

# Resource from Capital Philanthropy

**A Framework for Giving**

Is this important to you as a donor or funder?

Have you taken a good look at it?

**Is this a critical factor?**  
Will discussions about this topic or issue be central to your board's or family's decision-making process?

**Do you ask a question?**  
Is there a specific question about this topic in your application? Or do you, or program staff, explore this in conversations with a nonprofit?

**Is this brought up with everyone?**  
Is this question or topic explored with ALL nonprofits, both those you already support and potential grantees?

**Is your question or is this topic new?**  
Have you considered the many ways this could be received or interpreted by a nonprofit?

**What about interpretation?**  
Are you, or the staff, prepared to help organizations who might interpret this question differently than you anticipated?

**What will you learn?**  
Are you ready to consider the responses to your new question over time to assess its impact on your decision-making?



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