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## Nonprofit News



### Big news! More free workshops!

This year, ECF is excited to offer double the number of workshops at no cost to encourage Evanston organizations to bring as many members of their community as possible. Think of these opportunities as 'mini-retreats' for your team, both board and staff. They are terrific chances to learn from experts, network with others in our sector, and leave with action plans to improve your organization.

ECF's goal is to eliminate barriers that keep organizations from sending staff and board to learning opportunities. By eliminating fees, offering workshops in both morning and early evening times, and requiring shorter time commitments, we're working to make organizational development more accessible to all nonprofits, no matter their size.

[Learn more about our FREE workshops](#)

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**Workshop #1**  
**COLLABORATE: Navigating**  
**Successful Partnerships**  
**November 14**  
**5:30 dinner**  
**6-8 program**



**Collaborate: Navigating Successful Partnerships**

The buzz in the nonprofit world is working together and collaborating. What factors actually lead to success? In this session, we'll focus on leadership behaviors that increase the likelihood of collaboration success for your organization and for your community. Participants will discuss and engage strategies at three stages: preparing to collaborate, leading collaboration, and evaluating your partnership efforts.

About the facilitator: Kate Cooper, Ph.D. is a researcher whose main interest is how nonprofits collaborate with others to increase their impact. She is currently the Associate Director of the Network for Nonprofit and Social Impact, a lab at Northwestern University. In addition to conducting research on nonprofit collaboration, Kate seeks to translate and synthesize research for nonprofit leaders looking to leverage their networks. She previously worked in the nonprofit sector in Washington, DC, and remains active through volunteering and consulting in the Chicago area.

[Register now!](#)

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## **It's Rolling Grants time again!**

ECF [Rolling Grant applications](#) are now being accepted throughout the year. These grants focus on encouraging groups and organizations to pilot new programs or strategies, collaborate with other organizations, build their own capacity, or address time-sensitive issues.

The next opportunity for review is December 1. Applicants must either be 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, government entities or community groups with a fiscal

sponsor that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate inclusive practices that support the diversity of their boards, staff, and constituents.

[Learn more about ECF Rolling Grants](#)



## IRS Audit Guides Inform Nonprofits

This helpful article in *Nonprofit Quarterly* explains how the IRS is sharing its Audit Technique Guides (ATGs) for Exempt Organizations, and how best to use them.

[Read more!](#)



Does your organization need design support such as Interior, Lighting, Graphic, and/or Landscape & Garden Design? Designs 4 Dignity is an organization that provides grants to non-profits in the form of free design services. D4D has a rolling application cycle with quarterly site visit reviews.

[Apply for a grant](#)



## Important reminder

**ECF's 2018 Responsive Grant RFP will be available on our website on December 8, 2017. LOI's will be due January, 16, 2018. Mark your calendar!**

**Rotary International is pleased to announce that as part of its technology modernization efforts, they are making available no longer needed desktop computers.**



As part of Rotary's continued commitment to Evanston and especially those organizations that support our shared community, they would like to give nonprofit and service organizations an opportunity to receive these often needed resources before anyone else. The computers are all Dell professional grade and mostly include Intel i5 processors, with some i7 processors available, and range from having 350GB-500GB hard drives, with 4GB-8GB of RAM. They are provided as is, and do not include any support, but all are in working order and have Windows 7 installed. These desktops will include keyboards and mice on a first come, first served basis, but will not include monitors. Organizations looking to take ownership of this equipment will need to be responsible for picking up the equipment from Rotary's headquarters in downtown Evanston. Interested parties should contact Rodolfo Aquilar at [rodolfo.aquilar@rotary.org](mailto:rodolfo.aquilar@rotary.org) to reserve the requested machines and coordinate a pickup time. Additional information regarding pickup location, etc. will be provided at that time. This offer is being made strictly to nonprofit and service organizations only. Thank you for your continued service and support of the Evanston community.

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