

Wisconsin Philanthropy Network (WPN) is a 501c(3) nonprofit professional membership association of philanthropic organizations. It is the only statewide association for private foundations (family, independent, and corporate), corporate giving programs, community foundations, donor-advised funds, charitable trusts and individual philanthropists who together represent over \$7 billion in assets and invest over \$600 million annually to improve the quality of life for Wisconsin residents.

Founded in 1978, WPN has propelled effective philanthropy in Wisconsin and has become the premier resource for our members by encouraging discussion and idea-sharing, and proudly support grantmakers in their efforts to be change agents for our communities. We promote relationships between nonprofit providers and funders and disseminate current nonprofit sector trends and research. Our members share a commitment to promoting philanthropy, fostering collaboration and advancing public policy.

WPN is one of 34 regional grantmaker associations across the country which collectively have more than 5,500 participating foundations, funders, nonprofits, and other philanthropic affiliates as participating members.



Programming

You don't need to leave Wisconsin to attend a program that will enhance the skills needed to be an effective grantmaker.

Statewide Conference
Grantmaking Workshops
Rigorous Trainings and In-depth Programs



Networking

Our members tell us about the incredible value of connecting with colleagues who share the same interests and challenges.

Networking Events
Roundtables
Membership Directory
Listserv Access



Research

Stay current on Wisconsin issues, trends, policies and practices, and how national trends and issues play out in our state.

Access to NCFP
Benchmarking Data
GuideStar Charity Check
Custom Research

WPN's mission is to support and promote effective philanthropy through education, best practices, enhanced partnerships and leadership.

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Community Initiatives

As part of WPN's commitment to forging community collaborations, we actively engage social entrepreneurs, impact investors and consultants in our work to spur innovation in the sector. Our current initiatives include:

ENDOW WISCONSIN

On behalf of Wisconsin Community Foundations, WPN is coordinating efforts for the bipartisan *Endow Wisconsin* Initiative. The proposed *Endow Wisconsin* tax credit will provide a valuable incentive for Wisconsinites to share a portion of their hard-earned assets with their local communities. Wisconsinites who contribute to the permanent endowment of a nationally accredited, Wisconsin community foundation will receive a 25% tax credit for doing so. Twelve million dollars would be leveraged for permanent endowments if Wisconsin invested three million to support the tax credits.

LEADERSHIP ADVANCED

Leadership Advanced (LA) is an experiential learning program designed to bring together senior leaders from nonprofits and grantmakers to strengthen the community. *LA* develops leadership and management skills to guide nonprofit and grantmaker leaders collectively in transforming themselves, their organizations and ultimately maximizing the impact of the nonprofit sector in our community.

SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT PROJECT

The *Sustainability and Impact Project* is a newer project in the Greater Milwaukee area. It's modeled after the *Social Innovation Leadership Experience* which served the Fox Valley – an Executive Education Program started in 2010. Past participants in the Fox Valley have launched award-winning models of social innovation/social entrepreneurship, including, Riverview Gardens in Appleton (national SE finalist, June 2014, The Manhattan Institute) and The Farmory in Green Bay (winner, best marketing, The Venture Center business model competition, Oshkosh, November, 2014).

WISCONSIN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The vision behind this pilot project is to explore what it would look like to draw upon Milwaukee's greatest resource-its people-as a source of renewal for our city and state. This leadership development effort will teach people how to engage others around their own core values, structure effective leadership teams, and make strategic choices that lead to measurable, effective action for change. In year one, over 200 new leaders will be trained through intensive 2.5-day trainings, 10 trainers developed, and 7 existing organizations engaged.

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