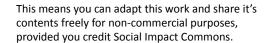


Visions, Myths, and a Path Forward

For the field of fiscal sponsorship and nonprofit resource sharing



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A Vision for the Field

ACTION & ONTOLOGY

- Embrace a world of radical pluralism in which independence of ideas and agency does not require independence of infrastructure.
- Move from fragmentation to collectivisation, with a focus on localist and distributed network models of scale.
- Expand our focus beyond valorization and mere proof of fiscal sponsorship model and give attention to what it will take in knowledge and financial capital to proliferate the field.
- Broaden from a field defined by law and finance to a field more defined by organizing, activism, commoning, and movement building.

REACTION

>>> We vastly accelerate the forces of solidarity building and social justice.

>>> We re-task billions in funds from needlessly duplicated infrastructure directly to front-line work.

Myths (Things that *can* be true *but do not have to be* true.)

- The fiscal sponsorship business model doesn't work it's not sustainable.
- Fiscal sponsors are only temporary/transitional, not permanent mission homes.
- Fiscal sponsors perpetuate white supremacy and the Nonprofit Industrial Complex.
- Fiscal sponsors add needless cost and bureaucracy to front-line programs.
- Fiscal sponsors ask visionary leaders to relinquish agency, autonomy, and power.
- Fiscal sponsors are only back office purveyors of nonprofit compliance.
- Fiscal sponsorship is inherently more equitable than stand-alone structures.
- Fiscal sponsors are unicorn nonprofits without capacity struggles of their own.

A Path Forward

- Create a collection of Shared Impact Metrics for sponsors, adaptable to a wide range of models and practices.
- Build a Knowledge Commons that democratizes the knowledge of the field and lifts up equity and justice-based practices for fiscal sponsors.
- Gather Longitudinal Field Data on the depth and breadth of the ecosystem, with a focus on documenting areas for capacity building investment.
- Develop and retain a more Diverse Community Practitioners that seek careers in the development and management of fiscal sponsors.
- Advocate for greater Direct Philanthropic Investment in critical areas of capacity need for fiscal sponsors.

