

# State & Local EC Funder Collaboratives

Project Update, December 2019



# Collaboratives Project Update





- ▶ Launched in 2018
- ▶ Explore how engaging Collaboratives furthers ECFC's strategic goals and strategies around building knowledge of ECFC members across regions, foundation type, interest area, and strategies.
- ▶ Build field capacity among EC funders, and among Collaboratives Share national level information and expertise
- ▶ Create connections between national, state and local philanthropic expertise

# Finding and connecting with state and local Collaboratives

- ▶ **State level connections in our network:**  
AZ, CO, CT, DC , GA, HI\*, IL, IN\*, MA\*, ME\*, MI, MN, MT, NJ\*, NM, NY, NC, OH\*, OR, PA\*, TX
- ▶ **Local level connections in our network:**  
Bay Area (CA), Kansas City, Los Angeles, Milwaukee\*, San Diego



*\*Not in online directory*

# Collaborative Connections

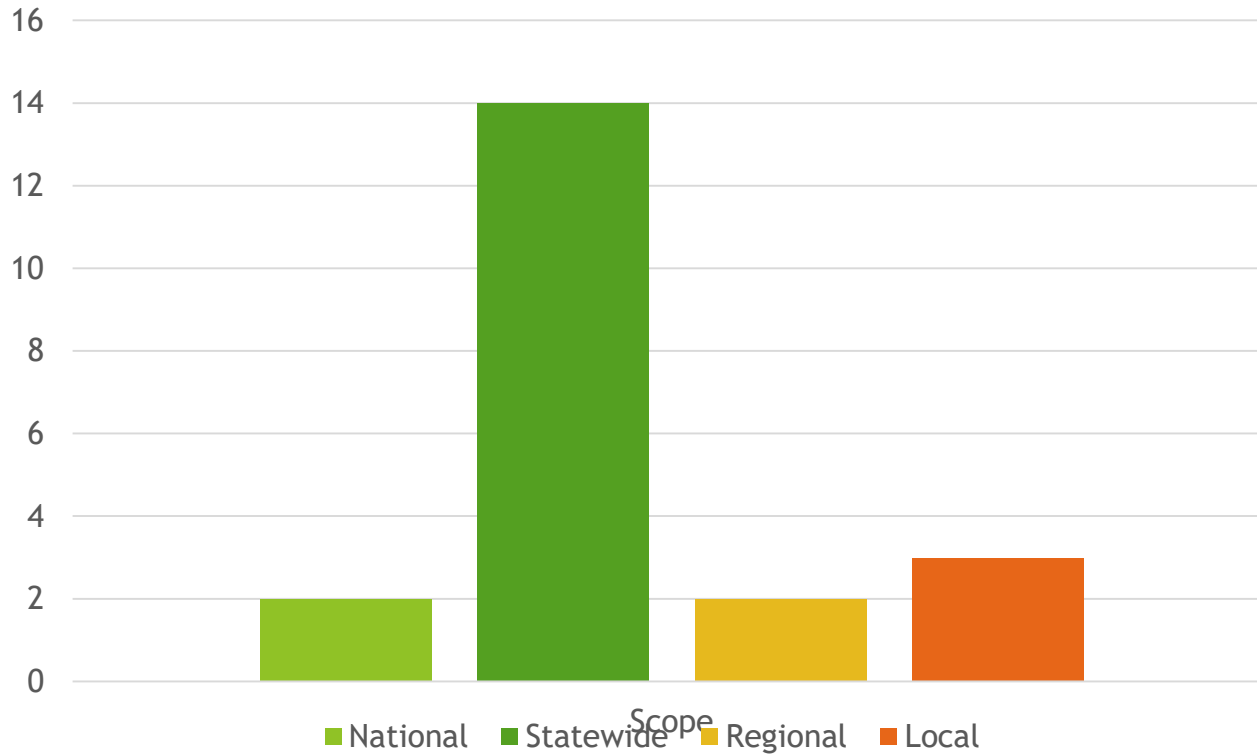
## ▶ Numbers

- ▶ Range in size from 5-40 members

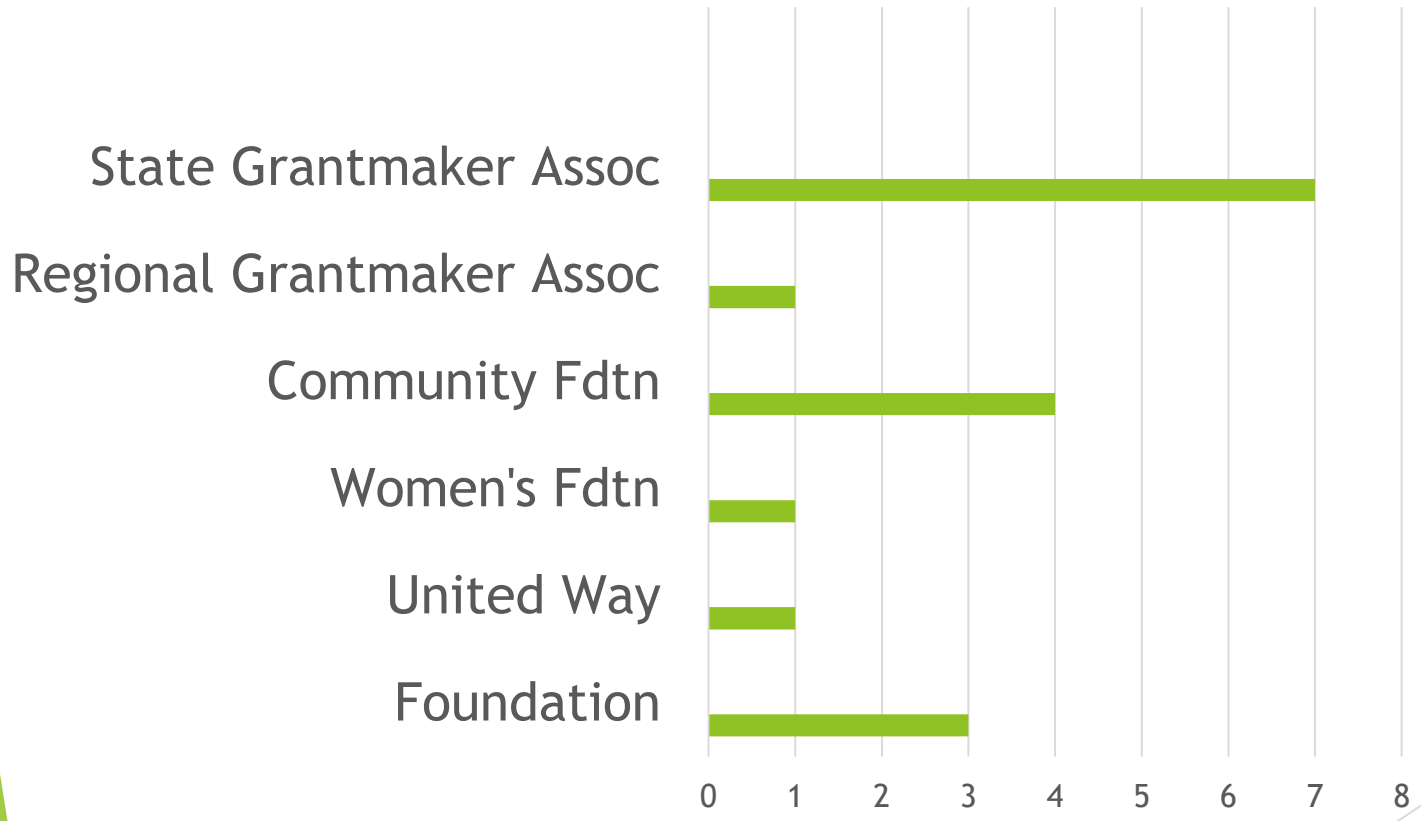
## ▶ Types of members

- ▶ Foundations - private, community, family (some local and some national)
- ▶ United Ways
- ▶ Government agencies (e.g. county agencies, Portland Children's Levy, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)
- ▶ Private partners, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Individual investors

# Geographic Scope of Collaboratives Network



# Organizational Homes of Collaboratives in our Network



# Assessing Collaboratives Needs

- ▶ Facilitating partnerships between local and national funders
- ▶ Facilitating connections between state and local Collaboratives
  - ▶ On topical issues (home visiting, child-care, policy)
  - ▶ On operational issues (messaging, strategy, action vs. learning agendas, governance, pooled funding models, metrics)
- ▶ Providing sharing and networking platforms



# ECFC Collaboratives Activities to Date

- ▶ April 2018 - Directory of state and local EC Funder Collaboratives
- ▶ Ongoing - Extending invitations to Collaboratives for ECFC topical webinars/events
- ▶ August 2018 - Listserv for state and local Collaboratives to connect with each other
- ▶ September 2018 - Collaboratives Get Acquainted
- ▶ December 2018 - Dedicated website content / home page and Collaboratives login
- ▶ March 2019 - Collaboratives meeting, focus on Collaborative structures and Policy Initiatives
- ▶ Collaboratives Library in process

# Collaboratives Listserv



- ▶ Any staff, consultant or funder member of a local or state EC Funder Collaborative can participate on listserv.
- ▶ Intended for Collaboratives to connect and share with each other.
- ▶ [Contact ECFC](#) to subscribe.

# Collaboratives Directory



- ▶ Housed in ECFC's website
- ▶ Detailed Collaborative profiles accessible when logged into ECFC website as a member or Collaborative.
- ▶ [View the Directory](#)
- ▶ [Participate in the Directory](#)  
(or update your Collaborative's profile)

# Collaboratives Website Content



- ▶ Accessible with an ECFC Member Login or Collaborative Login
- ▶ [Contact ECFC](#) to learn more about and receive an EC Funder Collaborative login.

Collaboratives News

Collaboratives Directory

ECFC & Funder Events

Collaboratives Library



### Value of Philanthropic Collaborations

August 5, 2019

A research study from The Bridgespan Group summarizes findings and lessons from a literature review of more than 150 academic research papers, practitioner blogs, and

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### Collaborating Towards Kindergarten Readiness at Scale: A Funder Group Case Study

October 24, 2018

A new study from The Bridgespan Group explores how a funder collaboration set a fixed goal and continuously evolved its methods to achieve it. Formed

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### Funder Collaboration to Engage Business Leaders in Early Learning

April 17, 2018

A conversation with ECFC members: Michelle M. Figlar, The Heinz Endowments; Kristen A. Burns, The Grable Foundation; and Jennifer Stavrakos, William Penn Foundation. Whether you

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*When logged into ECFC Website as a Member or Collaborative, you will see Collaboratives content and features.*

# Collaboratives Library



- ▶ Lessons learned, templates, samples
- ▶ Local & State Collaboratives
- ▶ Contact ECFC to access the library.

## Folders



RFP and RFQ examples

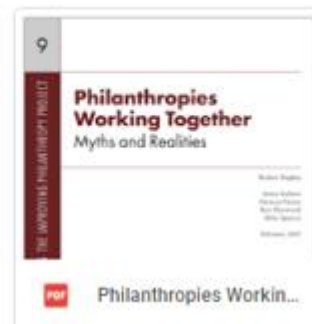


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## Files





# Using this network to share lessons & ideas



- ▶ Using the listserv
- ▶ Building the Directory
- ▶ Website content/features
- ▶ Contributing to the Library
- ▶ Brown Bag calls (networking /topical)
- ▶ Meeting (Spring 2021)



Contact ECFC for more information on State & Local EC Funder Collaboratives projects in 2020.