

Collective Impact Accelerator: Using Data for Advancing Progress in Collective Impact

Program Overview

The Collective Impact Forum, an initiative of FSG and the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions, has developed a “Collective Impact Accelerator” to improve how collective impact funders, backbone teams, and other partners use data to learn and strengthen their work in collaboration with others, ultimately contributing to achieving greater impact in communities. The program is a 12-month action learning cohort focused on using data for advancing progress in collective impact.

The goals of the Collective Impact Accelerator are to:

- Build the capacity of backbone leaders, funders, and other partners to effectively use data as a key strategy in collective impact contributing to improved results for communities.
- Create a supportive peer learning community where backbone teams, funders and/or partners have candid conversations and learn with one another about using data in collective impact.
- Identify promising practices that will be shared broadly with the field to support backbone leaders, funders, and other practitioners interested in using data in collective impact.

Participants will meet for three in-person working sessions from November 2019 to November 2020, take advantage of individual coaching support from Collective Impact Forum’s staff facilitators, and also join three peer learning calls during months when there is not a working session.

The following are key dates to note for our upcoming in-person meetings:

- Meeting #1: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at McCormick Foundation’s office, 205 Michigan Avenue, Suite 4300, Chicago, IL 60601
- Meeting #2: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in downtown Minneapolis, MN (location TBD)
- Meeting #3: October/November 2020 | Washington, DC

Local Collaborative Information

Partners:

- Sarah Lowry, Director, Healthy Community Partnership – Mahoning Valley
- Michelle Edison, Pathways HUB Coordinator, Mahoning County Public Health
- Justin Mondok, Transportation Planner, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Purpose of participating in the program:

Although our collaboration has access to multiple data sources, we are seeking opportunities to learn how to best use data to create shared measurements that clearly demonstrate the impact of our collaborative work in ways that are clear and truly meaningful to different audiences. (E.g., funders, policymakers, partners and the public.)

By participating in the Collective Impact Data Accelerator, we seek to build the capacity of the Partnership to use data to show how we can improve the collaborative to achieve our collective goal. Through peer and expert conversations, we hope to learn how to, and when to utilize various forms of data to tell our stories. And, through the learning and experience gained through participation in the Accelerator, we hope to build the evidence base of effective data sharing methods and disseminate that information widely with other collective impact practitioners.

Applicability to Eastgate Work Program:

605.01 – GIS Data Collection and Management

- This program is designed to teach partners how to more effectively utilize available data to achieve collective goals. Better data collaboration among partners will improve the quality of products that Eastgate creates and provides to its member communities.

610 – Continuing Planning

- A better working relationship between Eastgate and other regional partners will allow for the identification and development of more impactful vision and goals for our MTP. Additionally, working with partners outside of the scope of transportation and infrastructure will allow more inclusive perspective when evaluating transportation legislation policy to inform future decision-making.

625 – Service

- Eastgate's goal is to disseminate the best use of existing and future transportation planning data to its member communities. The Healthy Community Partnership has identified Active Transportation as a priority focus area and Eastgate's participation is valuable due to the agency's expertise in the field and ability to provide best available data and recommendations.