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# Group Leaders Meeting

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*Thursday, January 26, 2023, 2:30 - 4:30 PM*

# Introductions

- ▶ Name
- ▶ Foundation
- ▶ Affinity Group/Roundtable(s)
- ▶ Favorite MPN program/event and why?



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# 2022 Programming Highlights

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# Engagement Data

- 117 programs and group meetings
- Average attendance = 21 attendees
- Member Attendees - 285 individuals representing 89 organizations = 70% of member orgs
- Non-Member Attendees – 337 individuals representing 206 organizations
- Non-Member Speakers – 262 individuals representing 181 organizations

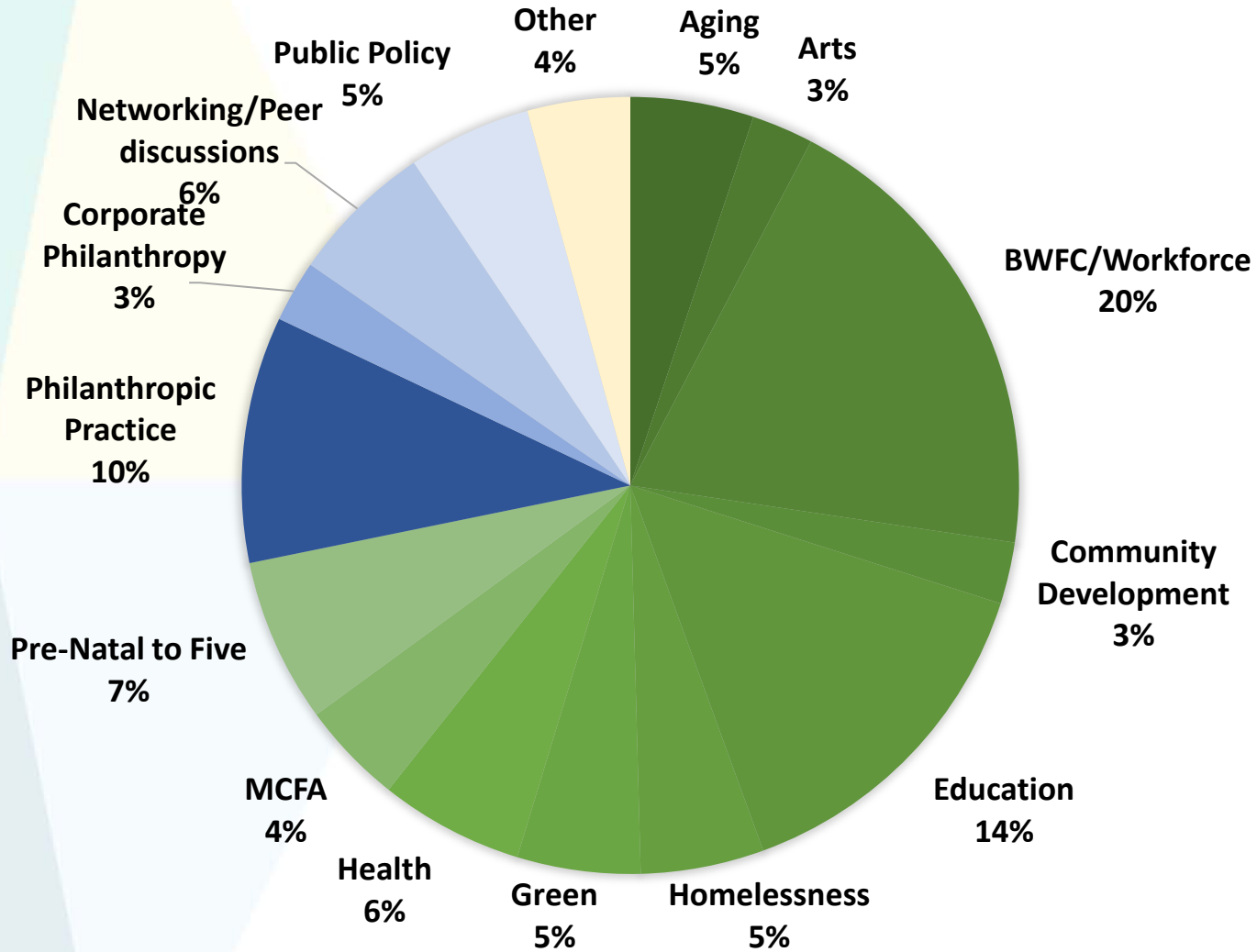
# Highest Attendance: Lara Hall!

43 Programs!!



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# TYPES OF PROGRAMS



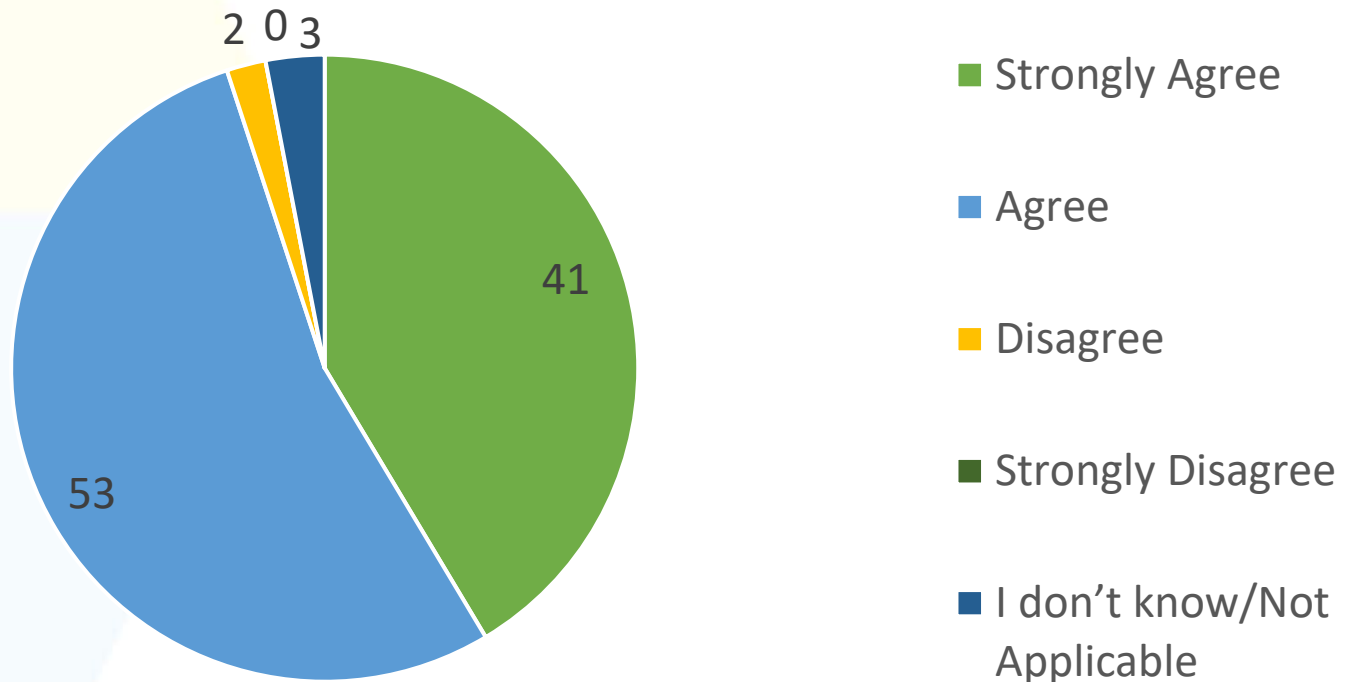


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# Member Survey and Program Impact Survey Highlights

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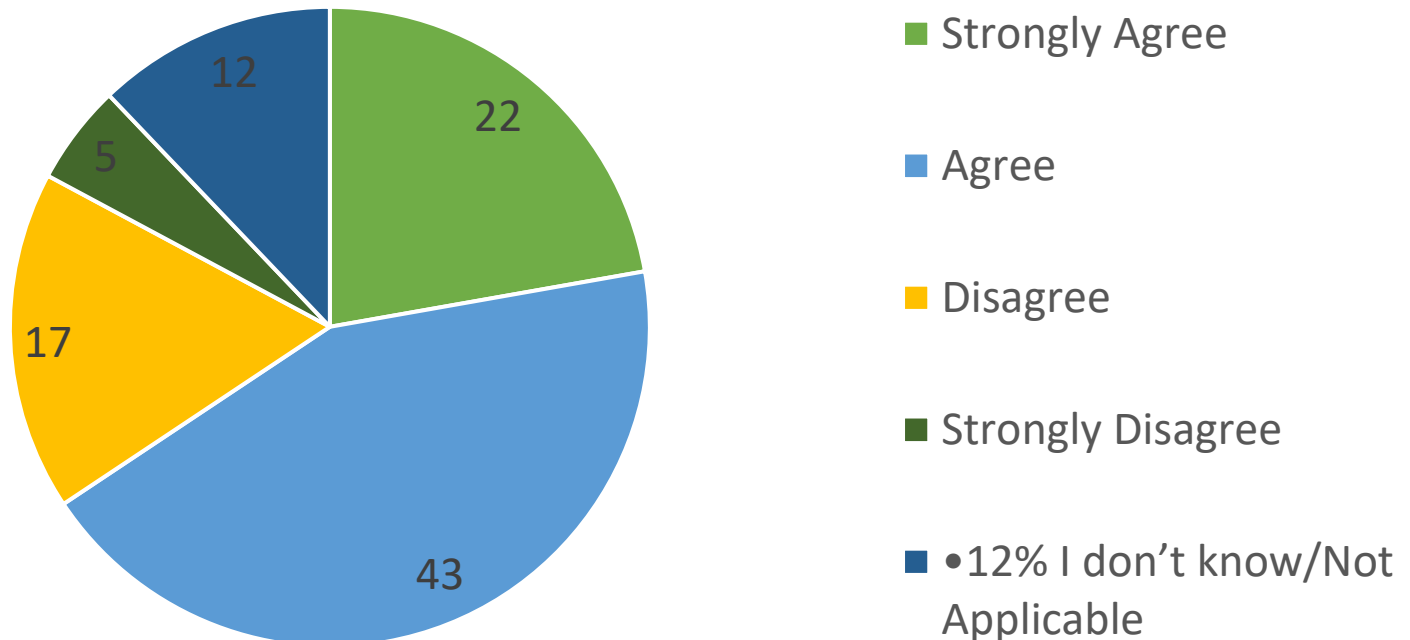
# Agree accounts for the majority of 'Member Services: MPN delivers quality programs, consultation, resources, and knowledge to members'.



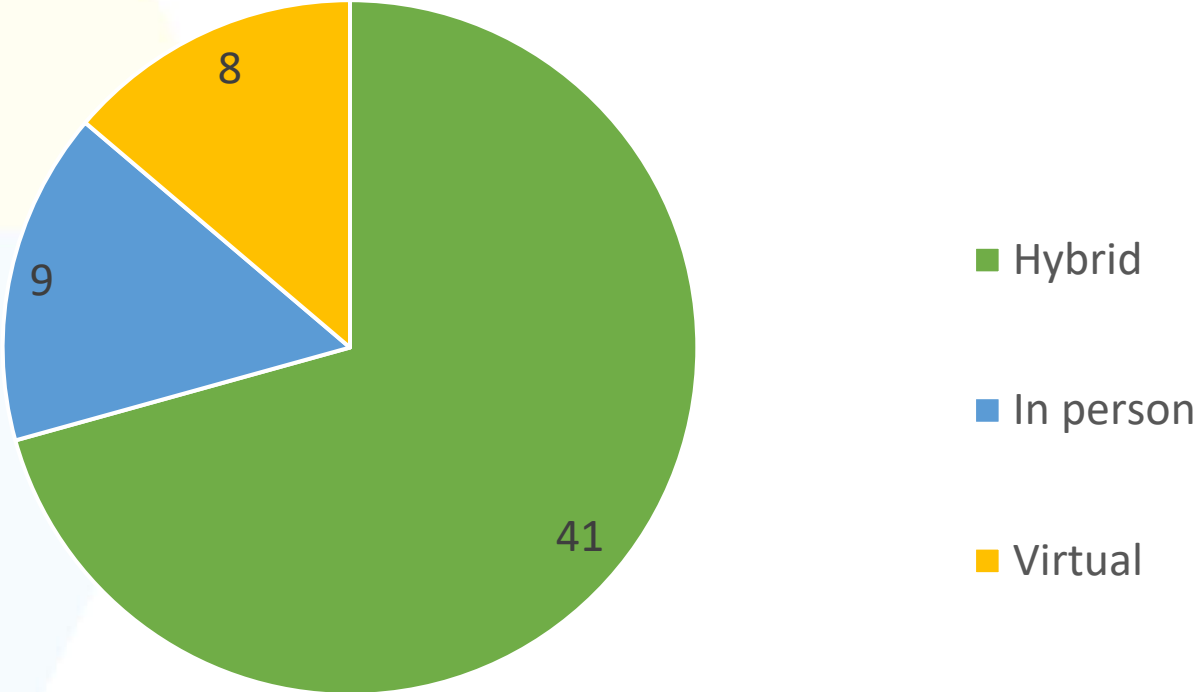


# Action Organizer: MPN brings members together to take collaborative action to deepen the impact of philanthropy.

Percent



# What kind of format would you like MPN's programming and events to be offered?



# What would you like MPN to focus more on in the coming year(s)?

1. Collaboration and Initiatives – 45
  - ▶ Funder Collaboration and Networking; Public-Private Partnership Facilitation; Nonprofit/Funder Collaboration and Networking
2. Professional Development – 24
  - ▶ Member programming on community issues; Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Trainings; Programming aimed at effective philanthropic practices; etc.
3. Research and Data – 23
  - ▶ Collecting and Publishing Philanthropic Data and Developing /Aggregating Tools and Resources
4. Other – 3

# What kind of programming would you like to see related to public policy?

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2. Programming on policy issues affecting communities – 38
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# Most Beneficial Programs

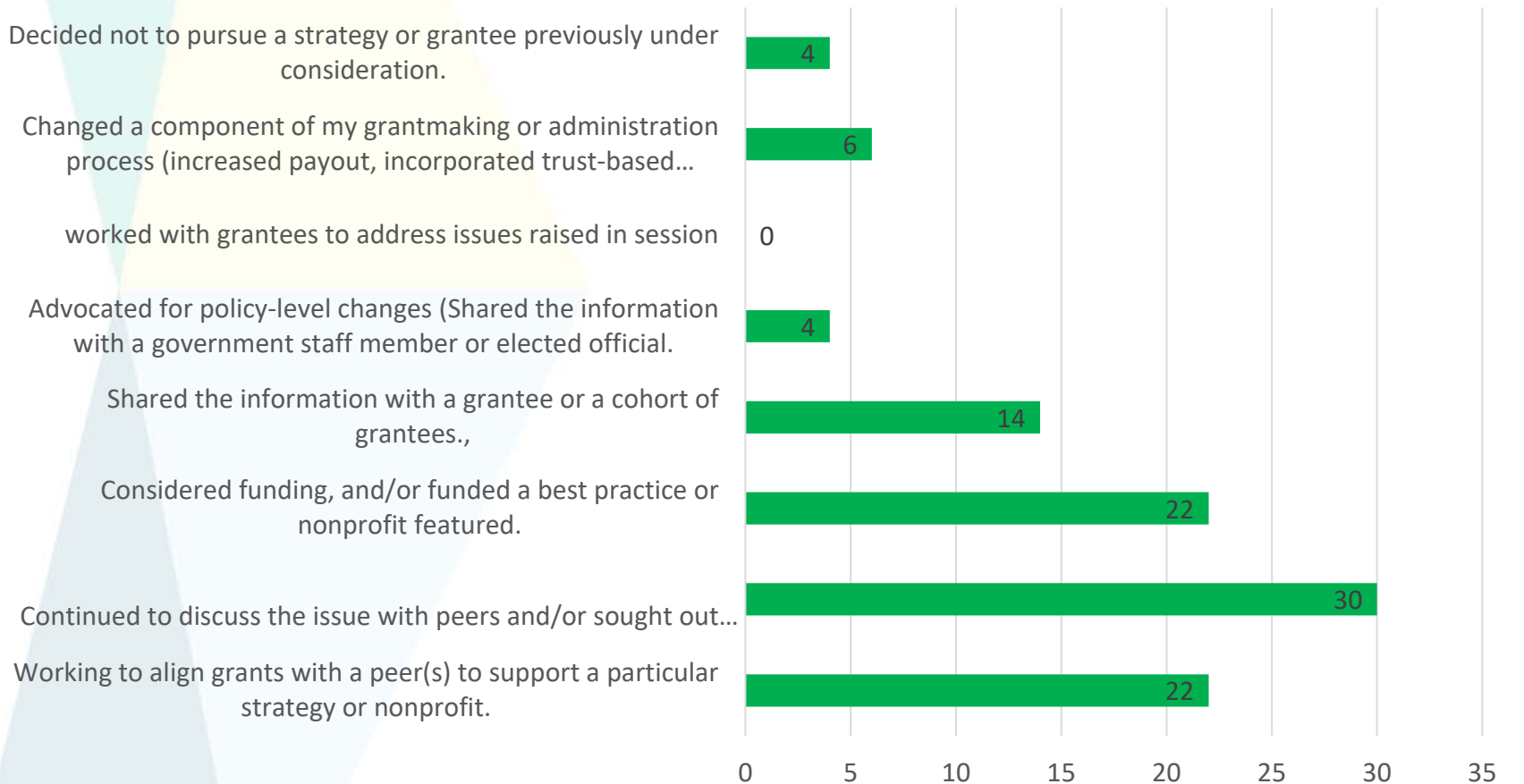
- ▶ The “most beneficial programs” were said to have these qualities:
  - the “right” speakers and information
  - Vibrant discussion with peers
  - great timing
  - clear examples/tools my org can use to improve our grantmaking
  - specifically discussed the philanthropic role in the issue

# Least Useful Programs

- ▶ The “least Useful programs” were said to have these qualities:
  - Lack of vibrant discussion;
  - Information was too advanced or too elementary;
  - did not include discussions with peers about how we can work together on the issue; or
  - too few perspectives represented.

# Impact of MPN Programs & Events

Check the action or impact a program had on your grantmaking  
(check all that apply)



# Interim President's Report

- ▶ New Strategic Framework
  - Member engagement that drives collective and collaborative action
  - Recommits MPN to racial equity and justice
  - Strengthens statewide focus
- ▶ Our issue-based funder affinity groups, funder roundtables
  - Drive programming designed to educate, inspire action and inform investment.
  - Shape MPN's Public Policy Priorities
  - Improve community conditions
- ▶ Developing MPN's Public Policy Priorities
- ▶ 40th Anniversary – Celebrating Our Members and gathering stories
- ▶ Questions or thoughts?



# Focus for 2023

- › Celebrating our MPN Community!
- › Balancing the Calendar
- › Strategic Collaborations – moving groups to action
- › Networking & Relationship Building
- › Communications - listserv, telling our stories
- › Increase our presence as a state-wide organization working on state-wide issues.
- › Program [Accessibility](#)

# Considerations

- ▶ Alignment with strategic framework
- ▶ Availability of calendar dates and overall timing issues
- ▶ Staff capacity/Consultant time
- ▶ Geographic scope
- ▶ Significance of the topic to multiple funders
- ▶ Availability of funder resource support and commitment
- ▶ Intersectionality with other MPN programs (if so, requires cross-group partnership)
- ▶ Would it exceed program allocation?

# Group Agreements

- ▶ Stories Stay, Lessons Leave
- ▶ Say Your Name
- ▶ Brave Space
- ▶ You Then Two
- ▶ Speak Your Truth & Use “I” Statements
- ▶ Literacy Moments
- ▶ Feel It, Share It
- ▶ Honor the Origin

# Implementing Programs

- ▶ What's working?
- ▶ What could be improved?

# Public Policy



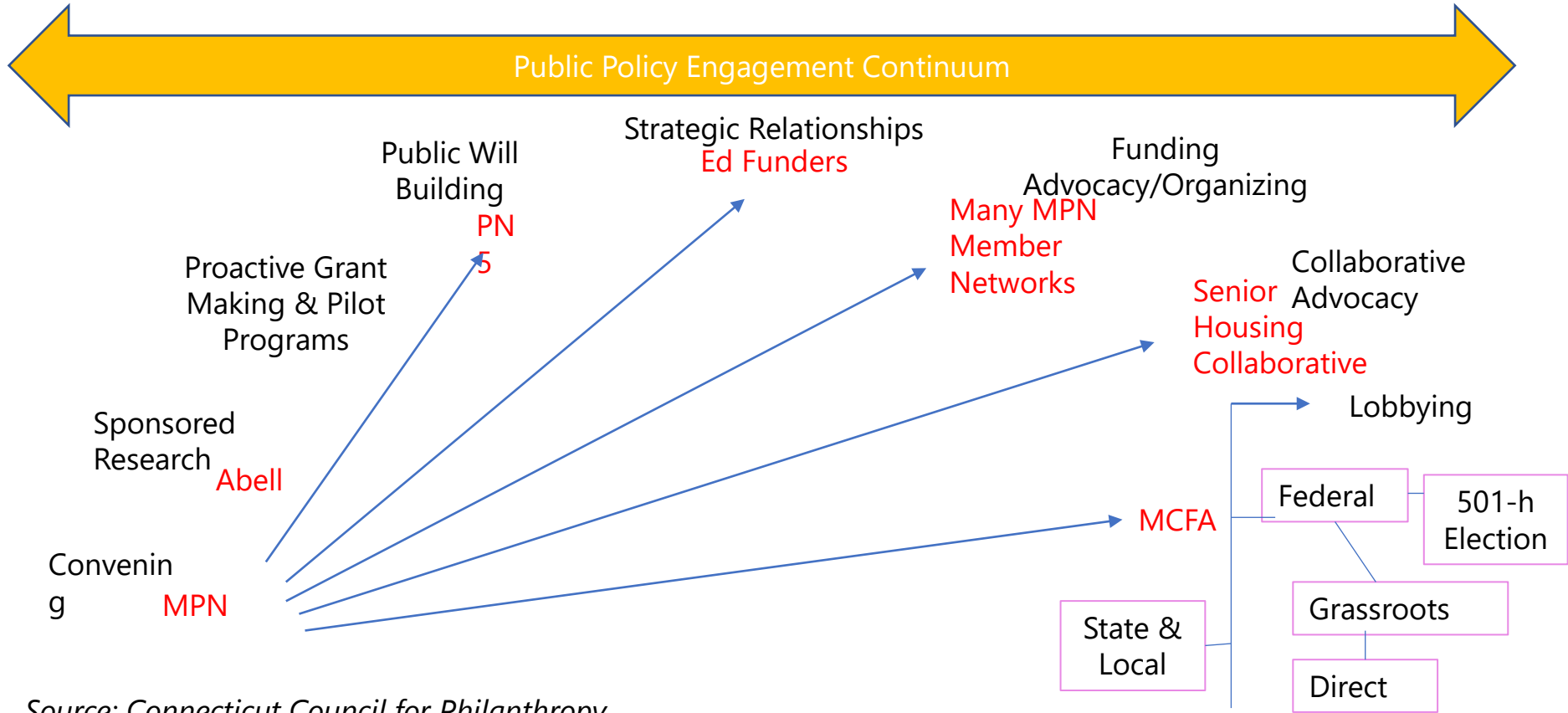
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4. Rules for engaging in policy activities (23)

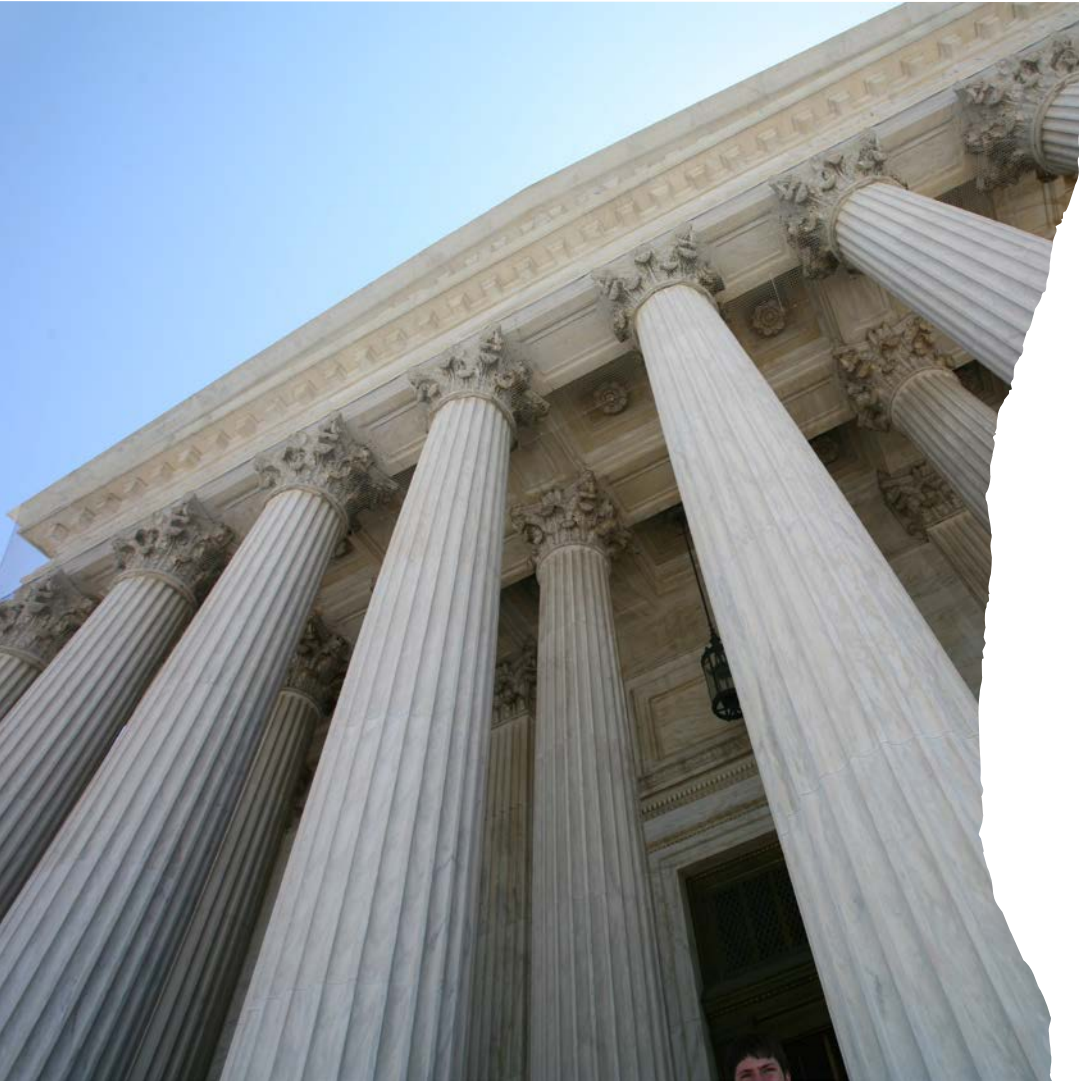
## **Vision for MPN's role in supporting a civic infrastructure:**

1. Data and decision-making (40)
2. Processes that support public/private partnerships (38)
3. Fair voting and elections (23)

# From Learning to Action



Source: Connecticut Council for Philanthropy



## MPN Strategic Objectives - Policy

- Grow and support the **capacity** of our member networks to engage in public policy
- Lead Maryland **philanthropic policy efforts** on sector-wide issues and regulatory expansion in defense of the sector
- Promote positive solutions to advance **equity and justice**





MPN – What will we offer?

# Timeline

- 2023 Legislative Session (January – May)
- Facilitators discussion (policy goals and intersections)  
- February
- Foundations on the Hill (February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>)
- MPN Public Policy Advisory Group (March convening)
- Day In Annapolis (Tentative - April)
- MPN Public Policy Committee (late Fall 2023)
- Programming (i.e., rules for public policy engagement, budget watch party, etc.) – Year-Round

# Next Steps - Get involved!

1. Identify the point person on public policy for your group
  - a) Liaison role
  - b) Engagement with the policy committee
  - c) Track your groups public policy goals and progress (i.e.; policy themes from programs, funding efforts, legislative debrief reports, share highlights for public policy newsletter, etc.)
2. Sign up for 2023 Foundations on the Hill!
3. Share your stories with us: [smartin@marylandphilanthropy.org](mailto:smartin@marylandphilanthropy.org)

## Questions for Members

What is the opportunity?

What would you like to see?

How do you want to be engaged?

# Collaboration Breakouts

- ▶ 10 minutes to prepare a brief report about their Group Plan:
  - What is a goal that you want your group to achieve this year?
  - Any Public Policy work to highlight?
  - What are a couple things that you would like to undertake together?
  - Name an affinity group with which to partner

# Collaboration Breakouts

1. Aging/Seniors and Housing
2. Arts
3. Education
4. Emergent Philanthropy
5. Funders Together to End Homelessness
6. Green
7. Health
8. Pre-Natal to 5
9. Workforce Development

Need to join someone virtually?

Call: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 882 0794 8220

# Collaboration Roundabout

- ▶ Each group will BRIEFLY share their thoughts.
- ▶ Other groups weigh-in and affirm if something is a shared interest
- ▶ Questions? Thoughts?
- ▶ Adjourn



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# Next Steps

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**Thank you!**