

# Update on “Great Idea #39: Sharing highly-rated proposals”

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Proposed steps to take, hopefully by March 2012:

1. Talk to Diane DeTroye about what she is able/willing to share (if anything) – perhaps the names of states with highly-rated annual proposals (if those states give permission to share that information).
2. (In parallel with #1.) Identify directors willing to share highly-rated annual proposals. They could offer full, partial, or thoroughly-redacted proposals. We suspect it is unlikely that proposals can be stripped of ALL identifying information and still remain readable/useful.
3. Establish a password-protected web site (possibly hosted by the Foundation) to make the documents available to directors.

Actual progress as of March 2, 2012:

1. Diane DeTroye said she cannot share any state's annual proposal, even with the state's permission. However she pointed out that good reports often go hand-in-hand with good proposals and that many reports are publically available (posted on-line).
2. Aileen polled directors about their willingness to share annual proposals or annual reports or 5-year reports which they perceived were highly rated. "A few" directors have already agreed to do so.
3. Aileen contacted the Foundation about possibly establishing a password-protected site on which to post documents. For starters she also volunteered to collect (and lightly redact) proposals/reports.

Summary: Progress is being made to implement Great Idea #39. Additional details need to be worked out (with the Foundation) such as those related to on-going collection of materials, to ensure model proposals/reports are as current as possible. With a bit more work, it might be possible for this to be in place in time to assist with responding to the RFP for 2013 funding.

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