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Leveraging Resources: What is it?

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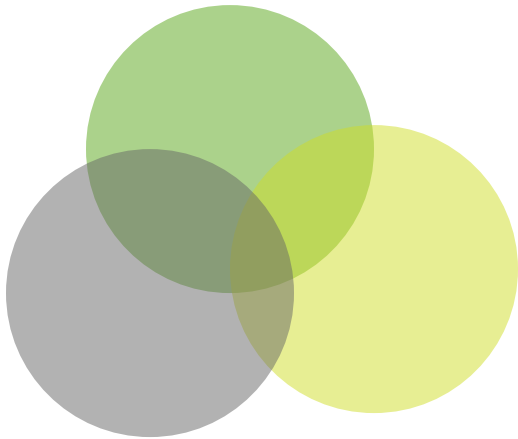
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What is your (or your organization's) level of knowledge about blending and braiding?

- A. I have a basic understanding
- B. I am familiar with a specific blended or braided model.
- C. I am involved with the financial side of a blended or braided model.
- D. I am an expert on blending and braiding.

What is Blending & Braiding?

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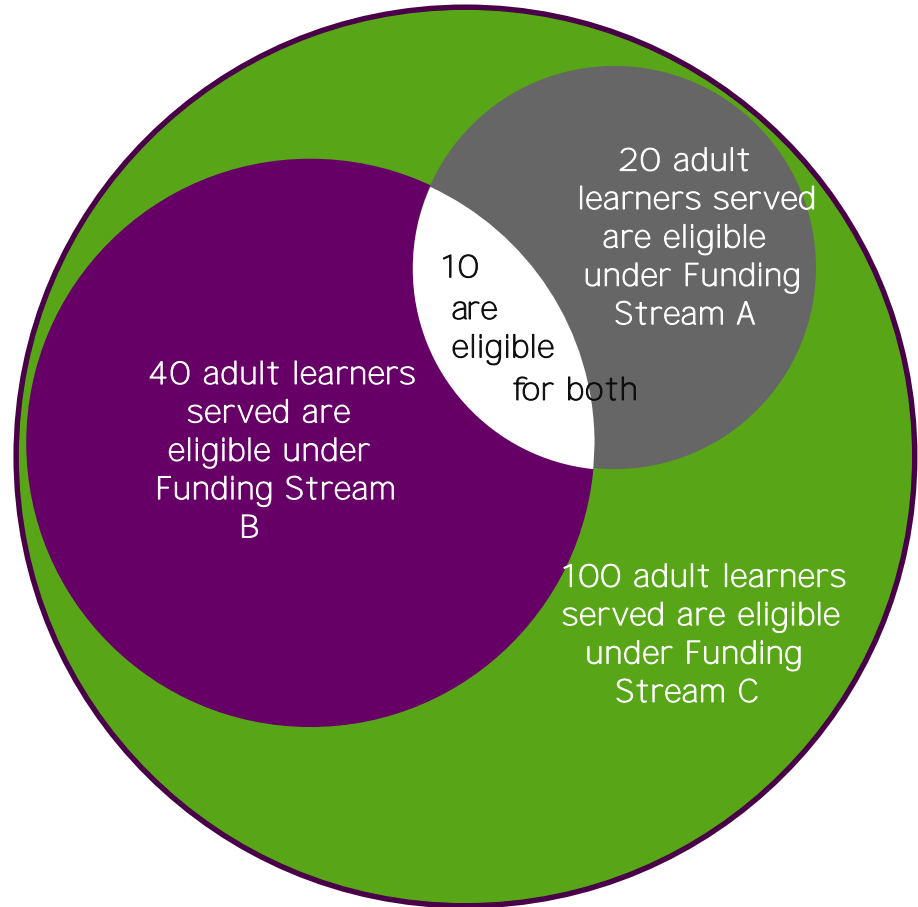
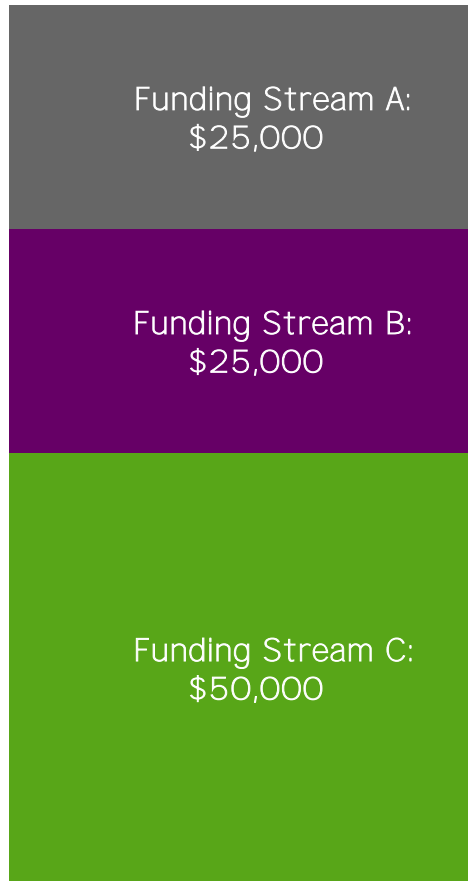


Blending funding involves co-ordinating multiple funding streams where case managers can draw down service dollars, personnel expenses can be paid, or other program needs can be met.



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Blending Example



Blending: Reporting Tips



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Track



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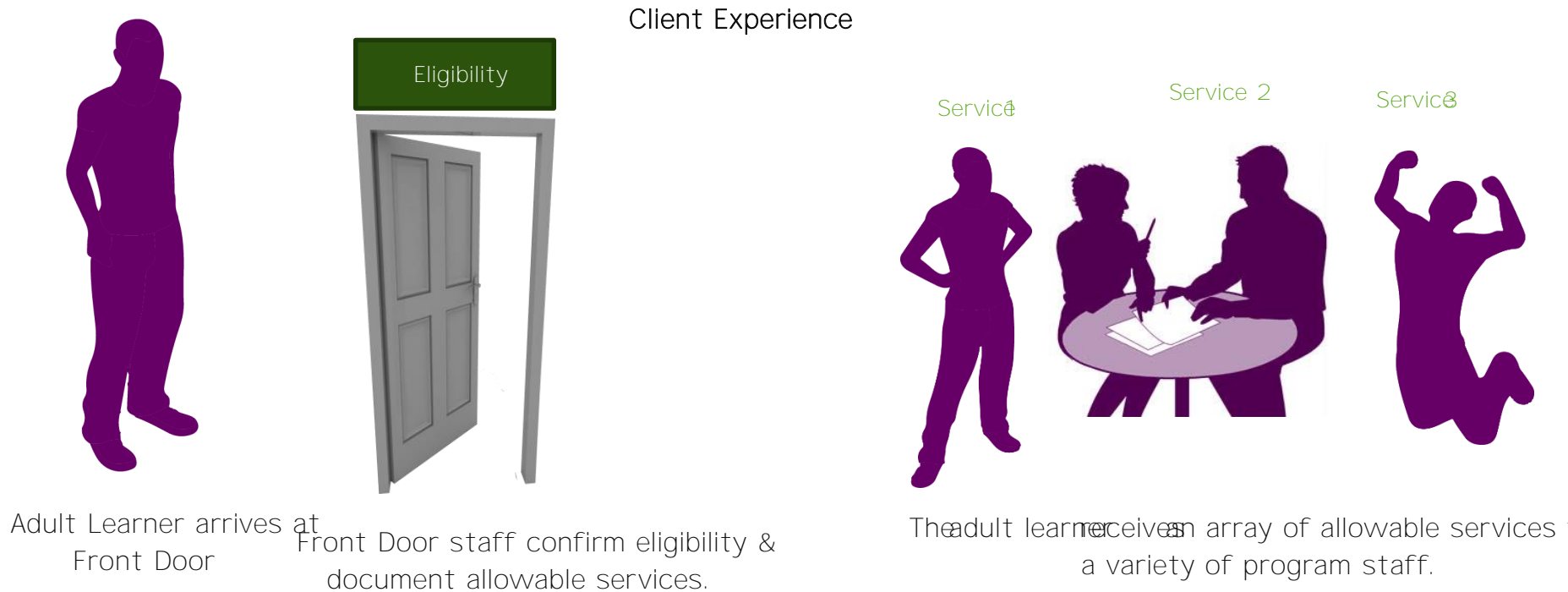
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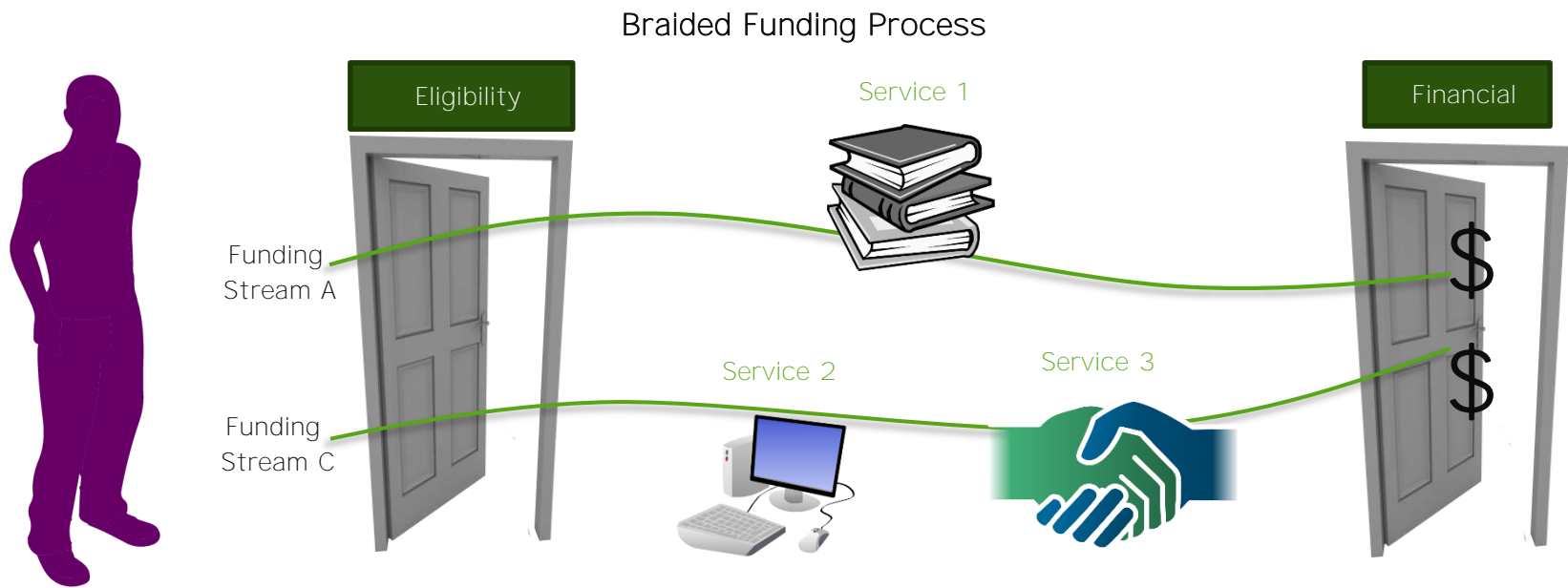


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Braiding Example

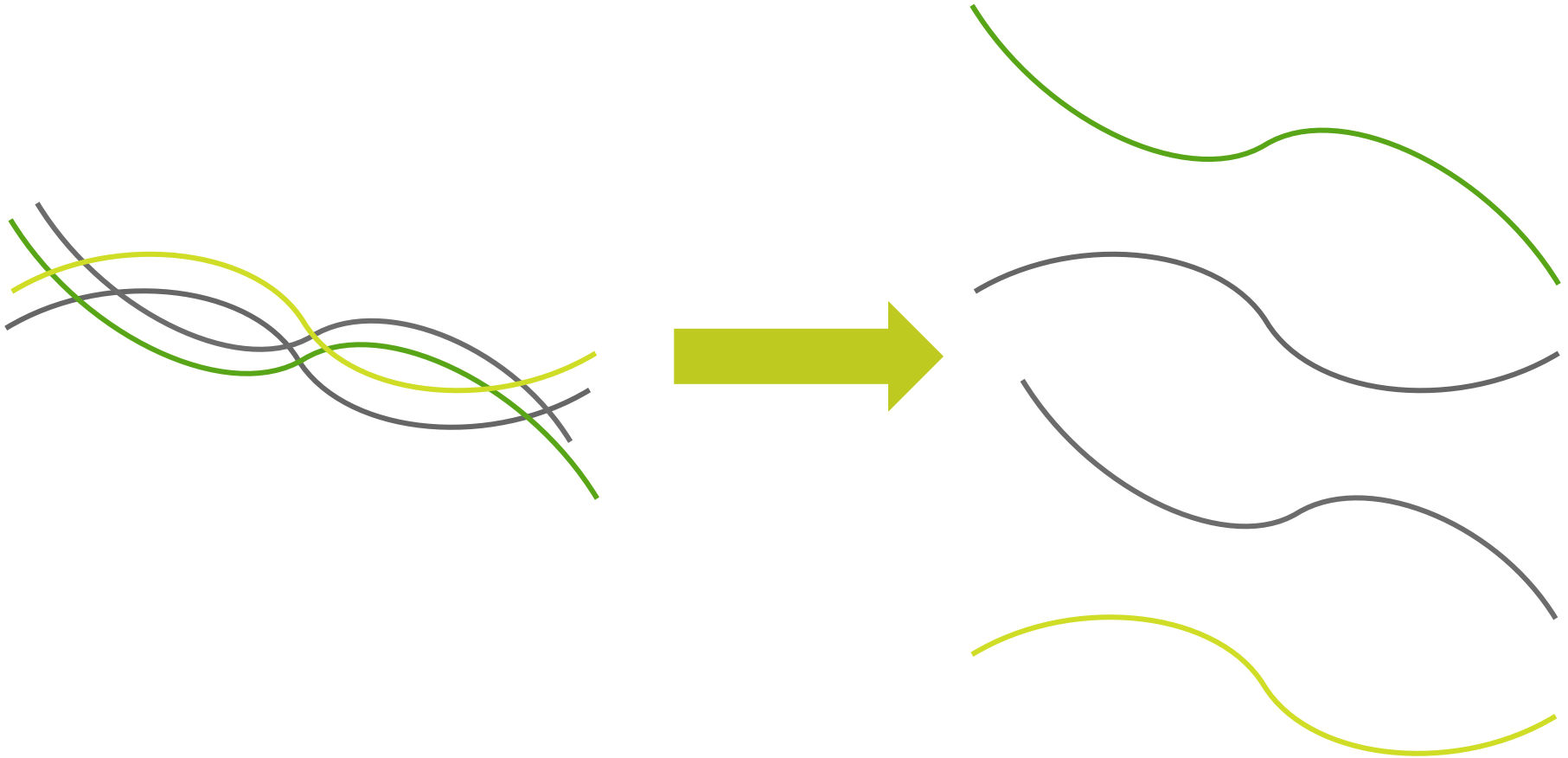


Braiding Example

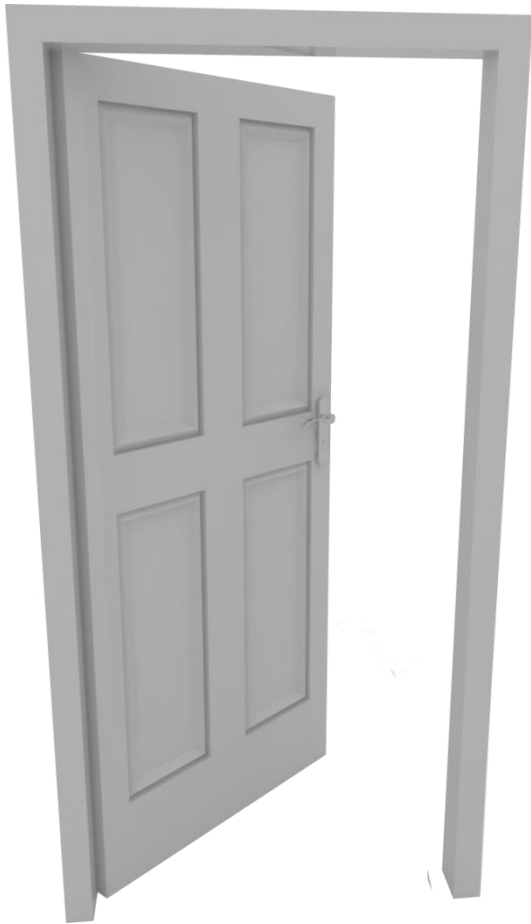


Front Door staff determine adult learning eligibility for Funding Streams A and C. As services are delivered, Back Door staff bill Funding Stream A for Service 1 and Funding Stream C for Services 2 and 3. This means adult learners receive services 1, 2, and 3.

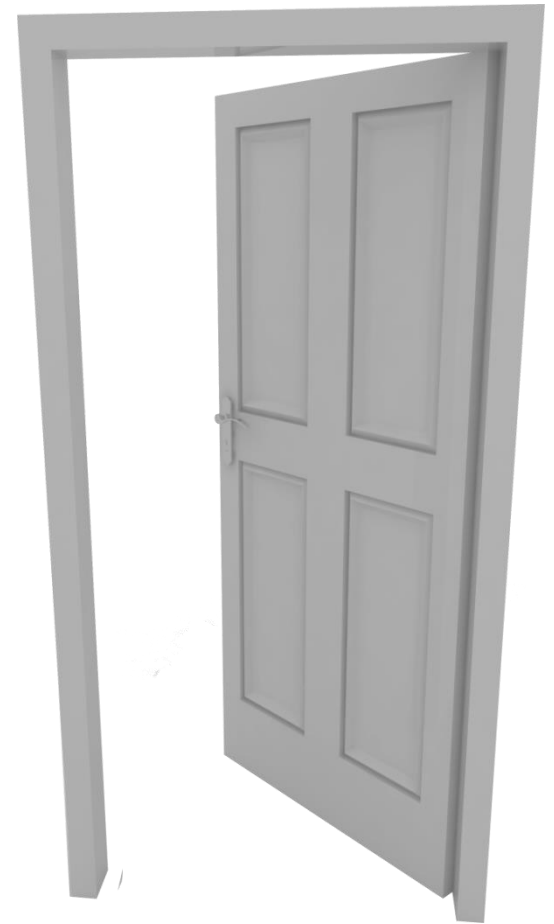
Braiding: Reporting Tips



Blending & Braiding: Implementation Considerations



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What would you say your organization is hoping to achieve through a leveraging resources, possibly through a Blended or Braided model?

- A. Grow a program;
- B. Respond to funding cuts; or
- C. Sustain a program

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What have you found to be the most challenging aspect of developing a coordinated effort to leverage f

- A. Developing Program Budget and Cost Allocation
- B. Establishing Front Door and Back Door Protocol
- C. Tracking and Reporting
- D. Developing Aligned Financial Systems
- E. Navigating Contracting Processes
- F. Quality Control and Staff Training

Resource: Blending & Braiding Toolkit

Stepby-step Guide

Identifying Vision & Partners



Defining the Programs/Services



Exploring Finance Options



Developing a Coordinated Financing Plan

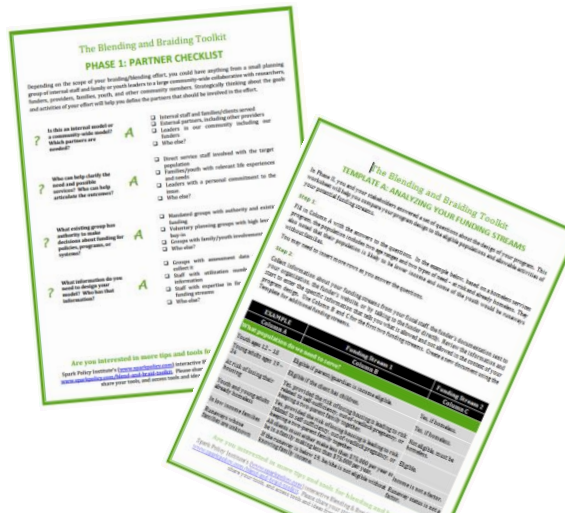


Implementing, Tracking & Improving



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Templates & Checklists



Program Name and Fiscal Year	Program Period	Funding Source 1	Funding Source 2	Funding Source 3	Funding Source 4	Funding Source 5	Funding Source 6	Funding Source 7	Funding Source 8	Funding Source 9	Funding Source 10	Funding Source 11	Funding Source 12	Unmet Need
Total Available	*****	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,156,000
Total Expenses	*****	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,156,000
Subtotal Personnel														
Subtotal Supplies														
Subtotal Equipment														
Subtotal Other														
Subtotal for all direct expenses	*****	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,156,000
Administration Costs		\$ 200.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 200.00
Expenses by Funding Source														
Total Expenses		\$ 1,156,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,156,000

Case Studies & Resources



Overview: Blending and Braiding Defined

Phase 1: Identifying Vision and Partners

Phase 2: Defining the Program/Services

Phase 3: Exploring Finance Options

**Phase 4: Developing a Coordinated
Financing Plan**

**Phase 5: Implementing, Tracking, and
Improving**

Community Pages: Case Studies

**Community Pages: Analyses of Funding
Streams**

Community Pages: Resources

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Overview: Blending and Braiding Defined

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+ Defining Blending

+ Blending Example

+ Tips for Reporting Blended Funding to Funders

+ Defining Braiding

+ Braiding Example

+ Tips for Reporting Braided Funding to Funders

+ Programmatic Braiding



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Thank you!

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