

Grant Professionals of Lower Hudson



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GPLH Quarterly Newsletter December 2023

UPCOMING GPLH EVENTS

We are excited to let you know about the following programs we have coming up. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for email invitations for each program. Remember: GPLH members can attend all of our events for FREE. So if you haven't already joined, do so today at [this link](#). If you have any questions, suggestions for programs you'd like us to offer, or would like to join our program committee, please send us an email: info.gplh@gmail.com.

AI, Ethics and Grant Writing Thurs., Dec. 7, noon-1pm ~ ZOOM

AI can be a great time saver, but it's important to understand it and how to protect your organization. This session will explore how AI works, how to use it safely and effectively and clear up common misconceptions.

Our speakers are Afua Bruce, Principal, ANB Advisory Group LLC and adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University; Philip Deng, Cofounder and CEO, Grantable; and Margit Brazda Poirier, GPC, Owner, Founder, Grants for Good.

[Click here for details and registration.](#)

Writing Workshop for Impact100 Application
Wed., Dec. 13, 8:30-10:30am ~ ZOOM

GPLH is hosting a writing support session to discuss the mechanics and actual writing of the grant application for Impact100 Westchester's 2024 application, which is due 1/26/24.

The workshop will be led by Joanne Stewart, GPLH Board Secretary, and Owner/President of Goodworks Advisory Group, LLC.

[Click here for details and registration.](#)

GPLH Connection Calls

Every other month GPLH schedules a ZOOM session which is an open forum discussion. Participants ask questions, get advice from and support one another, share info, and more. This is a "members only" event - all members are welcome!

Our next Connections Call is scheduled for December 14 at 8:30am. [Learn more here.](#)

The Intersections of Grant Writing and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Wed., Jan. 10, noon-1pm ~ ZOOM

This session will review the DEI expectations of funders and how grant writers can incorporate DEI into their professional practice. We will also discuss the integration of theory for structuring and navigating the intersections of DEI and grant writing.

Our speakers are Maria Dautruche: Founder, Principal, the dopwell group llc, and Jeffrey Winthal: Director of Strategic Partnerships and Foundation Relations, United Way of Westchester and Putnam

[Click here for details and registration.](#)

Grant Budgets
Thurs., March 7, noon-1pm ~ ZOOM

This program will cover any questions you ever had about grant budgets. Topics will include projects versus programs, cash versus in-kind, match/cost share, overhead and indirect costs, accounting for personnel and volunteer costs, and much more.

Our speaker will be Eric Roth, Associate Director of Development and Grants, Mohonk Preserve, and GPLH Board Member

[Click here for details and registration.](#)

The NonProfit Audit and 990
April 18, 2024

This is Part II of the session previously presented by Beth Zolkind, former CFO of The Robin Hood Foundation. Beth spent years educating Program Officers at Robin Hood Foundation about what to look for when evaluating the financial health of nonprofits. The financial picture grantees present is often carefully reviewed. Grant writers might spend their time focusing on the narrative, but inconsistencies or red flags in the accompanying financial documents can easily derail a request for funding.

Save the date-details coming soon!

GPLH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become a GPLH Member Today

GPLH Membership is your golden ticket to connecting with colleagues, honing your skills, and accessing valuable resources to boost your win rates with grants.

GPLH members convene on our Zoom Connections Calls to share information and assist one another with challenges. Members have access to our growing bank of webinar recordings and materials. Additional benefits include the opportunity to be matched with a mentor to accelerate grant writing abilities and get valuable guidance and feedback from an experienced grant writer.

On January 1, membership rates will go up to \$100 from our long-standing annual rate of \$85.

If you haven't joined yet, or if your renewal date is December, don't procrastinate! Take advantage of the lower membership rate. [Join GPLH today.](#)



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Searching for Meet the Funders Photographer

If you were at Meet the Funders on Oct. 19, and took a photo after the event of the panelists, would you kindly send it to info.gplh@gmail.com? Our panelists would love to have a copy!

Do You Enjoy GPLH Programs and Offerings?

Consider joining us as a board member or committee member in 2024! We have an exceptionally congenial board that is very task-oriented. The time commitment is quite manageable.

- Joining the program committee is a great place if you are passionate about professional development.
- Membership can always use a few people to help us expand our reach, welcome new members, and think of new ways to engage early-career grant writers.
- Do you have social media savvy or some suggestions for sponsors? Tell us!
- Other areas of interest? Let us know.

To learn more, [click here](#) for a brief description of our committees and what they do.

Join us! Be part of our team. Just a few hours a month will make a difference in what we can accomplish and bring you closer to your peers. Being involved in GPLH is personally and professionally rewarding.

Questions? Email us at info.GPLH@gmail.com Or, use the forms below to nominate yourself:

- [Board member nomination form](#)
- [Committee nomination form](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Meet The Funders: Recap and Recording

On Oct. 19, a lively crowd gathered in person, and others joined via Zoom, to hear directly from the people who review grant applications and make funding decisions. GPLH invited funders representing disparate groups – arts, health, a community foundation, and a family foundation. It was a terrific and enlightening presentation.

If you missed it, and if you're a GPLH member, we've got a recap for you. It includes the key takeaways from the speakers, as well as a recording of the entire event.

[Read the summary and view the recording on our members-only page here.](#)

GPLH Offers An Amazing Free Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program is a great opportunity for early career professionals to receive hands-on learning and practice, combined with mentoring from a seasoned expert. Participants are connected with a professional grant writer, who gives the participant real projects to work on. For the mentor, it's a rewarding opportunity to pass on their knowledge and experience to others.

[Learn about our mentoring program here.](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Interested in Technology, Equity, and AI?

Grantable has put together modules about AI and grant writing including: Fundamentals of AI; AI for Grant Writing; Advanced AI for Grant Writing; and Ethical and Responsible AI Use. [View modules here.](#)

Also: NTEN has put together an Equity Guide for NonProfit Technology. [Download the guide here.](#)

Save the Date for the 2024 Nonprofit Leadership Summit.

Next year's United Way of Westchester and Putnam Nonprofit Leadership Summit will be held, in person and virtually, on **Tuesday, April 9th**, at the PepsiCo Theater at the Performing Arts Center of SUNY Purchase. The ticket pricing will be the same as last year: In-person tickets \$75/person (\$65/person if you order five or more tickets); Virtual-only tickets for \$25/person. Watch for scholarships for much smaller organizations serving traditionally underserved communities and that are led by BIPOC leaders.



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