



Quality Award in Funding Advice DRAFT

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National Funding Advice Partnership - Quality Award in Funding Advice DRAFT

Note: Some core activities demonstrate evidence to more than one outcome and therefore are repeated.

Overall aim: The organisation is able to provide quality funding advice to VCS

1. Outcome 1

The VCS has increased knowledge of a wide range of funding opportunities

Demonstrated by: The organisation:

- Provides a range of information on a wide range of funding sources
- Provides information about legal structures and the funding sources appropriate to each.
- Has knowledge of and signposts organisations to specialist support services about different kinds of funding.
- Produces newsletters informing the VCS of new and changing funding opportunities.

2. Outcome 2

The VCS has increased knowledge and understanding of appropriate and effective funding proposals and strategies.

Demonstrated by: The organisation:

- Ensures funding advisers undertake training to at least level 3.
- Provides access to continuing professional development training for funding advisers.
- Recognises and users the Funding Adviser's Competency Framework.
- Has the knowledge to support organisations by diagnosing their needs and capacity .
- Provides information and support to organisations in developing feasible funding proposals.
- Provides information and support on how to develop sustainable funding strategies

3. Outcome 3

4. Increased quality in funding advice provided to VCS

Demonstrated by: The organisation:

- Provides access to an ongoing mentoring / support programme for funding advisers
- Ensures funding advisers undertake specific foundation through to level 3 training.
- Provides access to continuing professional development training.
- Recognises and uses the Funding Adviser's Competency Framework.
- Implements a monitoring and evaluation process for advice service, which includes measuring the increase in confidence / skills of organisations to understand the funding and fundraising process.

5. Outcome 4

Increased capacity of VCS to submit effective, quality applications/bids

Demonstrated by: The organisation:

- Ensures funding advisers undertake specific foundation through to level 3 training.
- Implements a monitoring and evaluation process for advice service which provides evidence of no. of successful applications / bids and amount of funding secured.
- Recognises and uses the Funding Adviser's Competency Framework.
- Provides fundraising training to VCS or signposts to appropriate training / support
- Organises conferences or meetings which provide the VCS with opportunities to meet with funders.

6. Outcome 5

Increased understanding of the needs of the VCS by funders

Demonstrated by: The organisation:

- Provides the opportunity for funding advisers to attend FAWN meetings.
- Provides opportunities for the VCS to meet with funders so that needs can be identified and discussed.

7. Suggested examples of evidence.

- organisation's policies and procedures, newsletters and circulation, statistical information, monitoring and evaluation forms, enquiry forms including action plans, minutes of FAWN meetings, records of funders forum meetings, resources available, fact sheets, information sheets, briefings, training notes and information, health check forms.

How to measure = Similar to NAVCA, i.e. external assessment (including interviews with staff and stakeholders). This could be a remit for the National Funding Advisers Network.