



Fiscal Sponsorship Frequently Asked Questions

The Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI) partners with mission-aligned initiatives, coalitions, collaboratives, and programs through fiscal sponsorship to support public health and health equity efforts. Learn more about how fiscal sponsorship works, the roles and responsibilities involved, and what prospective projects can expect from the process.

What is a fiscal sponsorship?

A fiscal sponsorship is a formal partnership in which a project operates within an established nonprofit organization. The sponsoring nonprofit organization serves as the legal and financial home for the project, manages funds on its behalf, and ensures compliance with nonprofit and tax requirements.

What types of projects/initiatives does IPHI partner with?

We sponsor projects/initiatives that align with our mission to advance public health and health equity. Some partners seek fiscal sponsorship, while others engage with IPHI for grants management or administrative support services.

Does IPHI only work with organizations seeking fiscal sponsorship?

No. While fiscal sponsorship is IPHI's primary partnership model, we may also work with select mission-aligned organizations, coalitions, collaboratives, and initiatives that already have nonprofit status but need grants management, administrative, or operational support. Partnership structures vary based on organizational needs, funding arrangements, and organizational capacity.

What is the responsibility of the sponsored project?

Project leaders are responsible for program strategy, partnerships, fundraising, and day-to-day operations. Projects must follow IPHI's financial, compliance, and operational policies.

What is IPHI responsible for?

IPHI serves as the legal and financial home for the project. We receive and manage funds, ensure compliance with nonprofit and tax requirements, and provide administrative systems and oversight. IPHI can also employ staff and retain contractors on behalf of the sponsored entity.

Who manages the project's funds?

Funds are received and held by IPHI in accordance with nonprofit regulations and the fiscal sponsorship agreement. Projects work with IPHI to develop budgets and ensure funds are used for approved purposes.



Can a project eventually become an independent nonprofit if they do not have non-profit status?

Yes. Fiscal sponsorship can support early-stage growth or longer-term implementation. Transition plans can be discussed if a project chooses to pursue independent nonprofit status.

Who makes decisions for the project?

IPHI has financial and legal responsibility. Day-to-day programmatic decisions are made collaboratively as defined in the fiscal sponsorship agreement.

Do I need to secure funding before applying?

Projects should have a plan for funding support, whether through existing funding or active efforts to secure funding through grants or other opportunities.

Next Steps

1. [Submit an inquiry form](#) describing your initiative
2. IPHI reviews the submission for alignment and readiness
3. Selected initiatives are invited to an introductory conversation
4. If there is strong mutual alignment, IPHI outlines next steps for formal review and onboarding

Contact Us

To be considered for partnership with IPHI, submit an inquiry form at:

<https://institutephi.tfaforms.net/4>

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