

FUND-MAPPING READINESS ASSESSMENT PREVIEW

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

Fund mapping is a method for tracking the total investment in shared priorities. Collaboratives and coalitions use it to help make more effective and coordinated investments in collective interests. For example, suppose a public health department, a school district and a child welfare agency want to partner with a community to promote certain youth behaviors and prevent others. Using fund mapping, they could see how much money was being invested to address each behavior.

The Fund-Mapping Tool is a proprietary web-based data collection tool developed by [Mainspring Consulting](#). The Annie E. Casey Foundation is supporting access to the tool for a limited number of community collaboratives that want to document their readiness and commitment to completing the fund-mapping process. Community collaboratives also can directly access the Fund-Mapping Tool from Mainspring Consulting at a cost. Completing [an online readiness assessment](#) is the first step in determining whether your collaborative is ready to start a fund-mapping process. If you have questions, contact fundmapping@aecf.org for more information.

The fund-mapping readiness assessment asks about the following areas:

- Defining focus and purpose
- Engaging community and agencies
- Staffing for data collection and analysis
- Presenting and sharing data

We collect the following identifying information to provide assistance with this assessment. This information will not be shared outside the Foundation.

First Name	Last Name
Organization	Title/Role
Community Name	
Email Address	

FOR COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN THE FUND-MAPPING TOOL

Please complete [the online assessment](#) to determine whether your collaborative is ready to use the online Fund-Mapping Tool.

Your answers will help gauge your community's preparedness for fund mapping. If you answer "no" to a question, the assessment will provide feedback about where to find more information and how to work toward readiness to use the Fund-Mapping Tool. We encourage you retain a copy of your responses to have a record of your responses and the suggested resources.

Using the resources and the guidance they provide, please retake the readiness assessment until you can answer "yes" to all eight questions. At that point, you will be ready to use the Fund-Mapping Tool.

DEFINING FOCUS AND PURPOSE

- **Q1:** Are you part of a joint decision-making collaborative that includes public and private partners interested in developing a diverse and coordinated portfolio of financing strategies?
- **Q2:** Have partners agreed on priority outcomes and are they willing to share accountability for achieving goals?
- **Q3:** Have partners clearly defined for whom you will achieve the improved outcomes? Do you want to see changes within a whole population, such as all children in a school or all children in a particular neighborhood? Or will you target a subset of the population, such as teens or children with a particular risk factor, such as chronic absenteeism?

ENGAGING COMMUNITY AND AGENCIES

- **Q4:** In your collaborative, are public and private partners willing to review current expenditures and resources to see if they are being used for programs and services that get results?
- **Q5:** Is the collaborative committed to developing a coordinated financing strategy that includes a focus on improving the way dollars are spent to achieve shared priorities?

STAFFING FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

- **Q6:** Do you have staff or consultants with knowledge of key funding streams who can help lead fund mapping and organize your data collection and analysis?
- **Q7:** Do you have staff who can spend time making and following up on data requests and supporting partners in entering data into the tool?

PRESENTING AND SHARING DATA

- **Q8:** Do you have staff members who can communicate effectively with frontline service providers and finance staff, facilitate meetings with agency and community leaders and advocate with funders for access to resources?