



**Sustained
Collaboration**
What it is and How
MassCollab Works

Why Collaboration?

Nonprofits matter.

Sustained collaboration is a path to long-term strength and greater impact.



Introduction and History of MassCollab

MassCollab was formed following initial conversations in late 2023 with Jeff Feingold, a long-time social entrepreneur and philanthropist, along with SeaChange Capital and The Lodestar Foundation. The Barr Foundation joined the collaborative in 2024. Since that time, more than 12 additional funders from across the state have joined MassCollab.

MassCollab was modeled after other successful collaborative funding initiatives across the country that are part of the **Sustained Collaboration Network**.

MassCollab is a pooled fund, governed by a group of funders that make up the Governance Committee. This committee votes on grant proposals and works together to determine the direction of the fund.

Jennie Segel, the Initiative Manager, is the contact person and staff for the fund. This position maintains **strict confidentiality** and works with you throughout the process.



MassCollab Funders



Cyrus Daftary

Eastern Bank Foundation

Jeff Feingold

Landry Family Foundation

MassMutual Foundation

SeaChange Capital

The ALKU Foundation

The Barr Foundation

The Boston Foundation

The Devonshire Foundation

**The Irene E. and George A. Davis
Foundation**

The Jaffe Family Fund

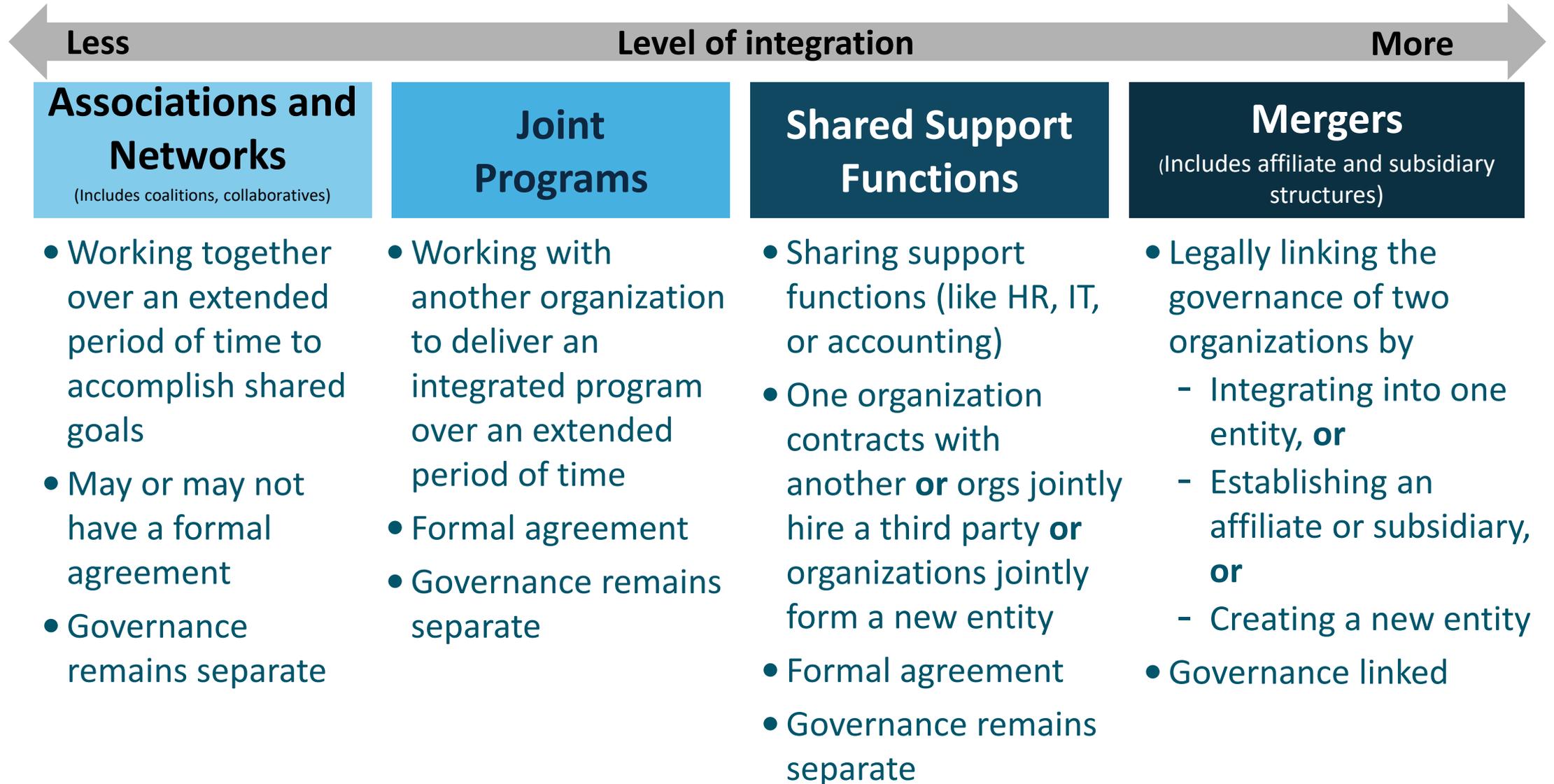
The Klarman Family Foundation

The Lodestar Foundation

The Shapiro Foundation

Others

Four Types of Formal Collaboration



Overview:

Goal is to create a catalytic and transformative collaborative funding initiative that funds strategic and sustained collaboration between **two or more** nonprofits.

Grants **fund third-party costs** specifically related to exploration and implementation activities (ie consulting, legal advice, integration of systems, processes and more).

Governance Committee is made up of funders who vote on each project.

MassCollab grants can fund anywhere on the spectrum of collaboration. These are meant to be **permanent structural changes** to at least one of the organizations.

We fund two types of grants: **Exploratory** and **Implementation**

The Basics:



- Sector-plural (any sector)
- Any size organization (at least one must be 501c3)
- Grants are made to 2 or more organizations
- Statewide in Massachusetts

- Range in grant size
 - **Exploration** up to \$50,000
 - **Implementation** up to \$75,000
 - Grant size is based on technical assistance estimates/proposals
 - Don't typically fund the entire request

How MassCollab Works:

1. The Initiative Manager is your contact, and maintains confidentiality throughout the process. The goal is a safe space.
2. **Both Executive Directors and representatives of the board** should be at a meeting with Initiative Manager before an application is sent.
3. Written application will be sent to nonprofit partners **after a discussion** with the Initiative Manager to make sure the project is aligned with MassCollab's funding guidelines.
4. **We have a rolling application cycle** and monthly voting by Governance Committee (funders). Meant to be fast moving and not meant to be a foundation.

Questions?

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