



Evaluators Without Borders

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Evaluators Without Borders (EWB) and how did it get started?

Evaluators Without Borders (EWB) is a pro bono evaluation program that was started by a Washington Evaluators (WE) past president, Giovanni Dazzo. Similar to other pro bono professional services, EWB offers evaluation expertise to grassroots non profit organizations that do not have internal measurement and evaluation capacity or resources. This also applies for organizations that may be new to understanding what evaluation is and what it can do for their organizations.

What is the purpose of EWB?

The purpose of EWB is to create opportunities for nonprofits and evaluators to engage in a two-way learning engagement. There are opportunities for evaluators to learn about and give back to their communities as well as refine our practice and skills.

What types of organizations do you work with?

We are open to grassroots and small and growing non profit organizations that are in the greater Washington, D.C. area as well as international. Specifically organizations that do not have measurement and evaluation capacity.

What types of evaluation services and work products are offered during EWB?

In the past, evaluation work that has been impactful for evaluator volunteers to offer includes logic models and theories of change, developing impact measures for programs and organizations who want to be able to show their impact to donors, funders, community and staff, designing data collection protocols, collecting data, analysis, data visualization, and translating and synthesizing research.

What is in the Memorandum Of Understanding agreement?

We provide a template of a memorandum of understanding, which is shared once you formally sign up as an evaluator volunteer. The template details basic parameters, expectations, time frame and types of services agreed upon. There is also a disclaimer that Washington Evaluators is not responsible for any advice, feedback or interactions resulting from pro bono services. We also ask that you send a copy of the MOU to the EWB coordinators before you officially start your engagement with the nonprofit.

Are there any options for emerging evaluators to use this as an opportunity to learn and volunteer their time?

Yes! In the past we've been able to put together dyads or trios of evaluator volunteers to match with the nonprofit organization. This is a really great opportunity for new and emerging evaluators to work with more seasoned evaluators, to partner with nonprofit and grassroots organizations.

What is a time estimate for this type of commitment?

In the past we've seen teams work as little as 3 hours/month and some as much as 10 hours/month. It depends on the timeline and what the client's needs are.

EWB Do's and Dont's
Do establish lines of communication early. Have open communication with the client about your preferred communication style and cadence. Do set goals and expectations. Do communicate with EWB Coordinators, Mindelyn and Katie, if you have any questions or need additional support. Do let us know what skills you are excellent in so that we can create teams of evaluators that have complementary skill sets. Do understand that time commitments can be negotiated with the client. Do set realistic expectations about evaluation services. Do have a time bound project. Consider what can be realistically delivered in a 4-5 month period. Do understand that clients can have more than one project and that not everything needs to be done at once. Don't promise more than you can deliver. We always say under promise and over deliver.

What are the next steps for the 2022 EWB Program Cycle?

- Spread the word! Share with both [evaluators](#) and [non profits](#).
- Evaluator volunteers must be a [member](#) of Washington Evaluators (with a fee of \$25/yr for professionals and \$15/yr for students).
- The final day for nonprofit partners and evaluator volunteers to register for the 2022 cycle is June 1st 2022.
- Non profits will be matched with evaluators in the first two weeks of June. The projects are expected to be completed by November 2022 in time for the EWB 2022 Cycle Closeout Event.