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2026 Grants Cycle
Virtual Info Session

Friday, January 23rd
12:00 PM

Q & A

What is a Community Foundation?

A **public charitable organization** (501c3) that acts as an umbrella for many distinct funds.

Community Foundation specialize in **place-based** giving, established for the **permanent** benefit of a specific geographic region
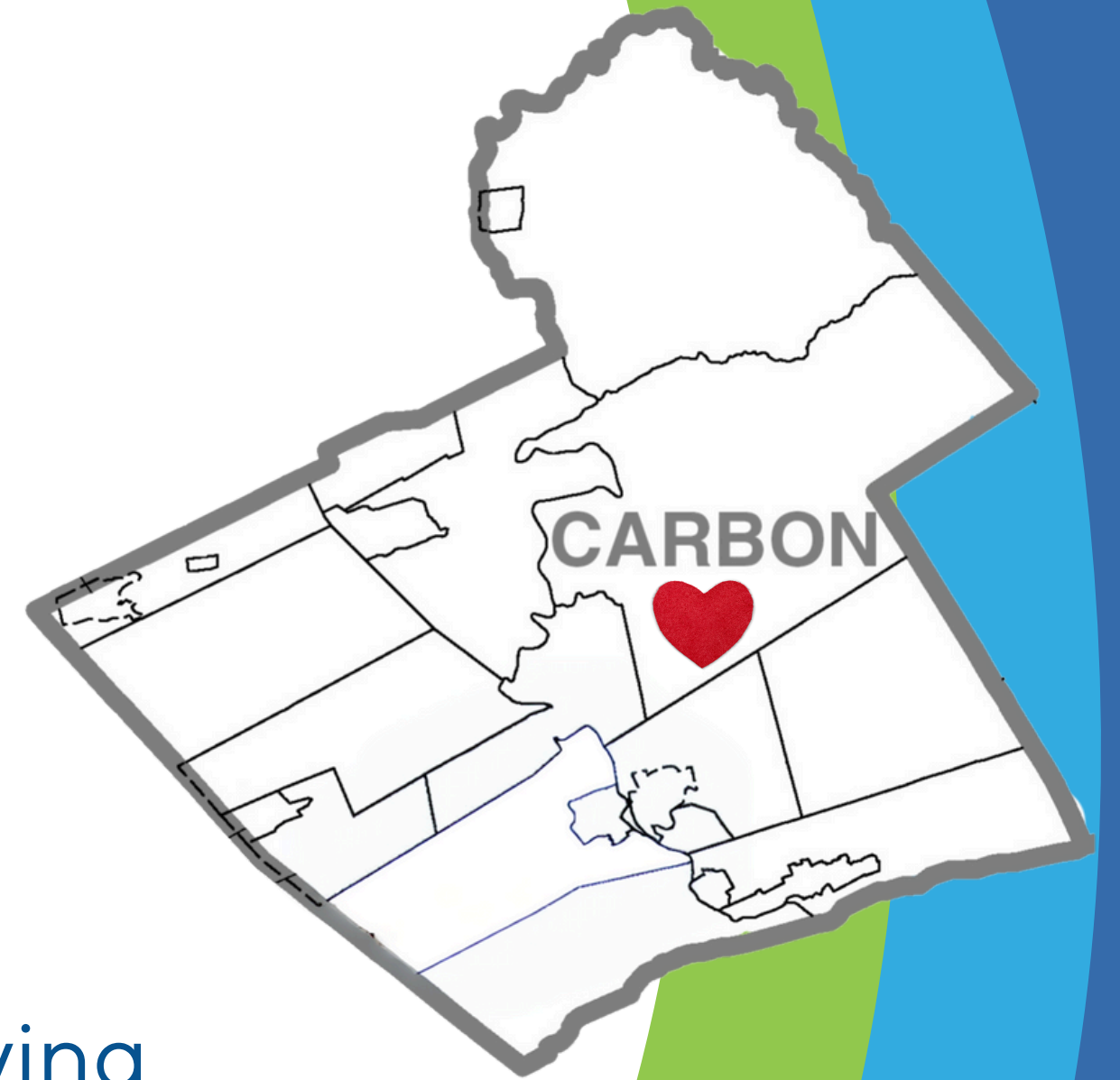
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About Us

Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life for all Carbon County residents, *now and forever.*

We Envision:

A vibrant and sustainable Carbon County community empowered through charitable giving.

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Amazing Impact

$1.7 Million+ invested in the region since 2016 through grants & scholarships

$2.5 Million+ in total Foundation assets

60+ charitable funds under our umbrella

2026 Spring Granting Funds:

- **Flexible Funds:**
  - Fund for Carbon County
- **Field of Interest Funds:**
  - Carbon County Creative Arts Fund
  - Computer Career Accelerator Fund
  - Penny Allison Early Childhood Fund
  - Scouting Support Fund
- **Donor-Advised Funds**
- **Scholarship Funds -** *Open Now!*

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Applications

- Applications submitted online
- You may save a draft of your application to finish later.
  - Check your email address!
- Download a PDF sample of the application on the fund page of our website

To Apply: www.cccfoundpa.org/request-funding

Fund for Carbon County
Grant Application

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2025 Grant Application

The Fund for Carbon County is our discretionary fund, overseen by the Carbon County Community Foundation Board of Directors, to award grants on a competitive basis to

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Key Dates

- March 29th - Applications Due
- April - May - Application Review
  - Monitor your email for communications and follow-up!
- May 18th - Grants Decisions
- June 1st - Notifications to Applicants
- June TBD - Grants & Scholarships Awards Program
- April 30, 2027 - Funds must be spend and report due
  - Extensions granted on a case-by-case basis

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Common Mistakes & Tips for Success

- Don't apply blind
  - Attend the info session and reach out to the Foundation if you have questions.
  - Remember the people behind the application
- Keep responses clear and concise
  - Share what matters most—avoid extra words or jargon.
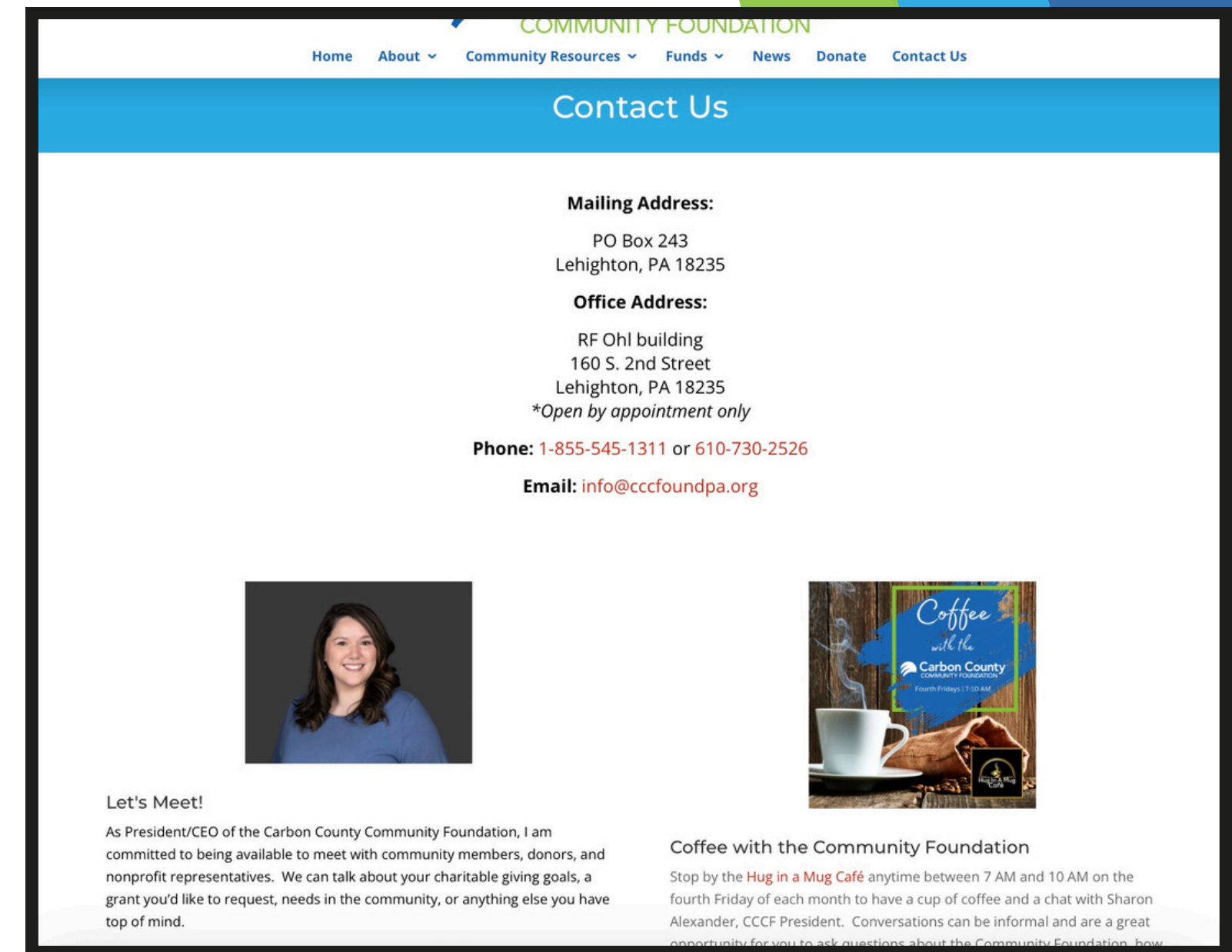 - Say as much as you can in as few words as possible

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Common Mistakes & Tips for Success

- Have someone outside your organization review it
  - If they're confused, reviewers may be too.
- Submit a complete, clear budget
  - Show exactly how grant funds will be used.
- Make sure your story and budget match
  - The narrative and numbers should clearly align.

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Meet with the Foundation

- Schedule a 1:1 appointment
  - Virtual, phone, or in-person
- Coffee with the Community Foundation
  - Fourth Fridays, 7:00-10:00 AM
  - Hug in a Mug coffee shop in Weissport

Carbon County Nonprofit Facebook Group

- Share funding opportunities, workshops, trainings, resources for clients, etc.

- NOT for sharing fundraisers/events

- Must answer membership questions to be approved

On Facebook:

Carbon County Nonprofits & Community Organizations

NEPA Gives

- June 4th, 7:00 PM – June 5th, 7:00 PM
- 501c3 organizations only
- Matching gift challenges
- Over $6.6M raised in the past six years

www.NEPAgives.org

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Scouting Support Fund

- Supports all manner of scouting activities in Carbon, lower Luzerne (Greater Hazleton), & Northern Schuylkill Counties
- Campership (individuals or entire troop); Facilities upkeep and repair, Eagle Scout/Gold Award projects;
- Grants average $250-$750
- Number of people served is key

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Scouting Support Fund - Application Req.

- Troop Contact info
  - Including Troop # & mailing address
- Summary of program or project
- Description of audience served by project, including estimated number
- Project timeline
- Total cost of program or project
- Amount requested

For individual campership, grant is awarded to troop on behalf of child. No grants directly to individuals

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Penny Allison Early Childhood Education Fund

- Elementary School, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, and other nonprofit organizations serving children and families in Carbon County
- Early learning programs, school readiness, and enrichment experiences for young learners (field trips, creative materials, etc)
- Grants average $600-$1,000

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Penny Allison Fund - Application Req.

- School/Organization Contact Info, including EIN
- Summary of program or project
- Description of audience served by project
- Project timeline
- Total cost of program or project, with budget
- Amount requested

For teacher grants, check will be issued to the school district. No grants directly to individuals

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Computer Career Accelerator Fund

- Grants to support career awareness and skills development in the computer/IT fields
- Carbon County highschool or college students
- Preference given to programs that offer mentorship and hands-on work experiences.
- Grants average $5,000 - $10,000
  - Multi-Year Grants Allowed

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Computer Career Fund - Application Req.

- School/Organization Contact Info, including EIN
- Summary of program or project
- Description of audience served by project
- Project timeline
- Total cost of program or project, with budget
- Amount requested

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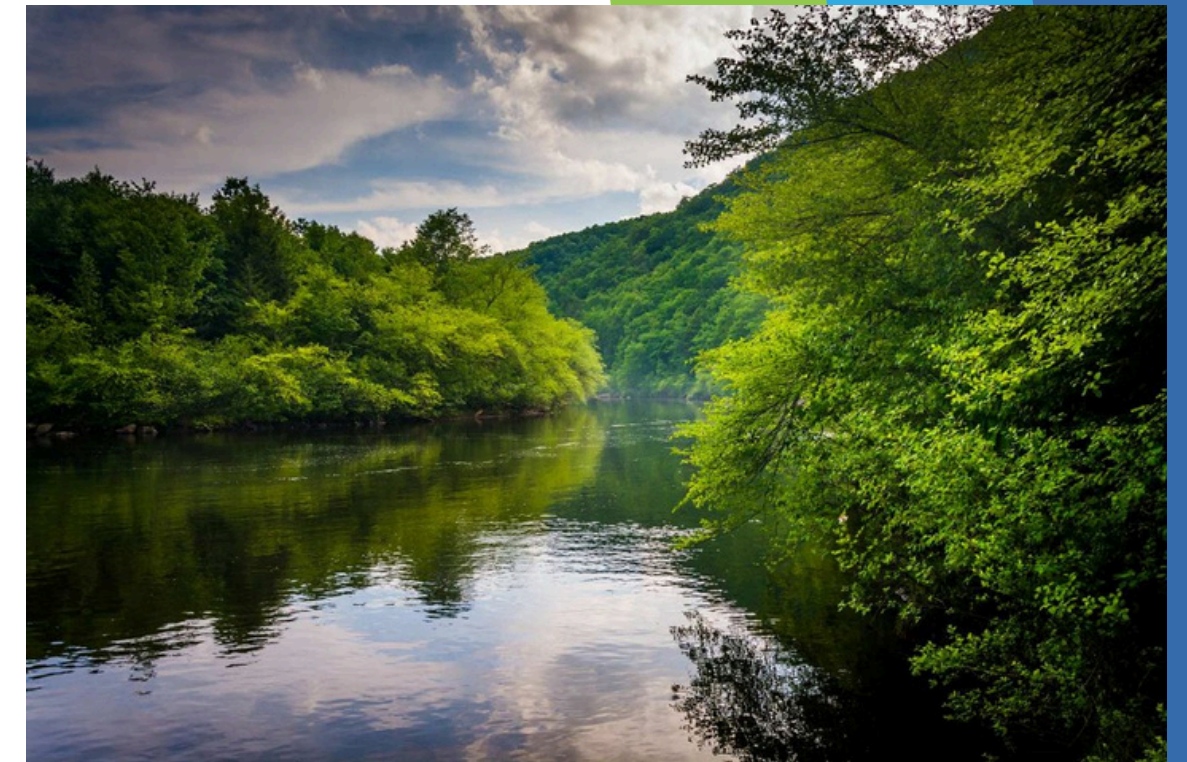
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Carbon County Creative Arts Fund

- Supports artistic pursuits for benefit of Carbon County
  - Fine arts (painting, sculpting, etc)
  - Performing arts
  - Music
  - Photography, Film, & Graphic Arts
- Preference given to programs for adults, but kids' programs will be considered
- Grants average $1,500 - $2,000
  - Fund for Carbon County application

Fund for Carbon County

- Our most flexible fund for grantmaking

- Six key focus areas:

  - Arts & Culture

  - Community & Economic Development

  - Education & Scholarships

  - Environment & Historic Preservation

  - Health & Human Services

  - Youth Programs

- Grants average $1,000-$2,000

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Fund for Carbon County - Guidelines

- 501c3 nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. If you do not have a 501c3 status, you may still be eligible. Contact me!

- Applicant should have authorization from leadership to apply on the organization's behalf.

- Applicants are welcome to request all manner of support, but preference is given to projects or programs vs. general operating support.

- The project or program should be completed within the 12-month period following the award.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to list other resources, including in-kind support, in their project budgets.

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Fund for Carbon County - Application Req.

- Organization Contact Info, including EIN
- Mission statement
- Summary of program or project
- Description of audience served by program or project
- Explanation of the need for this program or project
- Project timeline

- Total cost of program or project, with budget detail
- Organization's annual operating budget (figure only)
- Amount requested
- IRS Determination Letter
- Board of Directors list

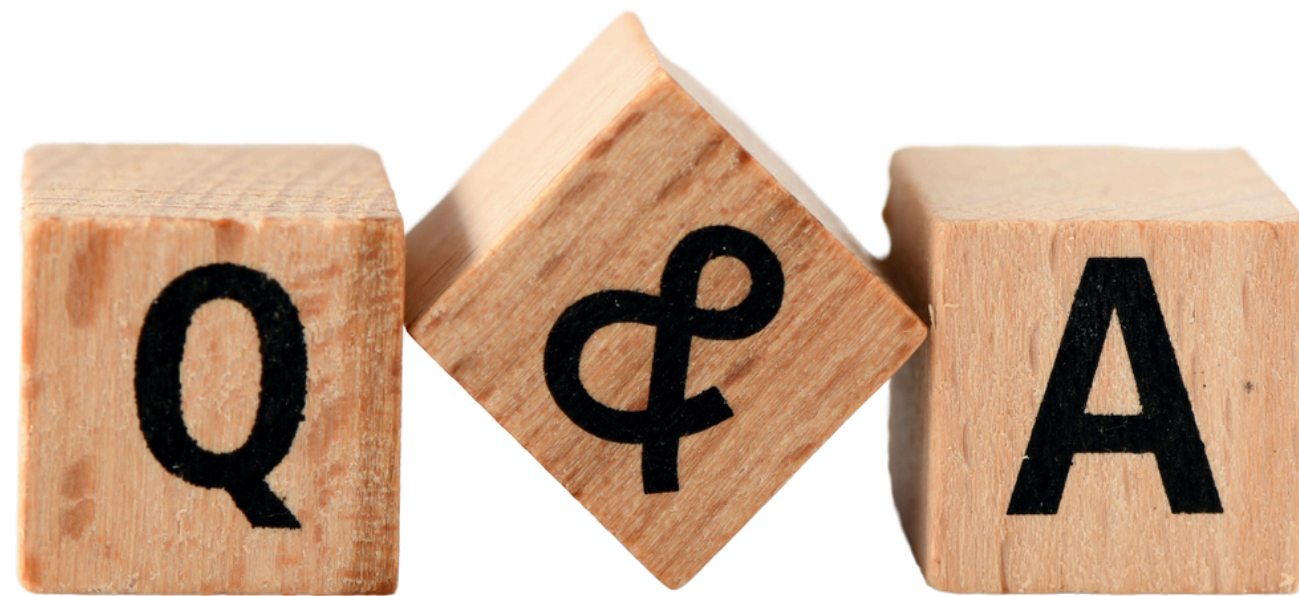**Carbon County**
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Fund for Carbon County - Evaluation

- **Strategy/Feasibility:** Does proposal have clear goals, including a well-thought-out timeline? Does proposal present a solid strategy for achieving anticipated goals?

- **Community Need:** Is there a significant, critical, localized, and timely need for the program or project proposed?

- **Impact/Return on Investment:** Will program or project have a significant, far-reaching, and/or long-lasting impact on Carbon County and its residents?

- **Sustainability:** Is proposal realistic and attainable? Does the organization have the intent and capacity to sustain the program?

- **Budget/Organizational Health:** Are project expenses and other revenue sources realistic considering audience size and stated goals? Is the organization financially secure? Is the leadership/board actively engaged in organizational governance and success?

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Questions?

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Contact Me!

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Or book an appointment online

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