

Financial Management

On behalf of the coalition, leadership teams may receive and/or raise donations, both monetary and in-kind (materials, services, etc.) Some common uses of donations include project support, overhead expenses, and coalition staff.

Managing Funds

As primarily volunteer-led organizations, most coalitions opt not to become 501c3 non-profit corporations. For these coalitions, The Church Responds serves as a fiscal sponsor and provides:

- Banking and accounting for funds received and distributed by the leadership team
- A “Doing Business As” for the coalition and bank account in its name
- Support for the leadership team’s management and accountability of its funds

Receiving Funds

When receiving monetary donations, coalitions may direct donors to The Church Responds website, which provides instructions for designating the recipient coalition and the various methods for transferring funds (online, mail, etc.). The Church Responds can receive, designate, and distribute funds on behalf of the coalition in coordination with the leadership team.

Raising Funds

We encourage coalitions to set annual goals for raising funds and distributing or “investing value” into the community. The leadership team leads the effort to set and fulfill fundraising goals. The Church Responds provides coaching and support for fundraising efforts. Some basic elements of a coalition fundraising plan may include:

- Setting coalition goals and identifying the funds needed
- Establishing a minimum annual commitment for participating churches
- Planning an annual fundraising campaign similar to other non-profits
- Holding an annual gathering for reporting, engaging, and fundraising