



# CURIOSITY



IS THE BLUEPRINT **TO LEGACY.**

At ARCHITECT,  
we are passionate  
about helping nonprofits  
**achieve their mission  
and create lasting impact**  
in their communities.

As a team of capacity-building  
professionals specializing in  
community-centered philanthropy,  
we offer a suite of services designed  
to help you overcome challenges,  
maximize your fundraising potential,  
and build a sustainable foundation  
for long-term success.



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## Strategic Assessment & Action Guide for Nonprofit Fundraising Success

With a proven track record of helping 50+ organizations achieve transformative growth and maintaining a 92% success rate, ARCHITECT Philanthropic Collective has developed this comprehensive assessment tool to help your nonprofit evaluate its fundraising readiness and create actionable strategies for growth.

### The Power of Strategic Curiosity

Before diving into the assessment, let's embrace the ARCHITECT philosophy: Curiosity is the blueprint to Legacy. This means:

- Questioning traditional approaches to identify new opportunities
- Exploring innovative ways to demonstrate impact
- Discovering untapped potential within your network
- Understanding your organization's unique value proposition

**Welcome to Your Fundraising Evolution** →



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## Part 1: The ARCHITECT Assessment™

### Instructions

Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:

-  1 = Not yet started
-  2 = Early stages
-  3 = In progress
-  4 = Well developed
-  5 = Exemplary



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## Section A: Strategic Foundation

**Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:**

- Our mission statement effectively communicates our impact
- We have systems to gather and incorporate stakeholder feedback
- Our fundraising strategies align with organizational goals
- Our board actively participates in fundraising efforts
- We maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders

## Section B: Impact Storytelling

**Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:**

- We effectively communicate our organizational impact
- Our success metrics include both quantitative and qualitative outcomes
- We have a clear process for collecting and sharing impact stories
- Our messaging resonates with diverse donor audiences
- We maintain consistent brand messaging



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## Section C: Fundraising Infrastructure

Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:

- Our fundraising plan includes diverse revenue streams
- We have systems to identify and cultivate donor relationships
- Our grant strategy aligns with our mission and goals
- We effectively leverage digital tools for fundraising
- Our donor communications are personalized and engaging

## Section D: Organizational Capacity

Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:

- Our team has dedicated time for fundraising activities
- We invest in professional development
- We have clear succession planning
- We have systems for knowledge sharing
- Our organization practices sustainable workload management



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## Section E: Innovation & Adaptability

Rate each statement on a scale of 1-5:

- We regularly evaluate and adjust strategies
- Our organization embraces new fundraising approaches
- We effectively use data to inform decisions
- We have crisis management plans
- We maintain programmatic flexibility



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## Part 2: Understanding Your Score

### Score Calculation:

Total your scores from all 25 questions (maximum 125 points)

### 100–125: Leadership Excellence

- Exemplary fundraising practices
- Ready for strategic growth
- Positioned for significant impact
- Focus Areas: Scale successful strategies, innovate approaches, mentor others

### 75–99: Growth Stage

- Strong foundation with clear direction
- Opportunities for enhancement
- Ready for next-level strategies
- Focus Areas: Refine systems, deepen engagement, expand reach



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## Part 2: Understanding Your Score

### Score Calculation:

Total your scores from all 25 questions (maximum 125 points)

### 50–74: Building Momentum

- Core elements in place
- Need for strategic alignment
- Ready for structured growth
- Focus Areas: Strengthen infrastructure, develop systems, build capacity

### Below 50: Foundation Building

- Essential elements needed
- Opportunity for transformation
- Ready for strategic planning
- Focus Areas: Core infrastructure, team development, stakeholder alignment





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## Part 3: Strategic Action Planning

### Success Framework™ Worksheet

For each priority area you identified, complete the following analysis:

#### Current State Analysis

- Where is your organization now in this area? (Be specific with metrics if available)
- What's working well? What isn't?
- What resources do you currently have dedicated to this?
- What are your top 3 immediate challenges?
- How is this affecting your fundraising success?

#### Resource Mapping

- Who on your team can support this initiative?
- What existing tools/systems can you leverage?
- Which current partners could help?
- What additional resources would make the biggest impact?
- What's your budget reality for this area?



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## Part 3: Strategic Action Planning

### Success Framework™ Worksheet

For each priority area you identified, complete the following analysis:

#### Gap Analysis

- What expertise is missing from your team?
- Which processes need improvement?
- What technology could help you be more effective?
- Which policies are outdated or missing?
- Where do you need additional support?

#### Action Strategy

- What are your top 3 priorities in the next 90 days?
- Who needs to be involved in implementation?
- How will you measure success?
- What's your timeline for implementation?
- How will you communicate changes to stakeholders?



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## Part 4: 2025 Strategic Shifts in Fundraising

### Emerging Trends & Action Items

#### Relationship-Centered Fundraising

##### Key Questions:

- How personalized is your donor communication?
- What's your donor retention rate?
- How do you track relationship development?

##### Action Items:

- Map your current donor journey
- Implement a relationship scoring system
- Create touchpoint calendar

Success Metric: Education nonprofit increased donor retention by 45% using this approach



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## Part 4: 2025 Strategic Shifts in Fundraising

### Emerging Trends & Action Items

#### Digital Evolution

##### Key Questions:

- How integrated is your online giving?
- What digital tools are you currently using?
- How do you measure online engagement?

##### Action Items:

- Audit your digital presence
- Identify automation opportunities
- Create digital engagement metrics

Success Metric: Health organization expanded reach by 60% through digital transformation



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## Part 4: 2025 Strategic Shifts in Fundraising

### Emerging Trends & Action Items

#### Strategic Storytelling

##### Key Questions:

- How do you collect impact stories?
- Where do you share these stories?
- How do you measure story effectiveness?

##### Action Items:

- Create story collection system
- Develop content calendar
- Set up tracking metrics

Success Metric: Arts organization grew donor base by 75% through strategic storytelling



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## Part 4: 2025 Strategic Shifts in Fundraising

### Emerging Trends & Action Items

#### Sustainable Funding

##### Key Questions:

- How diverse are your funding sources?
- What's your grant success rate?
- How sustainable is your current model?

##### Action Items:

- Map current revenue streams
- Identify new opportunities
- Create sustainability metrics

Success Metric: Environmental group secured three major multi-year grants



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## Part 4: 2025 Strategic Shifts in Fundraising

### Emerging Trends & Action Items

#### Leadership Development

##### Key Questions:

- What's your leadership pipeline?
- How engaged is your board in fundraising?
- What training do you provide?

##### Action Items:

- Create board engagement plan
- Develop leadership training program
- Set board fundraising goals

Success Metric: Organization achieved 100% board giving and engagement



# YOUR NEXT STEPS

## Ready to transform your fundraising approach?

ARCHITECT offers comprehensive support through:

### Strategic Consultation

Assessment review  
Strategy development  
Implementation support

### Capacity Building

Team training  
Systems development  
Leadership coaching

### Stakeholder Engagement

Partnership building  
Narrative development  
Impact measurement

## Schedule your complimentary 30-minute discovery session:

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### Client Success Stories

"ARCHITECT transformed our fundraising strategy. Their tailored approach helped us increase our annual donations by 12% and expand our programs to five new locations." - Executive Director

"Their innovative approach to storytelling and donor engagement helped us showcase our impact in ways we never imagined. Our donor base has grown significantly." - Foundation Director





