

## **Triangle Capacity-Building Network**

In 2014, local funders from across the Triangle gathered to discuss the capacity of nonprofit organizations across the region. Some of the organizations funded capacity building efforts through direct grants to organizations and community partnerships. Others provided technical assistance as part of their application and reporting processes.

In 2016, the group commissioned research from the NC Institute for Nonprofits at NC State, which underscored the importance of flexible funding to invest in individual and organizational capacity as a key indicator of building strong nonprofits. On the heels of the momentum brought by that environmental scan, the group convened nonprofit leaders to gain additional insight and publicly released the research results in the fall of 2017. The final report can be found at the [Institute for Nonprofits](#).

Since then the team has been engaged in strategic discussions designed to mobilize action and go beyond coordination of individual capacity building efforts. We are offering a collaborative funding program to support capacity building to strengthen Triangle nonprofits. The ultimate outcome imagines a Triangle region full of healthy, powerful nonprofits, in which every organization relies on strong leadership to support its mission and growth, and funders play a key role in supporting the strengthening of the ecosystem. As a result of the strategic framework (see next page), the funders have determined two priority areas on which to focus attention and resources that is evident of a shared value for collectively funding capacity building. The two priorities include 1) pooled funding for building nonprofit and leadership capacity and 2) donor education about the benefits of building capacity.

**The first grant cycle for pooled funding applications will be available on April 8, 2019.**

### **The following funders have invested in the pooled funding strategy:**

Triangle Community Foundation  
Oak Foundation  
BCBS Foundation  
John Rex Endowment  
Mary Duke Biddle Foundation

### **Participants in the Triangle Capacity-Building Network include:**

AJ Fletcher Foundation  
Bank of America  
Bank of America Foundation  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC Foundation  
Cary Oil  
John Rex Endowment  
NC Community Foundation  
Oak Foundation  
SECU Foundation  
Stewards Fund  
The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation  
Triangle Community Foundation  
United Way of the Greater Triangle

