



Capacity Building Resources for St. Croix Valley Nonprofits

Running a nonprofit is complex work. Whether you're leading a small grassroots organization or managing a well-established team, you're balancing mission-driven goals with the day-to-day demands of staffing, funding, planning, and systems management.

The St. Croix Valley Foundation partnered with Strategic Consulting & Coaching to gather this curated list of resources to support you—these resources provide the tools, trainings, and opportunities designed to strengthen your operations, spark new thinking, and help your organization grow sustainably. These resources reflect what we've heard directly from local nonprofits: *the need for practical guidance, peer learning, and access to tools that build internal strength.*

Whether you're looking for help with strategic planning, board development, fundraising strategies, HR and talent management, technology tools, or equity-focused leadership practices, you'll find something here to support your journey. Each listing includes details on the type of support offered, as well as whether it is available to organizations in Wisconsin and/or Minnesota.

This is a living document—we'll continue to add and adapt as your needs evolve. If there's something you're looking for that you don't see here, [please let us know!](#)

Resources available to both MN/WI Nonprofits:

[Catchafire](#)

- Connects nonprofits with skilled volunteers in various areas of expertise
- MN Nonprofits may access this service for free through the [St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation](#)

[Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](#)

- Comprehensive online library of resources, best practices, and training events
- Free resources on website
- Directory of businesses that specialize in working with nonprofits
- Membership is open to organizations primarily operating or providing services in Minnesota

National Council of Nonprofits

- Provides tools, research and resources needed to nonprofit organizations
- Help nonprofits operate more effectively, efficiently, and ethically
- Nation's largest sector-wide network of nonprofits

Nexus Community Partners / BIPOC directory

- For nonprofits seeking knowledge and expertise from BIPOC communities
- Trainings, technical assistance, cross sector partnership, ecosystem development
- Works to strengthen local capacity so that communities can design and lead solutions for long-term prosperity

Propel Nonprofits

- Offers a holistic approach to meeting nonprofit needs
- Emphasizes the link between strategy, governance, and finance
- Free office hours, strategic consulting, training, and other resources

RaiseMN

- Capacity building coaching for nonprofit organizations at any stage
- Short-term fundraising coaching tailored to your nonprofit's needs
- Centers the well-being of your staff, board, and volunteers

Sustained Collaboration Network

- Helps nonprofits get the help and support they need to collaborate
- Offers a collaboration road map and a list of national consultant resources
- Support for executive transitions, board support and sunsetting

The Ford Foundation- Organizational Mapping Tool

- The Organizational Mapping Tool (OMT) is an open-source, organizational assessment tool that is designed to help nonprofits identify and prioritize their organizational strengthening needs
- Prioritizes needs in key areas like strategy, leadership, finances, systems, etc.

Resources available to MN Nonprofits:

Minnesota Nonprofit Legal Services Initiative – LegalCORPS

- Partner to provide pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota
- Assist with navigating the legal landscape (e.g., compliance, governance, contracts)
- Offers support for urgent or emerging legal issues

University of Minnesota Extension

- Offers webinars and workshops providing civic engagement programs
- Supports growing local leadership
- Helps nonprofits design programs that deliver results

Resources available to WI Nonprofits:

Marquette Law School Volunteer Legal Clinic

- Provides pro bono legal support for nonprofit organizations
- Free weekly Zoom sessions
- Support provided by volunteer law students and lawyers

University of Wisconsin Extension

- Offers webinars and workshops providing customized guidance
- Specializes in small to mid-sized nonprofits
- Organizational and leadership development

Wisconsin Nonprofit Resource Group

- A collective of “service-tier” organizations sharing collaboratively
- Assists in coordinating efforts to address the needs of the nonprofit sector
- Access to nonprofit sector data, learning and opportunities

Wisconsin Nonprofits

- Promotes the nonprofit community and provides online training and resources
- Support with nonprofit boards, trustees and legal duties
- Support for operations and sustainability