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FUNDING: QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What categories of spending/funding will be included in the analysis? Who will decide?

The partnership must consider ALL possible types of funding when looking at present and future funding streams to fund a project. Categories in this analysis may be the title of the funding source, the name of the project, and other identifying information needed to make the analysis.

2. Who are the experts on the budget/fund source?

Someone will have knowledge about budget and/or funding sources. These people need to be a part of the analysis of the funding streams. They will know the rules, regulations, and the expectations of the funding source.

3. Under whose authority is the budget being considered?

Knowing who has the legal authority to spend the money is an important factor when looking at the specifics of the budget/fund.

4. What is the funding source?

The source of funding should be known so that the laws, rules and regulations, and the reporting requirements can be known.

5. What is the timeframe for the funding source?

The timeframe allows partnerships to see the differences in the spending authority of the different funds and when money needs to be obligated and spent.

6. Are there specific outcome measures associated with funding source?

Many fund sources are beginning to have outcomes that have to be met in order to spend the funds. It is important that these match the goals objectives of the project.

7. Is the funding source an appropriate use for the project?

It is important to consider whether the funding sources are an effective use for the project.

8. Are there duplications?

Duplications should be determined. More than one fund source may be paying for the same project or objective.

9. What is the current spending level?

Knowing the current spending level can provide information about whether the source is being maximized or if funds are being left on the table.

10. Are there opportunities to maximize or leverage funds?

An analysis will help determine if there are opportunities to maximize funds or match existing funds to leverage additional funds.