



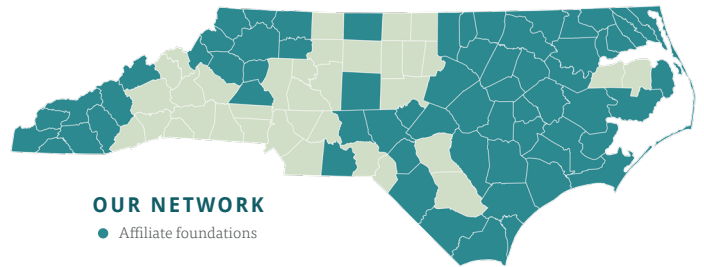
Roles and Responsibilities of NCCF Affiliate Advisory Boards



The North Carolina Community Foundation’s mission is to inspire North Carolinians to make lasting and meaningful contributions to their communities. NCCF achieves its mission in part through its statewide network of 53 affiliate foundations serving 60 counties in North Carolina, including many rural communities.

The local leaders of our affiliate foundations are the roots of NCCF and are integral to a strong and successful local community foundation. Advisory board members understand and believe in the power of philanthropy to build strong and thriving communities. They encourage community members to make charitable gifts to their grantmaking fund. They know their community’s needs and make impactful grants to local causes through their community grantmaking fund.

Advisory board members also act as convenors, bringing people together to discuss concerns and opportunities in their community. Strong leadership is critical to the success of an affiliate community foundation.



Advisory board members are selected based on their knowledge of community needs and community involvement. Members also represent the geographic and cultural diversity of their community, and their perspectives are critical to the overall success of the affiliate.

Serving as an advisory board member is an opportunity to make a lasting and meaningful contribution to your community by bringing together generous people to make a difference through philanthropy.

What an affiliate advisory board does

- Inspires philanthropy in the community by encouraging local donors to establish charitable funds and/or make gifts to the community grantmaking fund.
- Educates/promotes/informs community members about the local community foundation's work.
- Serves as an effective community grantmaker by making impactful grants based on an assessment of community needs.
- Engages in community leadership initiatives.

Building an effective affiliate advisory board

Affiliate advisory boards benefit from the skills, talents and lived experience of each member. NCCF has clearly defined roles and expectations for all affiliate advisory board members. Advisory board members should bring:

- A commitment to the values, vision and mission of NCCF
- Their diverse perspectives to the table when it comes to community needs, board recruitment and grantmaking
- An ability and willingness to engage in meetings and serve on the board
- Visibility in and knowledge of the community
- Strong personal ethics

New board member orientation

NCCF wants all affiliate advisory board members to understand how we collectively serve North Carolinians through the power of permanent philanthropy. After election to membership, new board members participate in a comprehensive orientation program that covers:

- What is a community foundation?
- Community grantmaking
- Asset and new fund development
- Promoting your affiliate
- NCCF statewide network and putting your work into action

New advisory board member orientation sessions are held in January, March, May, July and September via Zoom.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AFFILIATE BOARD MEMBERS

- Serve a three-year term
- Attend and participate in regular meetings of the board
- Make an annual financial contribution to the community grantmaking fund
- Utilize the Criteria for Success to implement successful strategies to strengthen the work of the affiliate
- Understand and participate in asset development for their community
- Identify and encourage nonprofit organizations, individuals and families, and businesses to establish charitable funds
- Promote the affiliate's work through their network
- Connect NCCF with local professional advisors