

Visioning: Supporting Nonprofits & Strengthening Grant Applications

Visioning is available by request to nonprofits considering an Impact100 Martin grant application. They may be first-time, previous, or future applicants. These voluntary sessions occur in November and December before the January letter of intent (LOI) deadline.

Our Visioning Team aims to increase the quality and quantity of applications and support nonprofits before they submit their LOIs. Nonprofits not ready for an Impact grant can also benefit from meeting with the team. They can learn more about what we look for in key areas like organizational strength, financial stability, and sustainability.

Our Visioning Team supports nonprofits by:

- Exploring project ideas with organizations interested in applying for a grant
- Clarifying grant guidelines and the application process
- Helping identify possible collaborators for their project, if appropriate

Team members have in-depth grant experience, but they don't review applications before submission or give advice on pending applications. The Visioning Team works separately from the Grants Committee. To maintain objectivity, they won't share information that could impact an LOI's evaluation by the Grants Committee and don't participate in the grant evaluation process. Once the grant application process has begun, the Visioning Team's work is done.

How Visioning works:

- A pair of team members meet with interested organizations in person for one hour. They will answer questions and offer unbiased feedback. They will not tell agencies what to do.
- We recommend nonprofits include a board member, grant writer, and the Executive Director in the meeting.

Nonprofits can learn about Impact100 Martin's grant application process by attending our annual **Grant Workshop** and reviewing our **Grant Guidelines** and **Grant FAQs** found under the Grants tab on our website <u>www.impact100martin.org</u>

Interested nonprofits may request a meeting by contacting the Visioning Team at: <u>Visioning@impact100martin.org</u>