

The Foundation Review

Call for Papers

Inaugural Issue on Comprehensive Community Initiatives

The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University will begin publication of a new peer-reviewed journal for philanthropy, *The Foundation Review*, in late 2008. The target audience is foundation professionals involved in grant-making and others who are interested in learning the results of foundation-funded programs. *The Foundation Review* will be a quarterly journal, with each year emphasizing an overall theme and each issue focused on a particular topic within that theme. The theme for the first year is "Community Change." The first issue will concentrate on Comprehensive Community Initiatives (CCI). Tentative topics for subsequent issues in the first volume are civic engagement, advocacy, and communications.

Papers are being solicited in two categories:

- **Results.** Papers in this category should report on findings from evaluations of CCI's. Papers should include a description of the theory of change (logic model, program theory), a description of the grant-making strategy, the evaluation methodology, the results, and discussion. The theory of change discussion should describe why the work is considered a CCI. The final discussion should focus on what has been learned both about the content (e.g., what has been learned about CCI's) and about grant-making and other foundation strategies (convening, etc.). **We especially seek papers that describe "hard lessons" – efforts that were not successful in achieving the intended outcomes in the timeframe envisioned.**
- **Tools.** Papers in this category should describe tools useful for foundation staff or boards. By "tool" we mean a systematic, replicable method intended for a specific purpose. For example, a protocol to assess community or organizational readiness and standardized facilitation methods would be considered tools. The actual tool should be included in the article where practical. The paper should describe the rationale for the tool, how it was developed, and available evidence of its usefulness.

Papers should emphasize the practical applications of the findings. The reviewers will be evaluation professionals, foundation program and evaluation staff and board members, and other experts in Comprehensive Community Initiatives. Given the difficulty in concealing the identity of foundation programs, the journal will utilize a single-blind review process. That is, reviewers will know the identity of the authors, but authors will not know which reviewers commented on their article. A list of all reviewers will be included in each issue. Editorial guidelines will be provided to those who are invited to submit full papers.

Timeline:

March 1, 2008:	Abstracts of up to 250 words submitted to behrenst@gvsu.edu
March 15:	Notification of invitation for full paper or decline
May 30:	Full paper due
July 15:	Feedback from reviewers sent to authors
September 1:	Revised paper due
October 1:	Final comments back to authors
November 1:	Final papers due

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