfm>

- Financing Strategies for Youth-Serving Organizations in a Difficult Economy.
- Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development: Implications of Research and Practice
- Finding Resources to Support Mentoring Programs and Services for Youth
- My Favorite Mistakes: Lessons from a Non-Profit Business Manager
- Financing and Sustaining Youth and Afterschool Programs in Rural Communities Audio Conference
- Funding Sustainability and Long-Term Change
- Creating Dedicated Local and State Revenue Sources for Youth Programs
- Successful Public-Private Partnerships for Youth Programs
- Thinking Broadly: Financing Strategies for Youth Programs

Recent Presentations

TFP has also built knowledge of financing and sustainability strategies in the field through presentations, trainings and technical assistance events. Presentations in the last 6 months include:

- **Financing Strategies for Rural Afterschool Programs**
Delivered at The After-School Experience Annual Conference, December 3, 2009.