

Levels of Due Diligence

The purpose of Excellence in Giving performing due diligence is to provide clients with the desired level of confidence prior to making significant charitable gifts. Each client selects the level of due diligence necessary for them to give confidently to organizations/projects which have a high probability of success.

Basic Organizational Evaluation™ suggested for gifts under \$25,000 Level 1 The Basic Organizational Evaluation™ validates the financial accountability and sustainability of the organization and \$2,000 assesses its current status and growth plans. \$3,000 **☑ Review** 3 years of annual reports **☑ Review** 3 years of IRS 990 forms **☑ Analyze** program models and results Level 1 Time*: 3 wks **☑ Phone interview** with COO/CFO **☑ Analyze** quality controls ☑ Review Analytical Overview

Level 2 The Intermediate Organizational Evaluation™ assesses the organization's (1) Strategy, (2) Finances, and (3) Impact. \$5,000 -In addition to the Level 1 analysis of financial and organizational health, the probability of successful outcomes is \$7,000 calculated based on organizational strategy, program models, and operating history. **☑ Review** 3 years of annual reports **☑ Review** 3 years of IRS 990 forms ✓ **Analyze** program models and results Level 1 **☑ Review** Analytical Overview **☑ Phone interview** with COO/CFO Time*: 3-5 wks **✓ Analyze** quality controls Level 2 **☑ Analyze** Strategic Plan ✓ **Analyze** financial audits/budgets ✓ **Analyze** 3 years of recent board minutes

Detailed Organizational Evaluation™ suggested for gifts between \$75,000 and \$200,000 Level 3 The **Detailed Organizational Evaluation** assesses the organization's (1) Strategy, (2) Governance, \$10.000 -(3) Finances, and (4) Impact. In addition to the Level 2 analysis, Senior leadership, board members, organizational \$13,000 operations, and measures of effectiveness are evaluated by the Impact and Organizational Assessment. **☑ Review** 3 years of IRS 990 forms **☑ Review** 3 years of annual reports **☑ Analyze** program models and results Level 1 **☑ Review** Analytical Overview **☑ Phone interview** with COO/CFO **✓ Analyze** quality controls Time*: 5-7 wks ☑ Analyze Strategic Plan ✓ **Analyze** financial audits/budgets **☑ Analyze** 3 years of recent board minutes

Intermediate *Organizational Evaluation*™

☑ Categorize investor concerns

suggested for gifts between \$200,000 and \$500,000 Level 4 Complete Organizational Evaluation™ The Complete Organizational Evaluation™ provides a comprehensive assessment of an organization's \$16.000 -(1) Strategy, (2) Governance, (3) Finances, (4) Impact and (5) Communication and Technology. An on-site \$20,000 assessment is conducted at the headquarters and/or project location(s) after initial data analysis. **☑ Review** 3 years of annual reports **☑ Review** 3 years of IRS 990 forms ✓ **Analyze** program models and results Level 1 **✓ Analyze** quality controls **☑ Review** Analytical Overview ✓ **Interviews** with Senior Leadership Level 2 **☑ Analyze** Strategic Plan ✓ **Analyze** financial audits/budgets **✓ Analyze** 3 years of recent board minutes **☑** Categorize investor concerns **✓ Analyze** organizational structure **☑** Impact & Organizational Assessment Level 3 Time*: 7-9 wks **☑ Review** staff and board bios **☑ Compare** peer organizations **Site visit** to HQ and/or project site(s) Level 4 **☑ Analyze** fundraising plan ☑ **Identify** strategic funding options **☑ Analyze** marketing plan

✓ Analyze organizational structure

Level 5 starting at

\$25,000

Time*: 3 mos

Comparative Industry Analysis

Level 2

Level 3

suggested for cumulative gifts above \$500,000

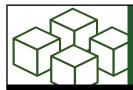
suggested for gifts between \$25,000 and \$75,000

☑ Impact & Organizational Assessment

The Comparative Industry Analysis situates the financial status, program accomplishments, and organizational model among peer organizations in the same sector.

✓ **Includes** all level 4 analysis and activity ✓ **Compare** organization to Level 1 analysis of 2-4 peer organizations

- All completion times subject to the timely submission of data by the organizations under evaluation
- International travel expenses plus \$1,000 per day of work performed internationally is not included in the above prices.



Levels of Due Diligence

What does EIG evaluate?

At each level of due diligence Excellence in Giving evaluates the following characteristics of an organization at different degrees of detail:

	<u>Topic</u>	EXAMPLE INQUIRY
•	Governance	Is there accountability between staff and an experienced and diverse board?
•	Strategy	Does the organization have a detailed and long-term strategic plan?
•	Impact	Has the organization commissioned independent surveys of long-term impact on people?
•	Finances	Does the organization maintain low debt and healthy cash reserves?
•	Sustainability	Has the organization finished 3 of the last 4 fiscal years in the black?
•	Scalability	Does the organization have a viable plan for expansion with increased cash donations?
•	Technology	Is the efficiency of the organization hindered by current technological infrastructure?
•	Communication	Does the organization have a working plan for internal and external communications?

What tools does EIG use?

EIG has developed a number of evaluative tools and a network of international experts to carefully identify strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and red flags at a particular organization. Two exemplary evaluative approaches include:

- Impact & Organizational Assessment (IOA) questionnaire. EIG research staff perform a differential analysis on completed IOAs after 2 or 3 senior executive staff and 2 or 3 board members complete the 125-question assessment. The results identify potential problem areas, needed improvements and strengths and weaknesses.
- Board minutes analysis. EIG research staff analyze 3 years of board minutes to identify trends in oversight and organizational direction, to determine whether the board errs in micromanagement or in lack of critical feedback, and to evaluate the board's input during financial and leadership crises.

What do EIG clients learn?

After the completion of organizational evaluations clients learn:

- Investor Concerns: Potential risks related to the organization's ability to deliver results
- S.W.O.T. Analysis: Summary of internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats
- Investor Recommendations: Strategic funding opportunities to increase organizational capacity, quality of work, and results if current performance justifies new support

EIG's "no conflict of interest" evaluation allows clients to make informed giving decisions. If you think about it, we pay researchers to advise us on how we invest money for significant ROI, why would we not do the same so that our charitable investments have their maximum impact?

