

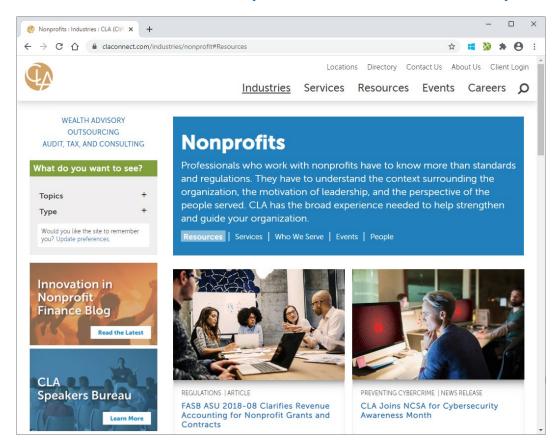
#### **Disclaimers**

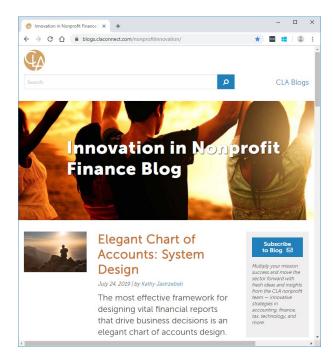
The information contained herein is general in nature and is not intended, and should not be construed, as legal, accounting, or tax advice or opinion provided by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to the user. The user also is cautioned that this material may not be applicable to, or suitable for, the user's specific circumstances or needs, and may require consideration of non-tax and other tax factors if any action is to be contemplated. The user should contact his or her CliftonLarsonAllen LLP or other tax professional prior to taking any action based upon this information. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP assumes no obligation to inform the user of any changes in tax laws or other factors that could affect the information contained herein.





#### CLA Resources (CLAconnect.com)









#### **Learning Objectives**

Describe the four phases of whole organization budgeting

- Identify how to involve a wide cross-section of staff in budgeting process
- Outline an effective plan for using your organization's resources







## The Reach and Purpose of Financial Leadership



#### Leadership (Amplifying)

- Evaluation
- Strategy
- Collaboration

#### Management (Tending)

- Reporting
- Coordination
- Efficiency

#### Accountability (Guiding)

- Compliance
- Internal Controls
- Transparency





### Financial Leadership Across Whole Organizations

Focus on Roles and Responsibilities rather than Persons or Positions

#### Nonprofit finance includes:

- Guiding resources
- Tending those resources
- Amplifying those resources

#### Your whole staff is involved:

- Imagine roles and responsibilities
- Not just positions or departments







# Whole Organization Finance – Roles



Implementer

Who activates?

Who processes?

Manager

Who supervises?

Who coordinates?

Communicator

Who reports?

Who narrates?

Strategist

Who plans?

Who envisions?





# Whole Organization Finance – Responsibilities

Day-to-Day (Transactions)

Accounts Receivable (Resources In)

Accounts Payable (Resources Out)

Donor/Client/Customer
Data – CRM

**Payroll** 

Past & Present (Reports)

**Month-End Accounting** 

Monitoring

Analysis

Reporting

Future (Plans)

Budgeting

Cash Management Reserves

Forecasting / Modeling Projections

**Business Model** 





Whole Organization Finance – The Matrix Communicator **Implementer** Manager **Strategist** leadership Future (Plans) Management Past & Present (Reports) Accounta Day-to-Day (Transactions)



# Where Budgeting Fits into Whole Org Finance

As part of Financial Leadership,
Budgeting = Amplifying Resources

A Solid Future builds on an Accurate Past

- Align use of resources to goals
- Purposefully develop reserves
- Focus on where you're going, not where you've been
- Perhaps the highest purpose of leadership

These are *responsibilities*, not positions

- Opportunity for collaboration
- Develop sophistication in your business model
- Incubate new program initiatives

Future (Plans)

Budgeting

Cash Management Reserves

Forecasting / Modeling
Projections

**Business Model** 







# Four Phases of Budgeting Give Yourself Time for Collaboration

WEALTH ADVISORY | OUTSOURCING | AUDIT, TAX, AND CONSULTING

# Four Phases of Whole Organization Budgeting

Think in Resources Gaps Become Goals Create a Plan Approval and Beyond





## Set a Timeline for Collaboration

June 30 Fiscal Year End

						00.10	cai ica					
Quarter and Month		Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2	
Phase and Activities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Phase 1 - Think in Resources												
Align with your organizational structure												
Create work plans tied to strategy												
Start with "No Numbers" sessions												
Phase 2 - Gaps Become Goals												
Calculate costs												
Determine available funding												
Identify the gaps												
Phase 3 - Create a Plan												
Draft the plan												
Vet the plan												
Adjust the plan												
Phase 4 - Approval and Beyond												
Approve the plan												
Implement the plan												
Monitor the plan												



# 1

#### Think in Resources

2

Gaps Become Goals

3

Create a Plar

4

Approval and Beyond





#### Phase 1 – Think in Resources, Not Dollars

Align With Your Organizational Structure

Create Work Plans Tied to Strategy
Start with "No Numbers" Sessions

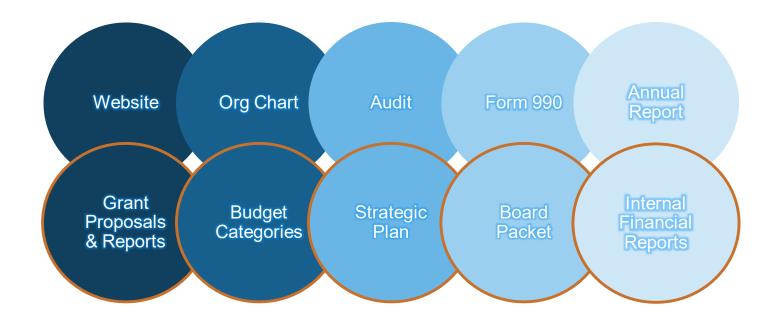
- The order is intentional
- Collaboration takes time
- Expand your thinking beyond expenses





# Align With Your Organizational Structure

Which description of your organization guides your budgeting process?







# At What Level Do You Build Your Budget?





### Work Plans Tied to Strategy

- Completed by department/program leaders
- Bullet point plans (not long narratives)
   Level 1 = Organizational Strategy Goal
   Level 2 = Program Activities tied to that goal
   Level 3 = Resources Needed to Accomplish that Activity
- Develop work plans based on organizational strategy and goals
  - Start with strategy plan, proposal narratives, existing task lists
- List resources (not dollars), using examples like these:
  - 1.5 FTE to staff Project A
  - Develop new page on the website to showcase Project B
  - Weekly travel to City D to provide technical assistance





#### The "No Numbers" Sessions



- Collaboration requires conversation
- Collaboration takes time
- Focus on resources, not expenses

The goal is to create coherent plans for accomplishing your mission

- in the best way possible
- using the most innovative methods
- deploying needed resources effectively

Think BEFORE You Calculate!





1

Think in Resources

2

Gaps Become Goals

3

Create a Plan

4

Approval and Beyond





# Phase 2 - The Gaps Become Your Goals

**Calculate Costs** 

**Determine Available Funding** 

Identify the Gaps

+ Funding	\$\$\$
- Costs	ssss Your Goal
= Gap	(\$)

- Revenue generation begs collaboration
- Goals are owned by the Whole Organization
- Gaps do not affect just one program





### **Calculating Costs**

Use your work plans to put dollar amounts on resources

Level 1 = Organizational Strategy Goal

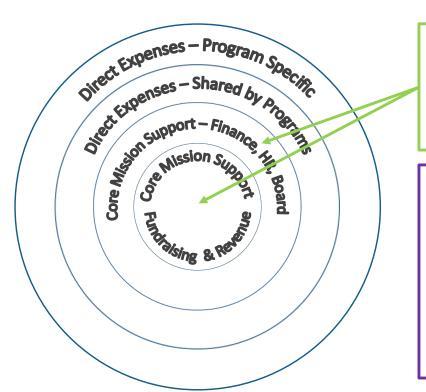
Level 2 = Program Activities tied to that goal

Level 3 = Resources Needed to Accomplish that Activity

- Calculate the expense represented by each resource:
  - 1.5 FTE to staff Project A
    - = \$115,000 for salaries and benefits
  - Develop new page on the website to showcase Project B
    - = \$7,000 for contracted graphic design and web developer
  - Weekly travel to City D to provide technical assistance
    - = \$900 (\$75 for mileage & meals x 12 weeks)



# Whole Organizations Look Like This



#### **Budget for Core Mission Support**

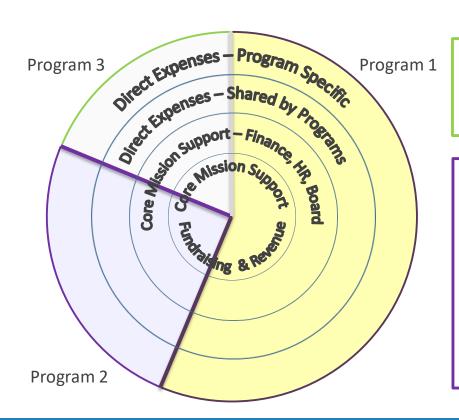
Rather than thinking of our investment in key infrastructure as diminishing our programs, it should be seen as valuable.

**Core Mission Support functions** are necessary, vital, and integral.

- Strong, strategic finance and accounting
- Progressive human resources practices
- Capable, responsive board governance
- Talented and engaged development staff



# Whole Programs Look Like This



Each of our programs is built upon, supported by, and shares responsibility for **Core Mission Support**.

All of the resources we need to accomplish our programs are the **True Program Costs**, which include four types of expenses:

- Direct Expenses: Program-Specific
- Direct Expenses: Shared by Programs
- Core Mission Support: Finance, HR, and Board
- Core Mission Support: Fundraising & Revenue



#### **Budgeting Shared Direct Costs and Administrative Costs**

Calculate costs for resources used by multiple programs or functional areas. Assign the budgeting and communicating of these costs to someone.

- Shared direct costs are resources that are used by more than one program
  or functional area to accomplish its work. These resources are often
  acquired centrally and made available to each program or function.
  Admin, fundraising, and communications receive a share of these costs.
- Administrative costs are resources used for the overall management of the entire organization – often related to board governance, financial accounting, human resources, and organization-wide staff meetings. This is NOT a general, catch-all category. It is a specific function.





## Allocations are Key to Whole Organization Budgeting

#### **Nonprofit Organization**

Statement of Functional Expense Year Ended December 31, 20XX Two-Step Allocations Shared Direct

			P	rogram Service	es				Sup	porting Servi	ces		To Be Allocated	TOTAL
	Program 1	P	rogram 2	Program 3		General Program	Total		Vlanagement & General	Fundraising		Total		
EXPENSES							11							
Payroll, Taxes, Benefits	\$ 264,19	5 \$	330,243	594,438	\$	132,097	\$ 1,320,973	١	\$ 232,290	\$ 65,845	\$	298,135	<b>←</b>	\$ 1,619,108
Contracted Services	15,46	8	19,325	34,803		7,734	77,339	ı	40,000	23,000		63,000	<b>←</b>	140,339
Program materials and supplies	78,23	4	27,793	176,027		39,117	391,172		-	-		57.0		391,172
Occupancy	46,72	4	8,405	105,129		23,362	233,620	۱	41,081	11,645		52,726		286,346
Equipment and Technology	14,86	//	18,199	32,758		6,984	72,808	ľ	12.281	6,681		18,962	-	91,770
Travel & Meetings	14,29	0	17,868	32,162		7,147	71,471	ı	4,800	200		5,000	<b>←</b>	76,471
Marketing and Communications	4,96	2	6,203	11,165		2,481	24,812	ı	100	1,088		1,088	<b>←</b>	25,900
Other Operating Expenses	26,19	8	33,471	62,859		13,043	135,570	ı	26,609	6,103		32,712	2.71	168,282
Depreciation Expense	3,65	5	4,569	8,224		1,828	18,275	ı	3,214	911		4,125	-	22,400
,ADMIN ALLOCATION	68,45	2	86,466	154,918		32,425	342,261	ŀ	(360,275)	18,014		(342,261)		1-
FUNDRAISING ALLOCATION	24,37	1	22,393	74,537		12,186	133,487		12	(133,487)		(133,487)		-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 561,42	1 \$	694,944	\$ 1,287,020	\$	278,404	\$ 2,821,789		\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 2,821,789

True Program Costs





#### Budgeting Income = Support and Revenue

The capacity required to attract and support these two income types is different enough that it is useful to budget them separately.

#### Support (contributed)

- Foundation grants
- Individual donations
- Bequests
- Releases from restriction

#### Revenue (earned)

- Contract fees
- Certain membership dues
- Client service fees
- Other revenue paid for service

Each income stream requires infrastructure to support it and should have its own set of strategies guiding it.



upport and Revenue	Pı	Program 1		rogram 2	Program 3	General Program	Total	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE								
Support (Contributions)								
Grants	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	
Individuals						34,175	34,175	
Events						20,000	20,000	
Released from restriction		408,350		375,200	1,248,900	-	2,032,450	
TOTAL Support		408,350		375,200	1,248,900	204,175	2,236,625	
Revenue (Earned)								
Client services fees		241,310		301,637	235,998		778,945	
Investment earnings		-		_	<u>-</u>	120,655	120,655	
TOTAL Revenue		241,310		301,637	235,998	120,655	899,600	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$	649,660	\$	676,837	\$ 1,484,898	\$ 324,830	\$ 3,136,225	



#### The Gaps Become Your Goals

- After you Calculate Costs, and
- After you Determine Available Funding
- IF you Identify any Gaps

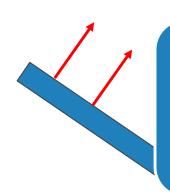
sss The Gap
\$\$\$\$ is now
(\$) Your Goal

Then What?



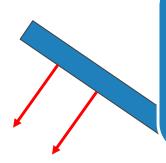


#### You Have These Levers to Address Gaps – Use Them Both!



# Revenue Lever

- Negotiate with current funders
- Expand fundraising initiatives
- Respond to new opportunities
- Market your programs



# Expense Lever

- Don't do things
- Do things differently
- Always prioritize your core
- Always value your staff





#### Cautions about Filling Gaps

#### Every idea for new contributions or earned revenue requires a plan

- Who will do the extra work?
- Do you have the expertise?
- Do you have the infrastructure, or do you need to invest in it?

#### Every idea for cutting costs has implications beyond the obvious

- Does this resource support more than one program or activity?
- Does cutting this cost require that existing staff work harder to cover?
- Will not doing this activity diminish your organization's reputation?





1

Think in Resources

2

Gaps Become Goals

3

Create a Plan

4

Approval and Beyond





#### Phase 3 – Create a Plan

Draft the Plan

Vet the Plan

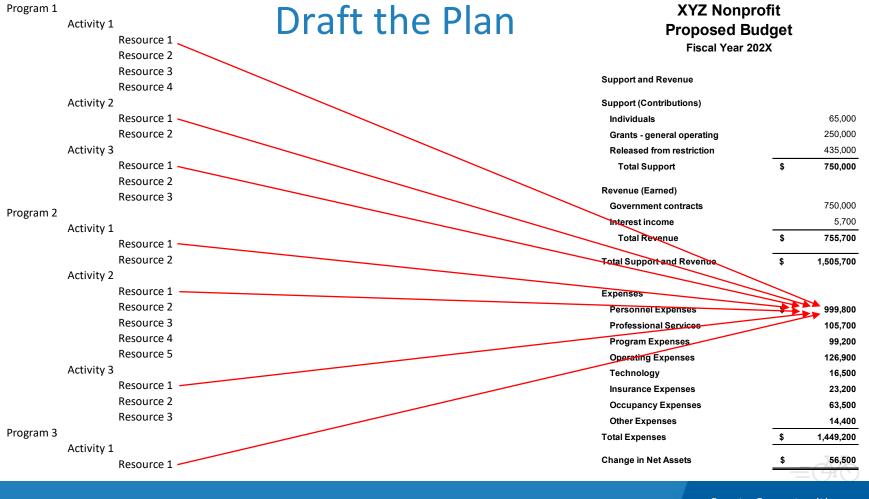
Adjust the Plan



- A draft budget restates your work plans in financial terms
- No part of the budget should be developed in isolation from the others
- Give your teams plenty of time for back and forth







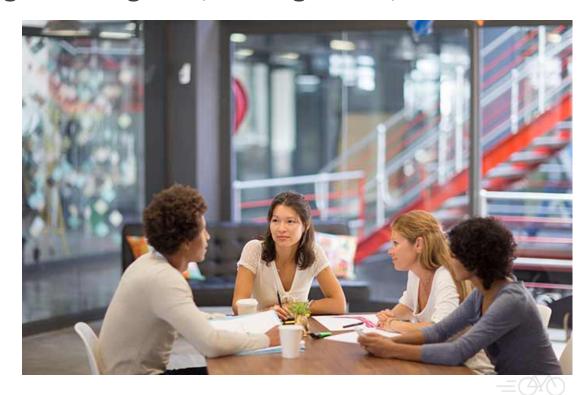


#### Vet the Plan

Circulate the draft budget among staff, management, committees

You may create your budget at the department, program, project, or grant level.

But the success of your budget involves the whole organization.





# Adjust the Plan

Make the budget better by incorporating all the good feedback



Allow plenty of time to gather and incorporate feedback – maybe even more than once.





1

Γhink Resources, Not Dollars

2

Your Gaps Become Your Goals

3

Create a Plan - Draft, Vet, Adjust

4

Approval and Beyond





# Approval and Beyond

Approve the Plan – present budget to full board for consideration and approval Implement the Plan – the budget is your blueprint for accomplishing mission Monitor the Plan – responsibility and accountability lead to ownership

- Decide Who Decides
- Communicate Concisely and Proactively
- Do What You Say You Will Do
- Engage Your Whole Organization in Implementation and Monitoring





## Approve the Plan – Who Decides?



- Where you spend money matters
- Financial decisions carry weight
- Are those approving your budget inclusive of and representative of
  - your staff?
  - your clients?
  - your community?
- Does your decision-making process reflect your DEI goals?

Not just which committees, but who is on those committees?





		Proposed Budget July 20X0 to June 20X1								
		Programs	Admin	Fundraising	Total					
	SUPPORT AND REVENUE									
а	Contributed Support	325,500	-	-	325,500	а				
b	Contributions Released from Restrictions	591,982	-	-	591,982	b				
С	Revenue - Program Services	429,785	-	-	429,785	С				
d	Revenue - Client Fees	826,995	-	-	826,995	d				
е	Revenue - Investments	11,858	-	-	11,858	е				
f	TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,186,120	-	-	2,186,120	f				
	EXPENSES									
g	Personnel Expenses	994,789	232,290	15,845	1,242,925	g				
h	Contracted Services	37,339	40,000	23,000	100,339	h				
i	Occupancy	231,366	51,705	3,275	286,346	i				
j	Equipment and Technology Exp	52,796	32,467	2,005	87,267	j				
k	Travel Expenses	71,471	4,800	200	76,471	k				
- 1	Meeting Expenses	54,450	9,300	300	64,050	1				
m	Marketing and Communication Exp	24,812	-	1,088	25,900	m				
n	Other Operating Expenses	99,952	26,609	1,722	128,283	n				
0	Administrative Allocation	390,814	(397,171)	6,357	-	o				
р	Fundraising Allocation	53,792		(53,792)	-	р				
q	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,011,580	-	-	2,011,580	q				
r	Change in Net Assets	174,540	-	-	174,540	r				

Proposed Budget

# Communicate Concisely

Effective financial communication includes:

- Numbers
- Narratives
- Well-designed legends and keys





# Communicate Proactively

Anticipate questions to make your presentation more efficient.

Guide your audience to the information you think is most important.

#### Key Assumptions used in Budget

Revenue projections have been refined, with additions to general support grants and increased releases from restriction, but less income projected from program services

Revisions to expenses reflect lower personnel costs due to staff changes and account for the timing of new hires, along with increased contractors in specific program budgets

While the overall change in dollar amounts of both revenue and expenses are relatively minor, program leaders did carefully align budgets with program plans

#### Line Item Narrative

- The program grants here are general support funds from foundation, corporate, and individual donors
- These grant funds are released as the purpose or time restriction is satisfied
- Earned revenue here includes contracts with government agencies
- Earned revenue here includes client fees paid for services
- Earned revenue here includes interest on investments and reserve accounts
- Total Support and Revenue is roughly \$225,000 more than last year, mostly due to the MNOP grant
- Personnel expenses include the salaries of 18 full-time and 24 part-time staff, plus their benefits
- Costs include audit, legal, strategic planning, and other consultants
- Occupancy costs include rent and leasehold improvements to the space
- New technology and a new CRM are capitalized. Expense shown here is primarily depreciation
- Cost of out-of-state travel to professional conferences as well as local transportation to client locations
- These expenses are primarily related to the delivery of services to clients outside the Metro area
- These are direct expenses related to video, web, and print design and production.
- Includes general operations expenses such as copying, supplies, subscriptions, telecommunications
- Administrative expenses are associated with board governance, finance and accounting, HR activities
- Fundraising expenses are allocated across programs to establish true program costs
- This figure is higher than the previous year by only \$25,000
- Program and operations are budgeted at a surplus, which supports the expansion of reserves



# Implement the Plan

What we communicate in a budget is a pledge that our organization will do certain things, take certain actions in the world.

- Your budget is a promise
- Proposal budgets create restrictions
- Your budget reflects your priorities
- Best to do what's in your budget



Trust Your Planning – Put It Into Action





# ©2021 CliftonLarsonAllen L

# Monitor the Plan – There is Always More to Learn



#### The Power of Budget versus Actual

Use variances to inform program adjustments

Being under budget may also be a problem

Resist temptation to revise your budget too quickly

Use forecasts to project how the year will end

Variances are Your Friends







# Whole Organization Budgeting

Setting a Timeline for Collaboration

WEALTH ADVISORY | OUTSOURCING | AUDIT, TAX, AND CONSULTING

1

### Think in Resources

- Align your process to your organization structure
- Develop work plans synced to strategy plans
- Start with "No Numbers" sessions

2

Gaps Become Goals

- Calculate cost *after* identifying resource needs
- Determine available funding
- Identify the Gaps

3

Create a Plan

- A draft budget restates your plan in finance terms
- Vet the plan circulate to management, board
- Adjust the plan incorporate feedback

4

Approval and Beyond

- Approve the plan who decides matters
- Implement the plan a blueprint for your mission
- Monitor the plan it lives all year long



## Set a Timeline for Collaboration

June 30 Fiscal Year End

	Julie 30 i i seur reur Ella											
Quarter and Month		Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2	
Phase and Activities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Phase 1 - Think in Resources												
Align with your organizational structure												
Create work plans tied to strategy												
Start with "No Numbers" sessions												
Phase 2 - Gaps Become Goals												
Calculate costs												
Determine available funding												
Identify the gaps												
Phase 3 - Create a Plan												
Draft the plan												
Vet the plan												
Adjust the plan												
Phase 4 - Approval and Beyond												
Approve the plan												
Implement the plan												
Monitor the plan												



# ©2021 Clifton Larson Allen L

# Whole Organization Budgeting

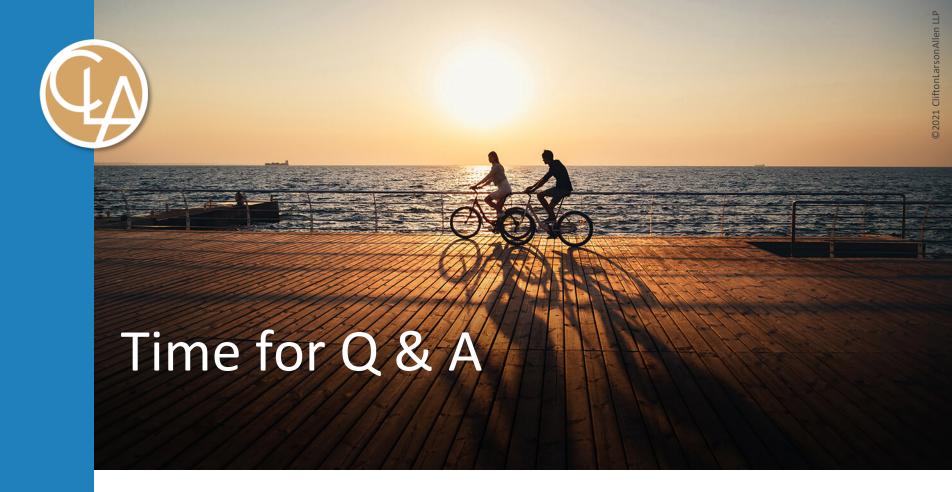
Collaborative financial leadership takes time Search out your best ideas across your entire staff











WEALTH ADVISORY | OUTSOURCING | AUDIT, TAX, AND CONSULTING

#### **Related Resources**

#### Blogs:

```
"Whole Organization Budgeting: A Collaborative Approach for Nonprofits"
```

#### Articles:

"Whole Organization Finance: Mapping Nonprofit Financial Leadership,"

Curtis Klotz, *CLAconnect.com*, October 2020

"A Graphic Re-visioning of Nonprofit Overhead,"

Curtis Klotz, Nonprofit Quarterly, Fall 2016, republished Fall 2019

"Functional Expenses by Nature and the Overhead Debate,"

Curtis Klotz, The CPA Journal, May 2019





<sup>&</sup>quot;Elegant Allocations In Nonprofit Accounting"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Elegant Allocations in Nonprofit Accounting: System Design"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Elegant Reporting in Nonprofit Accounting"



Subscribe to Innovation in Nonprofit Finance blog CLAconnect.com/Npblog

Follow us on LinkedIn: CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen) Like us on Facebook: CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen)

Follow us on Twitter: CLA Nonprofit

Subscribe to our emails and get insights delivered right to your inbox.

CLAconnect.com/subscribe

# Stay Connected with CLA!

WEALTH ADVISORY | OUTSOURCING | AUDIT, TAX, AND CONSULTING

# Thank You!

### Curtis Klotz, CPA

**Director of Nonprofit Innovation** 

Curtis.Klotz@CLAConnect.com

LinkedIn: curtis-klotz-cpa

Twitter: @CurtKlotz

(612) 379-3189

