

Roles and responsibilities should be negotiated and documented in a written agreement. Every sponsorship is different. Here are some basics to guide you.

Fiscal Sponsorship: Who Does What?

Fiscal SPONSOR

Sponsored PROJECT

tax-exempt status



Lends credibility of 501(c)(3) status to project

Has an obligation to disclose to donors if it does not have tax-exempt status

contributions



Receives and acknowledges charitable contributions

Builds and maintains relationships with donors

fees and funds



Retains control and discretion over funds

Pays administrative fee to and receives flow-through funds from sponsor

Requests records and reports to fulfill oversight responsibilities

oversight



communication

Communicates regularly with project

Complies with record keeping and reports requested by sponsor



Communicates regularly with sponsor

As fiscal sponsors, tax-exempt organizations can provide infrastructure and support for a start-up project or new organization, as well as a home for the organization's donations.

Existing 501(c)(3)s are also welcome to explore fiscal sponsorship.