

## 2020 Sharing Innovation - Call for Proposals

### Call for Speakers

2020 has thrown a lot our way; ongoing violence against Black and Brown communities, a national spotlight on systemic racism, and a global health crisis. We understand that there is no “average” experience for centers these days, so we are designing this fall’s Sharing Innovation to capture stories of resiliency, of challenge, and of the ongoing role of nonprofit centers in building and sustaining equitable communities. NCN wants to know how your center is creating resiliency and how you are re-imagining your work within shared space and shared resources.

- How does your organization play a role in creating community resiliency during times of upheaval through shared space and shared services?
- How might or how are shared services better supporting organizations in a COVID19 world? How are shared service providers utilizing their expertise to forecast, strategize, and support organizations during the pandemic (such as PPP/SBA EIDL loan support)?
- Community ownership of community assets are critically important to building power in communities that have been impacted by structural racism. What does community ownership look like at your center? How has it built power in Black and Brown communities?
- What tools (financial, social, legal, political) are you developing or leveraging to create more community-held assets and long-term affordability for nonprofits? How can we take advantage of a downturn in the real estate market?
- What long-term operational or financial lessons can be learned by nonprofit centers from the private sector’s pandemic response regarding office/flex space/coworking?
- If urban areas de-densify as a response to the pandemic, what does that mean for urban nonprofit centers and racial equity?

If you and your organization are successfully chipping away at any of the questions above (or related questions we’re not thinking of), **please apply to speak at this year’s Virtual Sharing Innovation (October 7th and 8th, Wed/Thurs - half-days) by July 31, 2020.** We want to hear from US, Canada, and beyond!

We are looking for engaging speakers to address our audience for 20 minutes or less (plus 10 minutes for questions) in a way that works to stream the content online for a virtual live audience. Each presentation is required to have some type of visual component (such as a PowerPoint).

Want to download the application before you fill it out? Download it as a pdf [here](#).

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### Speaker Information

**To submit your request please tell us a little bit about yourself.**

\* 1. Contact information

Name:

Organization:

City & State

Email:

Phone:

\* 2. Please submit a SHORT biography (150 words or LESS)

3. If you have co-presenters, please list their name, organizational affiliation, and short bio below.

- \* 4. If your proposal is selected, NCN will waive all registration costs for the event. Speakers will broadcast/record from a location convenient to them for this virtual gathering.  
NCN is NOT providing any travel support for this conference, and it is the speaker's responsibility to make travel arrangements to attend Sharing Innovation if attending a regional watch party gathering.

Yes, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to make travel arrangements, if needed, to attend Sharing Innovation.

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### Session Proposal

**We are interested in hearing how you are using shared space and shared resources to solve problems in new ways. The most successful Sharing Innovation presentations focus on a blend of the big ideas and specific, actionable tactics of a sharing model. Speakers will have 20 minutes to present their topic to a live audience. Each presentation is required to have a visual aid component (preferably a PowerPoint). The session will be livestreamed, so keep that in mind as you design and describe your topic.**

\* 5. Proposed Session Title (70 characters or less)

\* 6. Frame the Problem: What is the challenge you are trying to address collaboratively?

\* 7. What makes your approach creative (clever, resourceful, maybe even scrappy) compared to other addressing similar problems?

\* 8. What tactics can attendees take away from your work and use in their own organizations and communities?

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### Blogging

9. We want to make great ideas accessible to our community in a variety of ways. If you are selected as a presenter, you are invited but not required to submit a blog post on the topic (400-500 words) by August 30th, 2020. The blog posts will be used as a way to advertise and recruit attendees, as well as to help you refine your topic. (Your answer will not impact our speaker selection. We truly want to respect your time.)

Yes, I am interested in submitting a blog

No, I am not interested or don't have time

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Thank you for submitting your proposal to Sharing Innovation. You will be notified if you are accepted by August 17th. If you have any additional questions, please contact [info@nonprofitcenters.org](mailto:info@nonprofitcenters.org).