

## A Spectrum of Possibilities

Grantmaking	Donor Service and Asset Development	Community Leadership
Responsive grants to alleviate poverty	Bring in guest speakers on poverty for donor education	Contribute time and money to poverty think tanks and forums
Reponsive grants to prevent poverty	Invite donors to meet poverty grantees	Commission research into poverty
Grants to build the capacity of poverty activists and coalitions	Take donors to tour poor neighbourhoods and do site visits to poverty organizations	Convene local funders to coordinate approaches to community poverty
Leadership development grants for marginalized people	Highlight poverty grant stories in newsletters, website, annual report	Convene stakeholders (people living with poverty, poverty organizations, politicians etc.) to discuss the reality of poverty and possible solutions
Grants to research poverty	Talk to donors about value of long-term funding to poverty reduction programs	Facilitate exchange between grassroots groups and policy-makers
Call for proposals on poverty reduction	Offer innovative fund opportunities like micro-loan funds	Facilitate exchange between leaders from different sectors (poverty advocates, social services, business, government, etc.)
Funding of economic opportunity initiatives and social innovation	Attract a challenge gift to build a fund for poverty reduction initiatives	Fund and promote advocacy efforts that support poverty reduction
Strategic grantmaking focus on poverty		Provide leadership to community-wide efforts to reduce poverty
Multi-year commitments to poverty programs		Step out as a prominent voice on poverty reduction
Investment of foundation assets in social enterprise funds for grantmaking		

### Community Foundation Governance and Administration

- Simplify granting guidelines and application process/remove barriers for grassroots poverty groups
- Create grant and program evaluation methods that reflect the long-term nature of social change
- Use board and staff meetings to learn about poverty
- Take board and staff on site visits to poverty organizations
- Learn about social policy and how it is made/changed
- Increase the diversity of your staff, volunteers and Board
- Recruit low-income advocates and residents onto your advisory committees
- Train staff and volunteers on how to work collaboratively
- Consider socially responsible investment of assets
- Use your financial assets to support poverty reduction opportunities like social housing development, loan funds etc.