**What to Know about Community Partners’ Audited Financials**

**Background**

Community Partners (CP) serves as fiscal sponsor for organizations that do not have their own nonprofit status. CP provides the legal and financial framework and all back -office operations including finance, grants administration and compliance, HR and legal resources. Additionally, CP provides infrastructure and expertise, and facilitates collaborations and convenings for projects.

This powerful resource allows leaders the flexibility to pursue their vision and build their work in the community. If, at some point, the project decides to secure its own nonprofit status, they can simply spin off from CP or, as many do, they may continue as a fiscally sponsored project with CP indefinitely.

In addition, Community Partners provides the capacity for projects to legally raise public and private charitable dollars to implement their work. CP handles all the audits and other compliance issues required by these funders.

**As you review the Community Partners financials, here are some things to keep in mind:**

* Audited Financials represent a consolidated view of **all** activities and fiscal projects that fall under the CP umbrella.
* We do **not** audit individual projects
	+ Individual project financial statements can be provided to funders upon request.
* CP finance staff works closely with project leaders and our independent auditors, to ensure that all financials are accurate and grant compliance requirements are met in a timely fashion.
* Financial statements will be provided at the project level for funders upon request.

**As you review the Community Partners Form 990, here are some things to keep in mind:**

* The Form 990 represents the consolidated revenue and expenses of **all** CP fiscal projects and intermediary contracts.
	+ There are **no** 990s for individual projects.
* Numbers in the Form 990 reflect all CP core staff that support projects and the number of legally employed staff at CP, inclusive of all projects, (approximately 800 as of November 2023).
* Total Functional Expenses represent consolidated expenses of 181 fiscal projects.
* The grant writing contractors listed are secured by our various projects.
* Grants distributed reflect funds disbursed on behalf of our projects, including internationally focused initiatives with grants going overseas.
* Top salaries noted include CP leadership and project leaders as required by the Form 990.
* Funding for advocacy represents CP projects promoting systems change who need the help of legislators and civic leaders.

The fiscal sponsorship model provides huge value to nonprofits attempting to focus all their efforts on impacting change in the community. We trust that funders and other civic leaders will see the strength that CP provides on the fiscal and operations side.