

## **Next steps for the Inner North Community Foundation, Melbourne, Australia**

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### **Abstract**

Successful, well-rounded community foundations are thought to perform three distinct functions: grantmaking, promoting philanthropy, and acting as community leaders. Sharon Nathani's paper provides a case study of the Inner North Community Foundation in Melbourne, Australia, in order to consider how the foundation stacks up against this model, and to explore the means by which community foundations in urban areas can broaden their scope to more relevantly serve their constituents.

Rather than serve solely as a vehicle for donor-advised philanthropy, Ms. Nathani argues, the Inner North Community Foundation would do better to expand donor services from its singular focus on creating pathways to employment and in so doing be in a position to promote social change and identify the direct needs of the community more broadly.

Ms. Nathani posits several methods for the Inner North Community Foundation to maximize its potential: emphasize the development of donor relationships, cultivate donor support, develop improved working relationships with local government, expand donor services, and more clearly articulate the benefits of named sub-funds. These methods, in turn, will allow the foundation to reach the next stage in its development by enhancing its reputation and ensuring its future sustainability, thus providing an applicable model for other urban community foundations at similar phases of organizational growth.

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