

Local Impact Investing Boot Camp

What is it?

The **Local Impact Investing Boot Camp** is a two-day intensive workshop designed to help place-focused foundations committed to local impact investing explore **specific implementation topics** in greater depth and seek input from experienced local investing practitioners. Foundations will explore topics including identifying and conducting due diligence on investment partners, tools for understanding the landscape of investment deals, working with your board and investment advisor on policies and procedures to support local investing and building the capacity to manage local investing.



What value does it provide?

Place-focused foundations will leave this boot camp with a set of resources and tools that can help them take the next step toward implementing a local investing strategy. They will have a chance to get input on their challenges and opportunities from experienced practitioners. They will begin to **build a network of support** and learn from other foundations that are committed to local impact investing.

When is a Local Impact Investing Boot Camp the right solution?

This boot camp is a great tool for foundations that have a staff and board commitment to implement a local impact investing strategy and are ready to **build their implementation skills** and resources. The boot camp is ideally suited as a standalone workshop for foundation leaders and creates the greatest value when a foundation team (including staff, board and potentially a community partner) can participate fully in the boot camp. State or regional associations of grant makers may choose to sponsor a Boot Camp as valuable programming for member foundations committed to local impact investing.

How has it been used most effectively?

Regional and national associations of philanthropy may want to sponsor a Local Impact Investing Boot Camp a pre-conference offering or a separate training opportunity for members. A local boot camp can help build collaboration and partnerships among foundations in a specific geographic region. For instance, a community foundation, a private family foundation and a healthcare conversion foundation may all desire to explore local impact investing together. The LOCUS team has found that this type of collaborative learning will often **ignite innovative partnerships** that can address key community and economic development challenges in your region. Often, foundations are looking for ways to pool local impact investments resources for greater community impact and a Local Impact Investing Boot Camp just may be the tool needed jumpstart a local impact fund.

How can I learn more about LOCUS?

To learn more about LOCUS' solutions and tools, please contact **Sydney England** at sydney@locusimpactinvesting.org or at 804.793.0985.