

# Goal Statement:

## Funding Action Group

To create a coordinated, simplified method for grant applications, reporting, and accountability so that human service agencies can devote more resources on direct service provision. Evaluation and measurement of service provision is necessary to demonstrate progress towards the goals. The partnership between the funders and providers acknowledge responsibility to reach the goals of the strategic plan.

### Needs

### Capacities

### Strategies

### Benchmarks

Systemized Tracking of Current Resources:  
 • Financial Map  
 • Comprehensive Database of Providers and Funders

Ongoing Planning Function: Need to prepare strategically to respond to Future Trends/Programming/Funding Opportunities

Assessment of Systems/Agencies Current Capacities:  
 • Measurement and Evaluation  
 • Collaboration  
 • IT  
 • Data Management

Method for utilizing HSSP to be a catalyst for other private and public funders to consider

Strategic Collaborations to Increase Access to Major Funding Opportunities

Reduce Agency Operating Costs

Need to determine when service consolidation is appropriate and when separate agency needs to exist

Consistent need for ongoing "general operating" funding as well as flexible and adequate funding

Communication of countywide need for human services and the value of services (both social and economic impact) provided.

• Major funding investments by local governments and foundations  
 • HSSP starting point for collecting data (meta-analysis; financial map)  
 • Countywide leadership supporting change  
 • Past success in passing ballot initiatives for HS funds  
 • Initial framework via existing coalitions

• Worthy Cause Tax and its potential extension  
 • Sustainability initiatives and local resources for energy efficiencies  
 • Existing models of shared offices

• Current PR campaign underway by Boulder County – "Investing in Our Community" to highlight WCT fund outcomes - capital

• Create ongoing mapping process that includes smaller, niche funder and shows incoming funds, how funds are spent, timelines, identify restricted/unrestricted monies  
 • Research/create comprehensive countywide database of service providers and funders including identifying capacity of 211 to track client needs and service utilization.

• Create sustainability advisory group to anticipate future needs and consult with fund entities re future ballot initiatives, shared planning, and/or other strategies.  
 • Research other possible funding mechanisms used throughout the country and could be applied locally.  
 • Set-aside funds for emerging trends and needs.  
 • Research Human Investment Bonds, real-estate transfer taxes, set asides of interest on escrow taxes, other targeted taxes.  
 • Align HSSP effort with other linked efforts (SVVSD Mill Levy Override)  
 • Ongoing review and update of HSSP

• Research best practices to determine accountability, indicators, measures  
 • Create evaluation strategies that demonstrate impact of investments  
 • Fund Technical Assistance Center for training, capacity building, and ensuring agencies had the skills and resources to respond to program planning and evaluation recommendations from the HSSP.

• Create communication plan on HSSP process and implementation  
 • Involve additional funders in future planning efforts

• Periodic forums on funding opportunities  
 • TAC to provide role of researching grant opportunities  
 • Utilize expertise in funders/providers collaborative group to train, identify, catalyze cross-agency programming

• Address grant application issues that create undue burden on agencies including a unified and paperless grant application, coordinated application timelines, coordinated application data and financial tables, etc.  
 • Utilize Technical Assistance Center to provide administrative/HR/legal etc. support services to increase capacity and reduce operating costs

• Create a function for a "nonprofit neutral/development services/countywide problem-solver convener" who would assess cultural competency, opportunity for shared administrative functions, mission alignment, technical assistance, clients served, gap analysis, etc. before new nonprofit could be created/funded.  
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 • Create pooled funding stream targeted for general operations (through all funders or one funder)

• Gather and report human interest stories  
 • Create and disseminate Annual Report

• 211 or other database to track needs and service utilization  
 • Quarterly reports to report needs and service utilization  
 • Use of community indicators to track change  
 • Civic Forum Quality of Life Indicators used as benchmarks  
 • Aggregate reports that show investments and timing of funding availability

### Results

• System of funding for safety net/Human Services & emerging needs with good data. (Unified sources working together; flexible funding to respond to divers/emerging needs; sustainability for core services; driven by common goals/values/principles and good data.)  
 • Clear understanding of how resources have made an impact on lives and improved outcomes.  
 • Increased public participation in human services plan, needs, and strategies, creating a comprehensive needs assessment.  
 • Providers use best practices to produce predictable results.  
 • Funding is predictable and sustainable.  
 • Unified grant applications and plan for staggered timelines.