

Building *Together* Call for Presenters

IMPACT THROUGH COLLABORATION 2026 Joint Conference

Proposals due May 15th

October 14th - 16th
Charleston, WV



2026 Philanthropy WV Annual Conference & WVNPA Nonprofit Leadership Summit

Theme: *Building Together: Impact Through Collaboration*

Dates: October 15–16, 2026

Location: Charleston, WV

“The most powerful ideas don’t happen in silos—they happen when we build together.”

Let’s Build Something Together

The 2026 Nonprofit Leadership Summit is all about connection, partnership, and shared impact—and we’re looking for dynamic speakers to help bring that vision to life.

This year, we’re thrilled to partner with Philanthropy WV, creating a unique, can’t-miss opportunity to bring **fundors and nonprofit leaders into the same space for meaningful conversation and learning**.

Our events will overlap beginning at lunchtime on October 15, followed by a full day of nonprofit-focused programming on October 16.

Audience & Event Size

The 2026 Nonprofit Leadership Summit is expected to welcome approximately **120–150 nonprofit professionals** from across West Virginia.

During our joint sessions on October 15, we will be joined by attendees from Philanthropy WV, bringing the combined audience to approximately **190–230 participants**, including both **fundors and nonprofit leaders**.

This creates a dynamic environment for shared learning, meaningful dialogue, and cross-sector connection.

Theme: Building Together

Building Together: Impact Through Collaboration is more than a theme—it's a call to action.

We're seeking sessions that explore how nonprofits, funders, and partners can align efforts, strengthen relationships, and create greater impact together. Whether you're sharing proven strategies, lessons learned, or innovative ideas, we're looking for content that is practical, engaging, and rooted in real-world experience.

What We're Looking For

We are seeking a mix of:

Joint Audience Sessions (October 15)

Designed for **both funders and nonprofit professionals**, these sessions should:

- Foster shared understanding and open dialogue
- Explore partnership dynamics and collaboration
- Offer tools or frameworks that benefit both groups

Nonprofit-Focused Sessions (October 16)

Designed specifically for **nonprofit staff and leaders**, these sessions can dive deeper into:

- Internal strategy and operations
- Fundraising and donor engagement
- Leadership, management, and organizational development
- Communications, advocacy, and program delivery

Priority Topics

We're especially interested in sessions that address:

- Strengthening nonprofit–funder relationships
- Cross-sector collaboration (nonprofit, government, business)
- Collective impact and shared measurement
- Building and sustaining community partnerships
- Equity-centered collaboration
- Strategic alignment across organizations
- Resource sharing and capacity building
- Advocacy and coalition building
- Navigating power dynamics in partnerships
- Innovative or emerging models of collaboration

Above all, we're looking for sessions that leave participants with **clear, actionable takeaways**.

Additional Topics of Interest

We also welcome proposals that strengthen core nonprofit capacity and operations, including:

- Social media strategy and digital engagement
- Marketing and communications
- Grant writing and grants management
- Board governance and development
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Utilizing appropriate technology and tools
- Succession planning and leadership transitions
- Outcomes, evaluation, and impact measurement
- Financial management and sustainability
- Fundraising strategies and donor engagement
- Legal compliance and risk management

Session Formats

We welcome proposals for a variety of session types:

- Keynote Presentations - large-group, high-impact sessions
- Plenary Sessions - full audience sessions focused on shared learning and dialogue
- Learning Labs (Breakout Sessions) - 60–75 minutes
- Interactive Workshops - 90 minutes
- Panel Discussions
- Facilitated Conversations or Roundtables

Keynote and plenary speakers should be prepared to engage a full audience of up to 200+ participants.

Interactive, participatory approaches are strongly encouraged across all formats—we want attendees actively engaged, not just listening.

Proposal Requirements

Please be prepared to provide:

- Session title
- Session description - brief (150–250 words) and detailed (400+ words)
- 2–3 learning objectives
- Intended audience (joint audience or nonprofit-only)
- Indication of whether your session works well for a **mixed funder/nonprofit audience**
- Experience level (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
- Presenter name(s), title(s), and organization(s)
- Brief bio(s) and headshot(s) - these can be emailed if the session is selected

How Proposals Will Be Reviewed

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with the Summit theme
- Relevance and value to attendees
- Practical application and takeaways
- Level of engagement and interactivity
- Clarity of learning objectives
- Fit for intended audience (joint vs. nonprofit-only)
- Presenter experience and perspective

Timeline

- RFP Opens: **April 3, 2026**
- Proposal Deadline: **May 15, 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance: **May 29, 2026**

Additional Details

- All sessions will be delivered in person at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton**

300 Court Street
Charleston, WV 25301

- Presenters will receive: **One complimentary registration**

Additional Opportunities

Not every great idea fits neatly into one audience—and that's okay.

If you have a session that is better suited specifically for **grantmakers**, we still welcome your submission. You may also consider sharing your proposal with **Philanthropy WV** to reach a funder-focused audience.

To receive a link to their RFP, please email info@philanthropywv.org.

Ready to Submit?

Submit your proposal here: <https://forms.gle/AbTRCQif3RDSPUL87>

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