



**PUTNAM
COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**



2026 Nonprofit Needs Assessment

Established in 1985, the Putnam County Community Foundation creates opportunities for our community members to generously contribute their time, talent, and treasure. We do this by connecting individuals with causes they care about, convening stakeholders to identify our most pressing needs, and collaborating to develop solutions that strengthen our community.

Purpose and Process

Nonprofits are an essential partner in achieving PCCF's vision of a Putnam County that thrives on generosity, connection, and quality of life. To better support these partners, PCCF initiated a Nonprofit Needs Assessment in 2026 to gain a deeper understanding of the local charitable sector and directly shape PCCF's ongoing strategies to support our nonprofit partners.

Facilitated by community impact firm Hedges, the assessment evaluated the operational health of Putnam County's nonprofit sector using the Four Pillars of Organizational Health: Programs & Impact, Leadership & Culture, Finance & Development, and Marketing & Communications.

The research gathered balanced insights through stakeholder conversations and an electronic survey.

Ultimately, this research provides the foundational data needed to allocate resources effectively, ensuring philanthropic capital is directed where it can generate the greatest long-term impact for the organizations serving Putnam County.

1 Identify Purpose

2 Create Research Plan

3 Collect Feedback

4 Analyze Data

5 Create Support Plan

187

Survey
Responses

53%

"My nonprofit faces
barriers to achieving
its mission."

43%

"There is currently
strong collaboration
between nonprofits."

87%

"My nonprofit's
programs have
clear outcomes."

Our Vision for Nonprofit Support

Putnam County nonprofits are equipped with the resources and support they need to effectively pursue their mission, meet local needs, and strengthen the community for current and future generations.

Priorities	Intentional Funding + Improved Financial Resilience	Responsive Training + Robust Nonprofit Teams	Strategic Collaboration + Community Connections
	PCCF recognizes that having access to diverse funding sources is critical to the success and sustainability of nonprofits in our community. To this end, PCCF is committed to providing grants and empowering nonprofits to pursue a range of funding opportunities that enable them to address evolving community needs.	PCCF believes that confident, supported, and skilled people are vital components of any effective nonprofit. In addition to providing training and professional development opportunities to current nonprofit professionals, PCCF is also committed to helping nonprofits develop their board, staff, and volunteer talent pipelines to ensure they can continue to make a difference now and in the future.	PCCF understands that strong nonprofits achieve greater impact when they work together and stay closely connected within the communities they serve. By fostering collaboration and shared responsibility, PCCF can help nonprofits better coordinate efforts, strengthen relationships, and more deeply understand how to most effectively improve quality of life across Putnam County.
Strategies	Prioritize grantmaking that addresses critical community needs and advances the best opportunities for growth and change.	Build the skills, leadership, and governance capacity of nonprofit staff, board, and volunteers.	Encourage and enhance formal and informal collaboration efforts for the nonprofit community.
	Strengthen nonprofit sustainability through capacity-building funding that enhances the ability of nonprofits to work strategically and find and pursue funding opportunities outside of PCCF.	Strengthen the nonprofit workforce and volunteer pipeline.	Awareness, access to services, and civic engagement across Putnam County.