

# Methodology

Over the course of 2023, representatives from eleven grantees of Siegel Family Endowment participated in interviews about their perspectives about philanthropy and their relationship with Siegel Family Endowment. In addition, representatives from one organization composed written responses to prompts.

Interviewees were typically organizational leaders, though some focused on program development specifically. In some cases, two individuals from an organization participated in the interview. In other cases interviewees shared perspectives that they had gathered from other staff members, particularly development officers.

The eleven interviews were conducted over video conference as an addendum to an interview used to construct a Siegel Family Endowment case study or Q&A. The one written response was received over email.

Questions were standardized according to a loose interview protocol (see below), but the interviewee was permitted to drive the conversation. In a few instances, the interviewer added questions that were specific to the individual grantee. The philanthropy-focused interview lasted between 15 minutes and 30 minutes and Siegel Family Endowment staff were not present.

Interviewees were assured that their responses would remain confidential and that any quotations would be anonymized. They were also told that they would be notified when there was a public-facing report similar to [last year's](#) to share. Alternatively or in addition, an anonymized version of the report that resulted from the research could be shared with participating grantee organizations.

The interviewer compiled and coded all the responses across the twelve interviews in order to produce this report.

## Loose Interview Protocol for Philanthropy-Related Questions

Siegel Family Endowment is interested in understanding how leaders of grantee organizations perceive the role of philanthropy generally and their working relationship with the Siegel Family Endowment, in particular. I am working on putting together an anonymized, internal report for Siegel's leaders that summarizes themes around philanthropy from these interviews.

1. Could you tell me your ideal working relationship with philanthropic funders?
2. Are there ways in which philanthropy is ineffective or should change its practice?
3. What elements of your working relationship with Siegel Family Endowment have been beneficial for you? Which elements have been less successful?