

TRUST-BASED PHILANTHROPY IN GRANTMAKING

At Nebraska Community Foundation, we like to say, “Change occurs along the lines of relationships and at the speed of trust.” Relationships will always be at the heart of lasting community development work and again and again, we will revisit their importance to the work you are doing as an FAC.

An overarching value that drives a trust-based approach is cultivating relationships of mutual benefit. It is not just what you grant to and do in practice, but it is how you do it with partners in your community. Trust-Based Philanthropy moves the power and control from the organization making the grants and shares it with the organization receiving the grants. Trust-Based Philanthropy is infused with core values of power-sharing, equity, humility, transparency, curiosity, and collaboration.

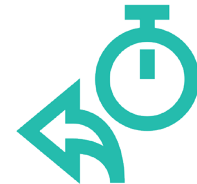
Principles of Trust-Based Philanthropy in Grantmaking



1. Do the homework



2. Simplify and streamline the application process



3. Be transparent and responsive



4. Provide multi-year, unrestricted funding



5. Offer support beyond writing the check



6. Solicit and act on feedback



7. Skip the formal report and have a conversation instead

Let's dive a little deeper . . .