

Taking Smarter Risks for Greater Impact

Resource List

Risk in Grantmaking

Risk and Philanthropy – Systemisation, Education, and Professionalisation

Report from the Resource Alliance, supported by the Rockefeller Foundation. This report deals with risks in international development philanthropy, although it also explores issues of risk in general.

<http://www.resource-alliance.org/data/files/medialibrary/2883/Risk-and-Philanthropy.pdf>

Risk In Grantmaking

This paper was commissioned by the UK's Big Lottery Fund. Although a small portion of the paper discusses the fund, it is otherwise full of interesting questions, tables for comparison, and other useful content.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/research/better-funding/risk-in-grant-making>

Philantopic Blog - Why "Risk" Is an Unloved Word in Philanthropy by Derrick Feldmann

<http://pndblog.typepad.com/pndblog/2012/08/why-risk-is-an-unloved-word-in-philanthropy.html>

Impact Investing

[Blueprint to Scale](#): report from Monitor Group and Acumen Fund on the case for philanthropy in impact investing.

http://www.mim.monitor.com/downloads/Blueprint_To_Scale/From%20Blueprint%20to%20Scale%20-%20Case%20for%20Philanthropy%20in%20Impact%20Investing_Full%20report.pdf

[The Trouble with Impact Investing](#): Opinion and thoughts from Kevin Starr, of the Mulago Foundation, on effectiveness in impact investing (3 part article).

http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/the_trouble_with_impact_investing_part_1

[Toniic Impact Investor Network](#): Toniic members share due diligence, co-invest and nurture social and environmental enterprises and funds. Our members have broad and deep expertise in various sectors and geographies—by collaborating and sharing their global expertise, they essentially create a virtual venture partnership that leverages their collective knowledge.

<http://toniic.com/>

[University Impact Fund](http://www.uimpactfund.com): UIF provides meaningful due diligence bandwidth and syndication services on deals and initiatives. Projects can range from market analysis to business strategy and financials, not only adding value to the organization and its partners but also providing an unparalleled education opportunity to the students.
<http://www.uimpactfund.com>

Funder Collaboratives

GrantCraft Guide: [Funder Collaboratives - Why and How Funders Work Together](http://www.grantcraft.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&pageId=1386)
This guide from GrantCraft explores the benefits and challenges of collaborative funding.
<http://www.grantcraft.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&pageId=1386>

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations' "Strategic Co-Funding: An Approach for Expanded Impact". GEO and REDF co-produced this document to explore the issue of co-funding.
http://docs.geofunders.org/?filename=geo_redf_strategic_co-funding_2012.pdf

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations *Scaling What Works* resources on funder collaboratives
This page on the GEO website contains many links to articles and resources on the topic of collaborative funding.
<http://scalingwhatworks.org/resources/useful-links/61>