





## Nonprofit Support Program

### BOARD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

#### Fall 2013 Application

Building and sustaining a healthy and vibrant board can help your organization thrive, especially in these challenging times. This program is designed to help nonprofit organizations strengthen their boards' effectiveness and performance in the face of funding cutbacks, greater competition for charitable dollars, and increased scrutiny of nonprofit practices.

The Nonprofit Support Program invites your organization to apply for the **2013 Board Leadership Program**. This program is designed to help executive directors and boards to better understand and negotiate their respective roles and responsibilities, strengthen the board's ability to provide adequate resources and financial oversight for the organization, and become more effectively engaged in helping the organization to fulfill its mission.

This unique program will be provided to a group of up to 15 organizations that will be selected through an application process. The program consists of two ½-day workshop sessions and a significant follow-up consultation with a consultant who will work one-on-one with your organization to improve your governance practices.

***There is no charge for participating in this program. However, it is a requirement that the executive director attend both workshop sessions along with a) the board chair or board chair-elect, and b) at least two other board members. In addition, to ensure continuity between the two workshop sessions, it is important that the same individuals attend both sessions.***

*Please note that your completed application must include a signed letter(s) or e-mails from all those participating in the program, indicating a commitment to attend both workshop sessions in their entirety.*

The workshop leader for both sessions will be **Chuck Loring**, Senior Governance Associate for BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards). Mr. Loring is one of the leading national experts on board development issues, has consulted with hundreds of nonprofits across the country, and consistently wins rave reviews from participants in his programs.

#### **From previous program participants:**

*"Chuck Loring's seminar was the single best event in our experience. He gave us concrete implementable tools, providing a focus to go forward. We marched through some simple, incredibly effective changes."*

*"Now we're recruiting top-notch board members from industries we're focused on. It's all totally new for us – engagement, advocacy, etc. It all happened because of that first seminar."*

**1. WORKSHOP SESSIONS** (both sessions will take place in the evening in order to accommodate board members)

**Effective Governance** **Thursday, October 3** **5:00 to 8:30 P.M.**

*Topics will include the financial and fundraising responsibilities of the board, its policy making role, legal obligations, and the board's relationship to staff.*

**Building an Effective Fundraising Board** **Monday, October 21** **5:00 to 8:30 P.M.**

*Topics will include strategic board recruitment and training your board members to be effective fundraisers.*

Both of these sessions will be highly interactive, and will allow participating organizations to assess their current performance, identify priority issues and begin setting goals.

**2. CONSULTATION**

The workshops will raise governance issues of particular interest to your organization. The free, optional follow-up consultation provides the opportunity to further discuss and address these issues with the help of a consultant. The goal is to help take your board to a new level of excellence by putting in place some of the practices discussed during the workshops. Each agency will have up to 40 hours of a consultant's time, which will allow for significant improvements to your board's functioning and strength.

---

If you are interested in applying for this program, you must submit the enclosed application questions along with a letter(s) or e-mails from all participants from your organization, indicating their commitment to attend both workshop sessions in their entirety. **Your completed application must be received by August 26. You will be notified of the selection results by September 6.**

If you have any questions, please contact Meher Shulman at 548-1888 ext 1047.

We look forward to receiving your application!