



TALK TO CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TOOL

# Template for Quick Facts & Story About Your Foundation

## Quick Facts

- ★ Our grantmaking priorities are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ In 2009, we granted \_\_\_\_\_ to nonprofits in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ★ Right now, we're very focused on \_\_\_\_\_, a key challenge facing our community.

## Story About Your Foundation

*To illustrate the value of foundations to candidates and elected officials, it is important to tell stories that demonstrate your impact and how you can work with government. Here are questions to help structure a story about the work of your foundation:*

- ★ What grant had a measurable impact on addressing a tough challenge facing Connecticut?
- ★ Who did you convene to help implement the solution?
- ★ What was the outcome?

## Sample Story

Foundations are working to strengthen Connecticut's communities. During the deepest recession that the State has experienced in decades, the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, on behalf of its private sector funders, worked in collaboration with the Governor's Task Force on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund (TANF ECF), which brought together foundations, nonprofits, workforce boards and state departments, in particular the Department of Social Services (DSS), to leverage some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's \$139 million earmarked for Connecticut. By reaching out to Connecticut funders and nonprofit organizations and working with our partners on the Task Force, the Council helped the State leverage \$34.5 million in funds to assist the most needy Connecticut families. Working together, foundations, nonprofit organizations and state government have helped attract this 4-1 Federal match by using largely philanthropic dollars in this unique public/private effort.