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THE FUNDRAISING PLANS National Main Street Center Components of the Plan Heart of Biddeford PROPOSED FUNDRAISING PLAN 2020 - Municipal contribution 2021 Total Income/Operating Budget - Annual Pledge Drive - Friends of Main Income Sources Municipal Support \$35,000 \$40,000 Street/Residents \$11,000 - Grants Businesses Outside Downtown (industrial, retail, service) \$5,000 \$2,900 Residents (giving levels and local philanthropists) \$5,000 \$5,600 - Merchandise Sales Civic Organizations (can include project support) - Sponsorships Special Event Income (list events seperately note the cost of the event and net proceeds, sponsorships) 1. River Jam - Special Event and Special \$6,500 \$0 Fundraising Event Income Project income \$4,700 \$6,000 \$1,300 Raffle Various (bottle drive, fee for services) - Fundraising Events Special Projects Fundraising (streetscape, etc.) - BID, TIF (other Grants (specifically applied for grants not corp. donations) \$30,000 \$35,000 assessment districts) Merchandise Sales \$1,500 S Endownments/Planned Giving Other (please note specifically) Surplus and bank interest. \$0 \$3,200 Balance your funding \$101 100 \$112,000

#1 - PUBLIC FUNDING CITY FUNDING



CITY FUNDING





➤ Why should the Public Sector fund (and continue funding) Main Street?

- + Now more than even, Main Street is helping small businesses with dedicated efforts
- + Leverage private sector partnerships
- + Increased community buy-in and investment
- + Economic Impact / Stronger Economic Base

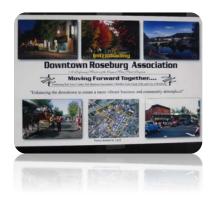
ASSURING (CONTINUING OR INCREASING) CITY FUNDING

- Communications
 - > Who? Mayor, city council, city/town administrator
 - ➤ What is your message?
 - What will you do to ease their workload, and improve the economics of the community?
- Educate City Officials (Small business survey reports from NMSC, what you're hearing from business and property owners, clear picture of your financial position)
- Share the value of dedicated staff working for downtown and volunteer hours donate annually – this is not an organization the city/town would want to lose.
- ➤ What do you need their funding for? COVID? Operations?

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#2 - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS TYPICAL ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS

- + Assign a Campaign Chair
 - Organization Chair
 - Board Chair (early organizer)
 - Local Celebrity/Wealth
- + Ask every board member to make a personal contribution
- + Set a Fundraising Goal for each category (public, corps, residents, stakeholders)
- + Ask for multi-year pledges
- + Identify potential supporters, investors, members
- + Establish the timeline ideally 4-8 weeks



#2 - <u>NOW</u> ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS TYPICAL ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS

- + Continue to send out annual support requests.
- + Ask every board member to make a personal contribution.
- + Consider offering monthly or quarterly payments.
- + Identify potential new supporters, investors, members- residential campaign.
- Support the NMSC \$100M ask with your congressional delegation.



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WHAT WILL YOUR FUNDRAISING MESSAGE BE ?

- + "In uncertain times, the stability of your annual support is needed..."
- Include how your organization is responding to COVID and still carrying out its mission. These are uncertain times for everyone, so it's important to inject comfort and optimism. Care without panic.
- Share a story of a recent success that you initiated since COVID began (thanks from a business for help, successful promotion, etc.)
- + Tell them how you will use their gift of support/donation



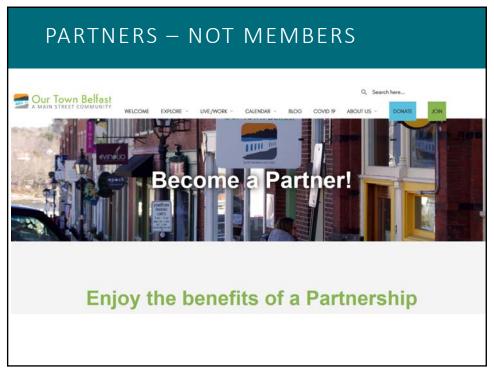
Successful fundraising requires you to inspire and engage donors

Vithout an effective message, even the best-laid fundraising plans can fail, Consider theorem tips for effective fundraising communication.

Source: https://www.missionbox.com/article/410/7tips-for-a-strong-fundraising-message











THE RESULTS...... Our Town Bellast + Growth had been consistent through 2019 + Some thought an ask for \$ 12,960.80 Actual 2017 support should not be taken on during COVID -Actual 2018 \$ 17,506.00 but they asked anyway Actual 2019 \$ 22,694.00 + No one has dropped their Adjusted Projected 2020 \$23,000 partnership – though they lowered expectations for 2020 with new partners (still planning for a slight increase)

SOLICIT BUSINESSES DOING BUSINESS IN THE DISTRICT and located elsewhere







- Ask businesses in the district to make a list of businesses they use (trash haulers, uniform and carpet runner suppliers, restaurant and beverage suppliers, landscaping services, contractors, planners, equipment/repair, etc.)
- + Target those that are doing well during COVID.
- + Have those businesses hand letters to those vendors. Or get contact info for corporate offices.
- + Look at businesses in your community, but not in downtown





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WHAT INDUSTRIES/BUSINESS ARE LESS IMPACTED?

- + Construction home improvement businesses (of all kinds)
- + Professionals
- + Industrial businesses
- + Grocery store wholesalers
- + Utilities, phone, and cable providers
- + RV and camper dealers
- + Bike Shops Fitness stores
- + Pool companies
- + Pharmacies/Dollar Stores (national chains)
- + Others (may vary locally)



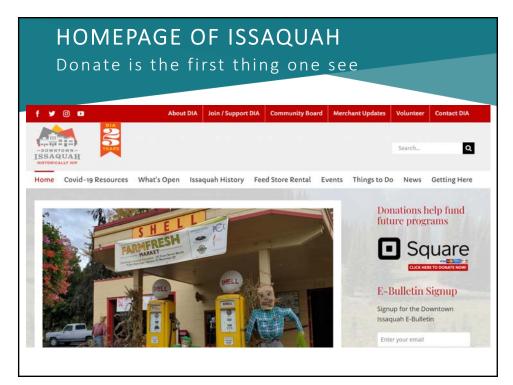
Associated Grocers in NH hired 100 people.

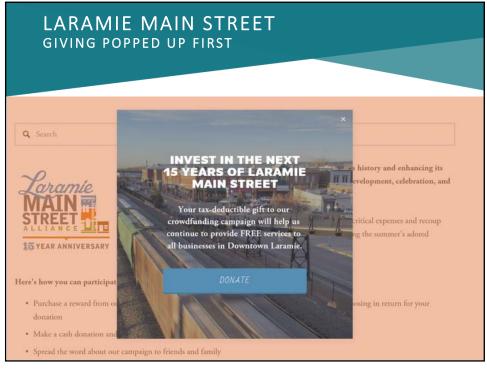
#3 RESIDENTIAL GIVING

- + Communities have shared that this is a growth area for their Main Street programs.
- + People still want to support their downtown – you need to show them how.
- + Builds on community commitment/support.



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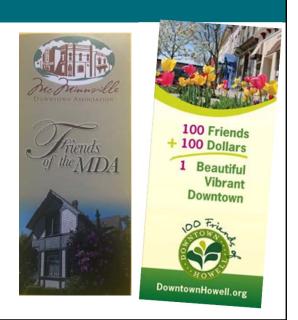






RESIDENTIAL GIVING

- + Some offer a "Friends" category.
- + Lower level, generally \$100 or less.
- + What about those the philanthropists in our communities?
- + Is it best to reach them thru social media, snail mail?



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+ If Main Street has a set level such as \$50 to be a friend, upon renewal offer a free coffee mug if the donor increased their pledge by more than \$20. + Do this each year (new color mug, different item)





- + Greater Bandon
 Association took this on
 to help caddies who
 represented 15% of
 Bandon's workforce.
- + Additional fundraising pushed it above \$300,000.
- + Assisted eligible caddies.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS GOFUNDME

+ 100% of donations to this Heart of Biddeford fundraiser will go to support downtown restaurants and frontline workers. Your contribution will purchase meals from participating local restaurants, who will then make deliveries to frontline workers at the hospital, police, fire department and more!

In these tough times, this is one way we call pull together and convey our appreciation to the people who show up day after day, keeping us safe and healthy!

Heart of Biddeford, powered by the strength of community involvement, fosters a vibrant, inclusive and sustainable downtown, for residents, businesses and visitors.



HOST A SMALL GATHERING

- + Leading citizen who loves Main Street
- + Invite 10-20 individuals who attend to hear a pitch for Main Street and its projects.
- + One community in AL last year had a local doctor host hoping to raise \$5,000, they netting over \$15,000.

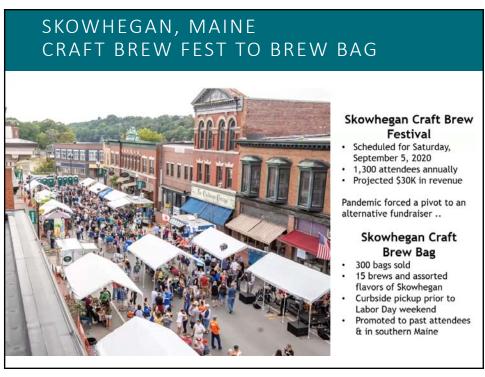


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#4 SPECIAL EVENT INCOME













+ Events that people attend, knowing they are there to help raise funds for the organization and its mission. | Charles Town Now is live room | Charles Town Now is live room | Charles Town Now | Charles

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DINING ON MAIN STREET? QUINCY, IL

- +\$100 tickets
- +Locally sourced foods
- +Prepared by downtown restaurants
- +Now people drive up get meals to-go with a bottle of wine.
- +Don't give up on all events some just need to find a new way to happen.



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OLD TOWN CAPE, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO



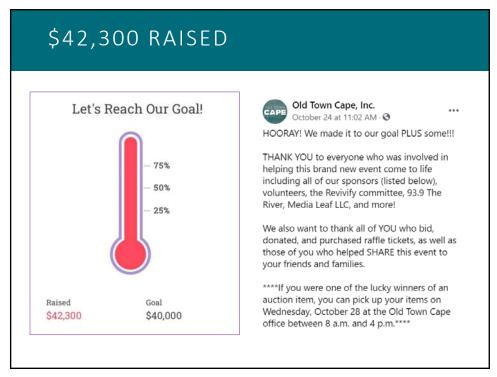


+ Join us at Century Casino or online for Revivify 2020!!!

There are lots of ways to be a part of the fun!!

- 1) Bid on items in our Charles L. Hutson virtual auction through the Auctria app. Download it now!
- 2) Tune in to the livestream right here on Facebook.
- 3) Listen and call in to our radiothon on 93.9 The River @ (573) 200-XXXX
- 4) Come see us, grab a drink, listen to some tunes and bid in person at the Century Casino. Auctria





HARRISONBURG, VA VISIT THEIR WEBPAGE





+ The mini-concerts were free but we did ask people to consider doing one of two things - support the musicians by making a contribution to their virtual tip jars (and all the artists said that they did very well by these contributions), and to donate to our Small Business Resilience Grant Fund. Each concert had a business sponsor of \$1000. \$250 of that went to the artist and the rest help build up our downtown business grant fund. A tiny bit of the funds raised went to Facebook ads to promote viewership. None went to our organization - but I don't advise that.

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TALENT TO TABLE LIVERMORE, CA



About this Event

Join us for our Talent to Table Fundraiser Series for a beautiful evening of dining and drinks with The Las Word. You will be entertained by a live demonstration of the art of preparing traditiona Spanish Paella with the Chef. The Bartender will then teach you to make a traditional cocktail and Sangria. This will be interactive and fun for all. You'll go home with new culinary and cocktail skills! Get your Social Bubble together and tables will sell for 2, 4 or 6 guests.

Talent to Table Fundraiser Series - Paella Dinner with The Last Word

Shifting Sponsorships

- Be in communication with event sponsors
- Will they shift sponsorship to unrestricted funds?
- Align them with your other work.
- First rights at lead sponsorships for next year, if funds are committed this year.





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#5 - MERCHANDISE SALES

Serves more than one purpose:

- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Public Relations
- ✓ Promotion/Marketing
- ✓ Business model for Saco
- √ Sharing community recipes





FACEMASK SALES

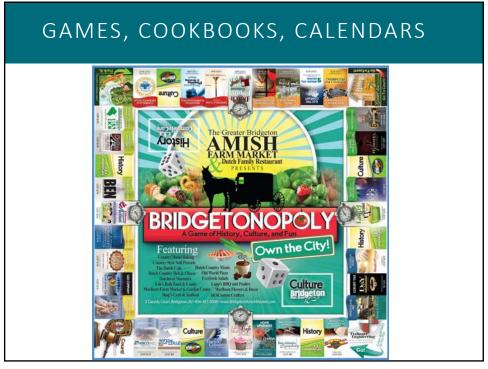
- + Love Local Rochester
 Protective Face Masks are
 now available, and they are
 going fast! The masks are
 hand sewn & embroidered,
 100% cotton and machine
 washable. \$15 each and
 proceeds benefit the
 Downtown Rochester "Road
 to Recovery" Events &
 Promotions.
- + Downtown Rochester now has a storefront to sell their merchandise.

+ Sold 1,000 in two days
 + Broadway Embroidery in Downtown Lake
 Orion, hired 3 seamstresses to help
 fill the order, plus referrals.



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#6 - EARNED INCOME



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RAINY DAY FUNDS (ENDOWMENTS)

+If you never had a rainyday fund (endowment) before, you need to plan one in the years to come.



Way to accomplish that:

- +Set aside a % of all event income
- +Solicit funds for that specific purpose (philanthropists, board members, etc.)
- +Successful high school alumni (letter campaign)

#7 - GRANTS

\$1M in funding available in \$5,000-\$15,000 grants
First round winners awarded
Second round winners will be announced soon



\$100M request being made to Congress now

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MESSAGE TO ALL FUNDING PARTNERS

- + Your board is making strategic choices to deliver your core programs and services.
- + Optimistic for the future and the recovery.
- + To reinstate programs and services if they are cut during recovery.
- + Ideas to make up for any lost revenue, cancelled events.
- + Acknowledge that you may ask more from donors, post-crisis.





BECAUSE OF COVID-19 EVERY FUNDING SOURCE IS IMPACTED

- Now it the time for a strong message to the community and the city about your purpose and mission.
- If you haven't developed a message – it's recommended.
- Fundraising isn't just about an event that raises money. So much of your success is the message you put out to stakeholders





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TELLING YOUR STORY





- + Focus on
 - What you are are doing NOW to help downtown business owners (i.e. Business Resource Center, online assistance, small events, etc.)?
 - What are your plans for recovery?
 - Communications (your communications plan is more important than ever)
- + How your organization adds value to the community
- + Creating and maintaining community traditions (thru events)

