



### Guidelines for screening our involvement in Public Policy issues

- Is the request well within the CFGD's mission? Does the request fall within the Community Foundation's four outcome areas. (see attached)
- Does the issue ultimately improve CFGD, its constituents of donors and nonprofits, and the community?
- Does the issue draw on the expertise/knowledge of the CFGD as an organization?
- Does the CFGD have, or can it acquire adequate resources, including staff and money, to implement the strategies required to respond to the request?
- Is CFGD willing to support the request with its own unrestricted funds?
- Are others already addressing the issue?
- Would our involvement be considered a duplication of services?
- Do we want to be involved in a leadership role or can the CFGD identify and involve possible and probable partners?
- Is the request of the size and scope to allow the CFGD to have a measurable and significant impact?
- Does the impact or reward of becoming involved outweigh the risk?
- Can we identify an outcome?
- Is there consensus among committee members?

### Signals that indicate the CFGD's involvement may not be a good idea.

1. Goals can be accomplished through other, easier means.
2. Lack of agreement on the goals of the initiative.
3. Difficulty attracting a strong leader(s) or facilitator for the planning effort- and/or to lead the effort.
4. Difficulty getting participation from key constituencies.
5. Duplication of something well underway by an existing organization.
6. Difficulty getting decision makers on board for a community action forum.
7. Not enough lead time.
8. Difficulty raising enough money to effectively carry out the effort.
9. No evidence that the target audience will find the project compelling.
10. Conflict, diminishing interest, or poor attendance at planning group meetings.