

# 6 Good Reasons for Nonprofit Collaboration



Collaboration may seem complex, but nonprofits joining forces can take even bigger strides towards achieving mission and fostering a better world.

Certainly some funders are encouraging collaborations to apply their grant resources more efficiently.

Options may include [Mergers, Collaborations, and Strategic Alliances](#). Knowing which type of collaboration is best for your nonprofit is the first step.

Once your nonprofit is prepared for a partnership, here are just six of the reasons to consider collaborate with other nonprofits.

- 1. Cut costs.** Working with other organizations saves money by sharing infrastructure and administrative expenses.
- 2. Efficiency.** Having more hands and minds on deck increases the pace at which tasks are accomplished.
- 3. New ideas.** Bringing together diverse staffs from different organizations can create powerful think tanks, offering new and undiscovered solutions to complex issues.
- 4. Leadership skills.** Leadership abilities are increased when executives from different organizations bring together their experience and knowledge.
- 5. Advocacy.** It's easy for small nonprofits to be drowned out by louder forces, such as the government, large corporations, or even other nonprofits. Raising your voice alongside like-minded organizations turns up the message's volume.
- 6. Expand programs and services offered.** Different nonprofits may focus on different aspects of the same mission. Collaboration empowers organizations to better respond to complex issues.

However, research and strategy should precede jumping into a partnership. Collaboration may not be for every organization