

Working with a Philanthropic Advisor

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Seven Questions

1. Who is a philanthropic advisor?
2. Do you need a philanthropic advisor?
3. Do you want support for your philanthropy?
4. Does your advisor benefit too?
5. What might the philanthropic advisory process look like?
6. How can you find a good philanthropic advisor?
7. How can you get more help?

1. Who is a philanthropic advisor?

One definition: One who is passionate about helping another pursue his or her philanthropic passions.

This is not an industry term! No formal credentialing required!

Under this definition, philanthropic advisors can include:

- Wealth advisors
- Private client advisors
- Legal advisors
- CPAs, tax advisors
- Someone with deep community knowledge and not-for-profit involvement, such as community foundation personnel
- Philanthropy consultants

2. Do you need a philanthropic advisor?

Yes!

Many clients give, and give substantially.^{3,5}

Charitable Giving by Family Net Worth⁵

Net Worth	Annual Amount Given to Charity (rounded)
\$1m – \$5m	\$13,113
\$5m – \$10m	\$65,780
\$10m – \$20m	\$211,000
\$20m – \$50m	\$488,000

Why? Philanthropic advisory services:

- Provide necessary information how much you can give and still meet financial goals
- Identify tax efficiencies in giving, helping you expand the size of the charitable pie
- Support your legacy and values sharing with your children and grandchildren
- Improve the your experience with your advisors and your philanthropy

2. Do you need a philanthropic advisor?

There may be “trigger points” that accelerate the need:

- Sale of business
- Receipt of an inheritance
- In final earned income years before retirement
- New marriage/partnership or dissolution of a marriage/partnership
- Decision to wind down a legacy family foundation
- Overwhelmed by “asks” from colleagues, community, churches
- Express interest in involving children, grandchildren in giving
- When giving moves beyond annual gift amounts to “major” gift amounts
- Want a new business positioned as a good corporate citizen
- Entering a new community and need culture/protocol/etiquette guidance
- Leaving a community and want to be aware of giving opportunities

3. Do you want support for their philanthropy?

Yes! In my experience...

- Many clients view their financial plans and their charitable plans as related.^{3,7}
- Many clients want to be more strategic about their giving. They are trending away from ad hoc check writing and toward strategically addressing their charitable interests.³
- Many clients want advice about inheritance and “how much is enough” for heirs.

Is this true for you?

3a. When should I build out the philanthropic advisory team?

Further expertise may be needed to meet your needs and wants

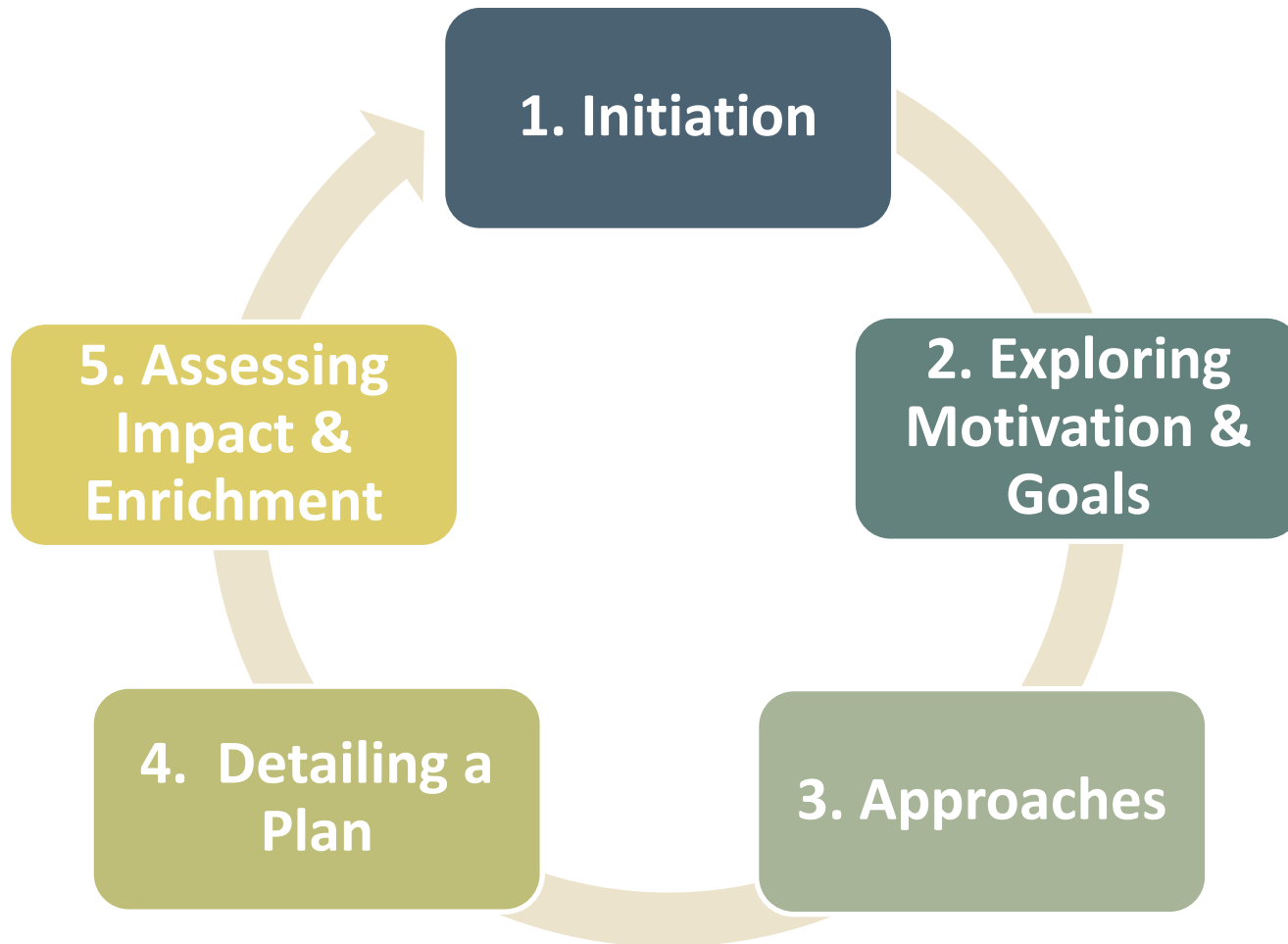
If so, you might need a philanthropic advisory team.



4. Does your advisor benefit too?

- Clients are becoming more and more aware of their needs.
- There is often a disconnect between the needs of clients and services their advisors are providing.
- Unmet Need = Opportunity for Advisors to...
 - Demonstrate their expertise and resourcefulness
 - Connect with the next generation of wealth owners
 - Deepen their relationships with you, increasing loyalty
 - Obtain referrals to new clients

5. What might the philanthropic advisory process look like?



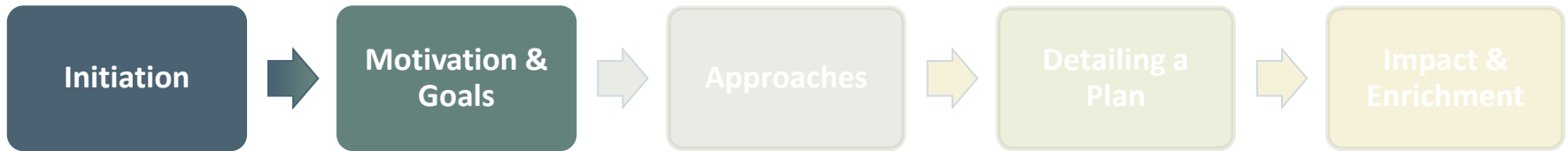
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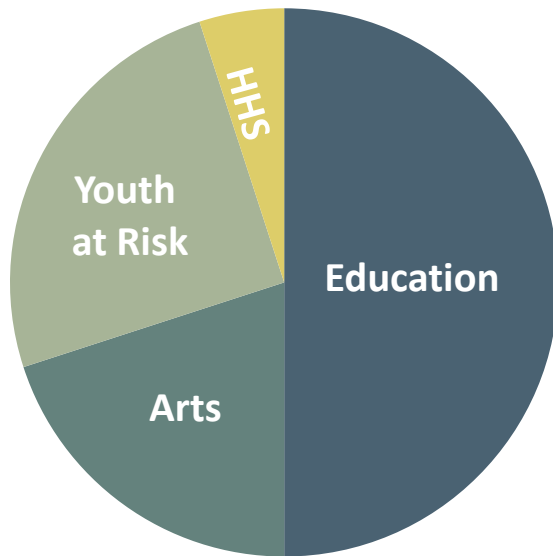


This process may proceed in 5 steps or phases

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1. Past Giving Analysis



2. Ask Foundational Questions

- *Why are you giving?*
- *What do you want to achieve?*
- *What is the most satisfying charitable gift you ever made?*
- *How do you think change will happen?*
- *How will you assess progress?*
- *Who will join you?*
- *See questionnaire example*

Charitable Contributions History/Plan (Sample)

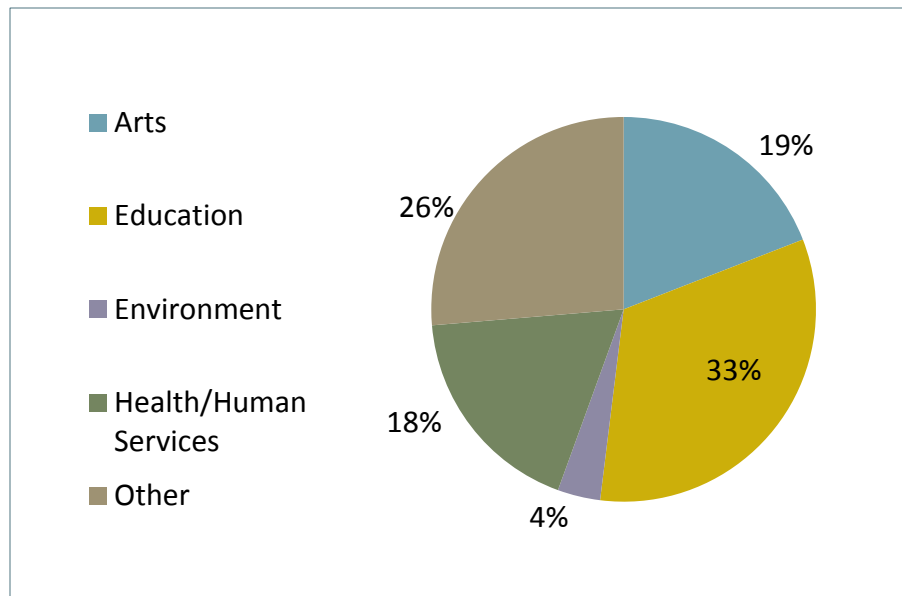
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Organization	Issue	Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
171 Cedar Arts Center	Arts	Annual Campaign	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Corning Museum of Glass	Arts	Capital Campaign	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes	Arts	Program Support	500	800	800	1,500	800	
Rockwell Museum	Arts	Program Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,500	2,500	
The Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes	Arts	Capital Campaign	250	250	250	500	500	
All Saints Academy	Education	Annual Campaign	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,000	2,500	2,500
Cornell University	Education	Annual Campaign	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Keuka College	Education	Annual Campaign	1,000	1,000	1,000	25,000		
Southeast Steuben County Library	Education	Program Support	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,300	
Cornell Lab of Ornithology	Environment	Capital Campaign			230	230	230	
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Environment	Program Support				2,000	2,000	2,000
Catholic Charities	Health/Human Services	Program Support	500	500	500	500	500	500
Community Foundation	Health/Human Services	Program Support	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
Corning Meals on Wheels	Health/Human Services	Annual Campaign		500	500	500	500	500
Fund for Women - Community Foundation	Health/Human Services	Annual Campaign			500	500	500	500
Habitat for Humanity	Health/Human Services	Annual Campaign	15,000	15,000	10,000	2,000	1,000	
Health Ministry of the Southern Tier	Health/Human Services	Program Support	500	500	500		1,000	
United Way	Health/Human Services	Annual Campaign	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Corning YMCA	Other	Capital Campaign		10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	
Red Cross	Other	Annual Campaign	500	1,000	1,500	2,000		
Various Contributions under \$250	Other	Annual Campaign	330	420	550	385	300	
Total			\$ 36,780	\$ 50,670	\$ 46,530	\$ 68,815	\$ 55,330	\$ 20,700

Charitable Contributions by Issue (Sample)

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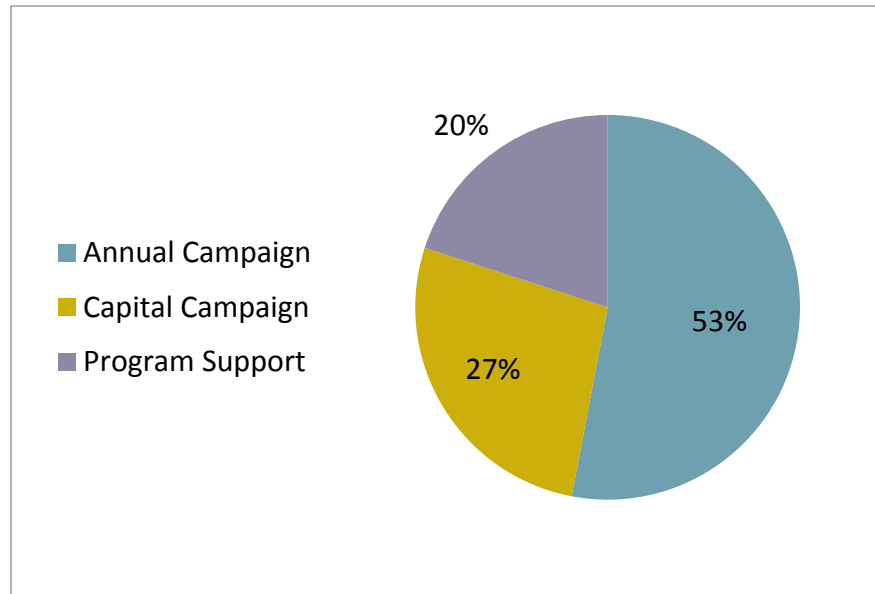
Issue	2011		2012		Total	
Arts	\$ 10,700	16%	\$ 13,000	23%	\$ 23,700	19%
Education	32,500	47%	8,300	15%	40,800	33%
Environment	2,230	3%	2,230	4%	4,460	4%
Health/Human Services	11,000	16%	11,500	21%	22,500	18%
Other	12,385	18%	20,300	37%	32,685	26%
Total	\$ 68,815	100%	\$ 55,330	100%	\$ 124,145	100%



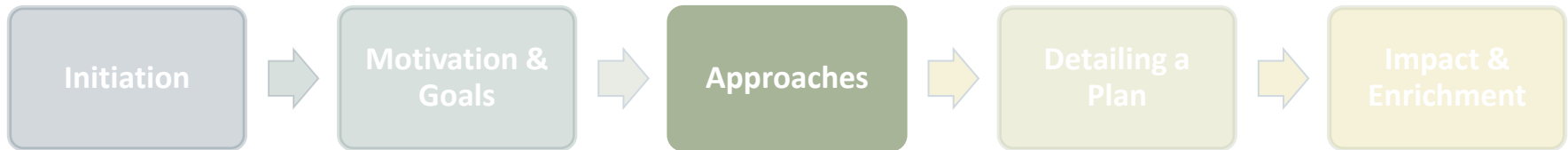
Charitable Contributions by Type (Sample)

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Type	2011		2012		Total	
Annual Campaign	\$ 44,885	65%	\$ 20,300	37%	\$ 65,185	53%
Capital Campaign	11,930	17%	21,930	40%	33,860	27%
Program Support	12,000	17%	13,100	24%	25,100	20%
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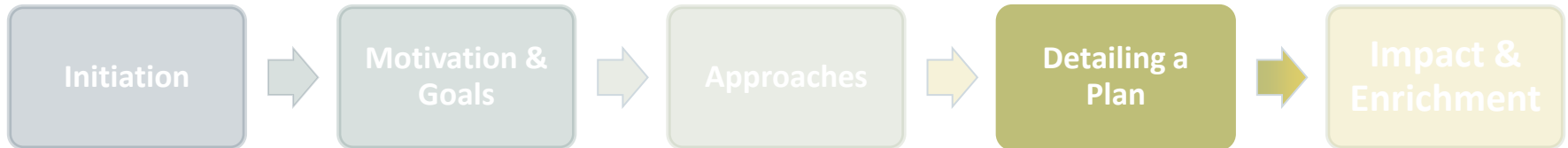


5. What might a philanthropic advisory process look like?



- Direct gift to charity from personal funds
- Support for community foundation or supporting organizations
- Establishing a family foundation
- Establishing charitable remainder or lead trusts to further other wealth transfer goals
- See the sample in the handout

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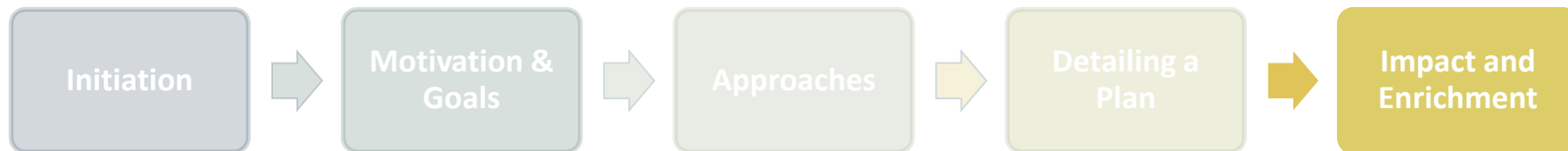
- Detail the plan (example to follow), and incorporate into the client's financial plan
- Use members of the philanthropic advisory team to assist as needed
- Regularly review the plan, and proactively raise questions and suggestions when the client's situation changes

Charitable Contributions History/Plan (Sample)

Mrs. Anderson's Strategic Giving Plan

- Continue annual giving to alma maters at current level
- Continue annual giving to other charities at current level
 - Document annual plan and use as needed as shield against “asks”
- Maximize deduction available in final year before retirement through major gift/donor advised fund/family foundation
- Update estate plan to establish CLAT at death to further tax efficient wealth transfer goals with initial beneficiaries a charity (e.g., the arts field of interest fund and the human services field of interest fund with the local Community Foundation) and the remainder beneficiaries her three children

5. What might a philanthropic advisory process look like?



1. How do you measure impact?
2. What progress is being made on the cause or issue the client cares about through his or her philanthropy?
 - This is where a Community Foundation really shines: great ideas, can aggregate the dollars, use special powers (e.g., variance power)
 - For family foundations, an executive director or dedicated trustee may assess impact
3. Would it be helpful to partner with others with experience in this to report on the impact of the client's philanthropy?

5. What might a philanthropic advisory process look like?

Questions you may ask along the way:

- Do I need philanthropic advisory services?
- What philanthropic advisory services do you offer?
- How do you go about incorporating philanthropy into a financial plan?
- Are you knowledgeable about giving vehicles that can advance my wealth transfer plans while achieving my philanthropic goals?
- What are the different options available to me to have the greatest impact in my philanthropy?

6. How can you find a good philanthropic advisor?

A good philanthropic advisor :

- knows and discusses giving options
- partners with others already very good at this; e.g., Community Foundation, experienced attorneys and CPAs
- refer clients to peers, provides useful information
- joins professional networking and professional development groups
- Isn't shy about discussing his or her own giving, but doesn't promote a particular giving agenda
- Reads industry publications

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