A FOOD RESCUE HERO™ WEBINAR SERIES

## HOW TO START A FOOD RESCUE

Lesson (2): All About Funding



## A FEW REMINDERS:

Drop your questions in the Q&A as we go!

Yes, this is being recorded!

A recording of this presentation will be emailed within the next few days.

Links provided at the end of the

Weblata follow-up meeting

→ Next webinar



#### WEBINAR SERIES LOOK AHEAD:

Lesson 1: Introduction

LESSON 2: Funding TODAY'S LESSON

**Lesson 3:** Building Operations: Food Donors

**Lesson 4:** Building Operations: Distributions

**Lesson 5:** Essential "Extras": Marketing & Board Development

Lesson 6: Pulling it all together



## Funding GETTING STARTED

#### Things you should know:

- → For donations to be deductible, you must be a 501c3
- Fiscal sponsorship can bridge the gap



# Funding WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

- Traditional nonprofit
- Business model
- Scrappy startup
- → Hybrid

Go with what you know! There's more than one pathway to success.



### Funding IDENTIFYING YOUR STYLE

What's your experience?

How can you succeed?

Who do you know?

What has the shortest runway?

**Available resources?** 



### **Funding** WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IN ACTION

#### TRADITIONAL

- **Foundations**
- **Grant writing**
- Peer networks

#### BUSINESS MODEL

- Corporate funding
- Large individual donors
- Investors

#### SCRAPPY STARTUP

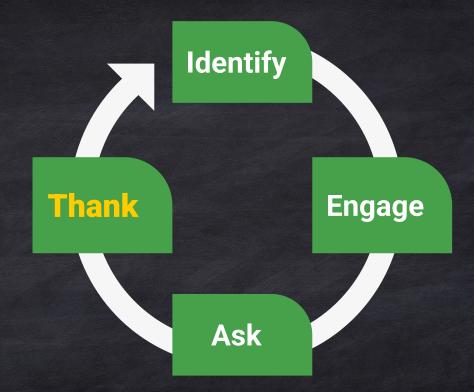
- Low budget
- Individual donationsPeer networks Individual

#### HYBRID

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# Funding CYCLE







# Funding IDENTIFY

- Grants
  - Check your local library system
- Peer to peer
  - Leverage your networks
- Online giving
  - Crowdfunding sites
  - Social media
- → Events
- → Local Businesses





## Funding ENGAGE

**Engaging is opening a door for a conversation** & relationship building.

#### Invite them to

- Volunteer
- Do a rescue
- Attend an event
- → Go out for coffee to learn more





## Funding ENGAGE

Know how to tell your story.

#### Don't talk about WHAT

- Programs
- Partners
- → Statistics

#### **Talk about WHY**

- ★ Why is the work you do important to the community?
- ★ How does this impact people's lives for the better?
- ★ What's the tangible impact?



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## Funding ENGAGE (RESOURCES)













## Funding ASK

We aren't asking for money – We are offering the chance to share in making a difference.

#### Make it:

- Personal (what do they care about)
- Urgent
- About impact





## Funding THANK

- Studies show that a thank you phone call boosts first-year donor retention AND increases their giving.
- Donors receiving a thank you call from a board member within 24 hours of making their gift gave 39% more! (Penelope Burk)
  - 14 months later, those donors gave 42% more than donors who didn't get the call and they had a 70% retention rate!

Thank yous can be incredibly powerful boosts to your fundraising results – helping to retain donors & generate larger gifts!

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS WITH LORI MARTIN



Lori Martin
Executive Director
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## NEXT MONTH'S CLASS:



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## HOW TO START A FOOD RESCUE

Lesson 3.
Getting Started with Food Donors

Report to class on March 27, 2025 @ Ipm ET



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# Peer-to-Peer Fundraising: Leveraging Your Volunteers

MARCH 20 | 2PM ET







## Making greater impact, together.









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