Momentum Nonprofit Partners is excited to announce the launch of TeamUP, an 18-month intensive Standards for Excellence accreditation cohort designed to strengthen and raise the organizational capacity of participating organizations. Applications will officially be accepted beginning July 2022. Momentum is offering information sessions in Spring 2022 for organizations and stakeholders interested in learning more. **As funders, we ask that you please spread the word about our upcoming Info Sessions with your eligible grantees.**

**TeamUP Accreditation Cohort**

TeamUP is an intensive 18-month cohort program designed to build the capacity, reputation, and sustainability of organizations that achieve Accreditation through Momentum Nonprofit Partners and the Standards for Excellence Institute. Standards for Excellence accreditation sets organizations apart as top performers in the field. The Seal of Excellence lets donors know that precious resources are being stewarded wisely. The Seal of Excellence also gives the communities served, board, and staff confidence in the accredited nonprofits quality of programs, accountability and openness, and commitment to best practices.

**Standards for Excellence**

The Standards for Excellence aims to raise the level of accountability, transparency, and effectiveness of all nonprofit organizations to foster excellence and inspire trust. [The Standards for Excellence code](#) provides a framework and step-by-step guidelines to achieve a well-managed and responsibly governed organization. The code builds upon the legal foundations of nonprofit management, governance, and operations to embrace fundamental values such as honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, compassion, responsibility, and transparency. The code consists of six Guiding Principles in 27 topic areas with specific performance benchmarks that characterize effective, ethical, and accountable organizations. Momentum helps the nonprofit sector in Memphis and the Midsouth operate in accordance with the Standards of Excellence code by providing educational resources, assistance, and support.
Benefits of Accreditation

Research has shown that once an organization is accredited, they will:

- Improve board performance
- Raise more money
- Earn public trust
- Improved internal operations
- Become sustainable
- Identify growth opportunities
- Minimize risk
- Increase equity and inclusion

The Standards Effect

An independent study measured the impact of achieving Standards for Excellence accreditation, examining changes in funding before and after an organization gained accreditation. Accreditation was associated with increases in public support.

| Revenue Pre-Accreditation | $286,589 |
| Revenue Post-Accreditation | $323,754 |


Program Components

Participating organizations receive the following through the TeamUP program:

- Standards for Excellence Essentials trainings for board and staff
- Professional development courses for staff
- Toolkits with resources, customizable templates, and educational packets
- An organizational portfolio
- Ongoing support from licensed Standards for Excellence consultants
- Organizational assessment
- Ongoing support from Momentum staff
- Opportunities for peer learning
- Online social engagement
- Fun team building activities
- Monthly time blocks for completing the application

Program Cost

Only three (3) organizations will be accepted to participate. The cost is $20,000, BUT join us for our information session to learn how you can be fully reimbursed upon completion of your accreditation.

Eligibility Requirements

- Budget greater than $500,000 annually
- Organization legally established as a 501c3 organization for at least 3 years.
- At least 5 staff (3 full-time, 2 part-time)
- Executive director in role for at least 2 years
- Active board of directors that meet regularly
- Recorded board minutes for 3 years
- An existing strategic plan (opportunity to enhance/upgrade in the program)
- Board and executive commitment to 18 months in the Cohort
- Minimum monthly time commitment: Board members 10 hours/Staff 25 hours
- Agreement to pay cohort fees w/ opportunity to be reimbursed upon accreditation
Learn More at an Information Session
Wednesday, April 20th 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Virtual) REGISTER FOR INFO SESSION
Monday, May 9th 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (Virtual)
Wednesday, June 8th 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (In Person)

Program Timeline
July 1, 2022 - August 15, 2022: Application Submission Period
August 31, 2022: Accepted Applications Announced
September 2022: Onboarding
October 2022: Organizational Assessments
November 2022 - March 2024: Cohort Engagement

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