



RISE PARTNERSHIP: READINESS COMPONENT FAQ

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The RISE program is based on the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation's *PropelNext* program and The Scattergood Foundation's *Building Evaluation Capacity Initiative (BECI)*, which was developed and implemented by The Consultation Center at Yale University. *BECI* is also supported by The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation, and The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

RISE is an effort to build the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations in the Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey region through a range of services and supports. These include: training and support to build **readiness** for measuring and driving program outcomes; **implementation** of an intensive program of internal evaluation capacity building, and support for an alumni learning community to **sustain** and extend gains achieved. The overall objective of these services and supports is increased organizational **effectiveness** and improved **outcomes** for participants.

The Readiness component is a one-year engagement that aims to provide introductory knowledge and skill building for organizations in key concepts, tools, and resources for internal evaluation capacity building and performance management. All organizations that successfully complete this component will be invited into the Sustainability component in year 2 and beyond.

RISE is supported by a collaborative of funders that includes The Barra Foundation, Campbell Soup Company, The Horner Foundation, The Nelson Foundation, Philadelphia Foundation, PropelNext/Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, The Scattergood Foundation, and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply?

The Readiness component is open to any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ready to build knowledge and skills in evaluation capacity and performance management. Organizations of any size and serving any population are welcome to apply (*some priority will be given to youth serving programs*). A total of twenty organizations will be accepted into the 2021 Readiness cohort.

Is there a cost for my organization to participate?

There is no cost for your organization to participate.

What is the time commitment for the Implementation component?

- Organizations are required to commit staff time (~1-2 individuals) for the training and consultations:



- There are four 2-hour group trainings, and one consultation session (up to 2 hours) after the group trainings are completed. Staff will also be expected to complete work in between trainings and the consultation.

Where do I apply?

Applications will only be accepted through the Scattergood Foundations [online grant portal](#). To apply, you must create an account, if you do not already have an account. Please refer to the [application instructions](#) for information on how to use the online grant portal.

What is the deadline to apply?

Please complete your application in the [online grant portal](#) by **5:00pm EST on Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. If you have any questions related to the Readiness component, please contact the RISE Partnership team at RISEpartnership@scattergoodfoundation.org.

What are the important dates to remember?

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance in early March 2021. If selected for this opportunity, your organization will be invited to attend the following learning sessions:

- **Wednesday, March 17th**: 9am - 11am EST
- **Wednesday, April 14th**: 9am - 11am EST
- **Wednesday, May 12th**: 9am - 11am EST (Webinar)
- **Tuesday, June 8th**: 9am - 11am EST

Can current grantees of The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey apply for this initiative?

Yes.

Can non-grantees of The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey apply?

Yes.

Does applying for this initiative make my organization ineligible for other funding/support from The Scattergood Foundation, The Barra Foundation, The Philadelphia Foundation and/or United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey?

No.

How many programs can an organization apply with?

Organizations should focus on one program.

Which staff members should participate?

We encourage the organization's executive director/decision maker, program staff members as well as staff members from other departments.

Are board members allowed to participate?

Board members are welcome to participate, but not required.

Can organizations participate in more than one evaluation capacity program?

Organizations are encouraged to participate in only one evaluation capacity program to fully benefit from the Readiness component and meet the time commitment requirement. We are open to discussing why an organization is interested in participating in more than one program.

Should organizations working on new data management systems, or undergoing strategic planning apply?

We recommend that organizations undergoing significant infrastructure changes and transitions postpone their application for future opportunities.

Who reviews the application?

The evaluation team from The Consultation Center at Yale and The Scattergood Foundation reviews all applications.

What criteria are the applications judged against?

- Organization fit based on application criteria;
- Overall quality of the application;
- The expected impact of the initiative on the individual *program's* evaluation capacity;
- The expected impact of the initiative on the entire *organization's* evaluation capacity.

Will there be an opportunity to apply for this initiative again?

Any new opportunities will be posted on the RISE Partnership website:

<http://www.therisepartnership.org/>

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please contact RISEpartnership@scattergoodfoundation.org

Previous participants of the RISE Readiness component:

- [2019 Participants](#)
 - [2020 Participants](#)
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