

Local Education Foundations

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California Consortium of Education Foundations

- Established in 1982
- Statewide non-profit
- Strengthen public education
- Facilitate creation, growth and effectiveness of
Local Education Foundations (LEF)

Local Education Foundations

- Private, non-profit organization
- Support & improve public education at local level
- Linking schools with communities
- Over 650 LEF in California

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Starting a LEF

- Core group five to seven people begin organizing
- Meet to discuss ideas and concerns
- Takes time – approximately 6 months to a year
- Strategic questions
- Creating a Vision Statement
- Creating a Mission Statement

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Starting a LEF — Board Members

- Board Members – minimum of 5 and maximum of 9
- Responsibilities
 - Set direction
 - Establish structure
 - Board provides support
 - Ensure accountability
 - Community Leadership

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Starting a LEF — Becoming Legal

- Lawyer and Accountant
- Incorporating the LEF
 - Reasons for incorporating
- Corporations – run like a business
- Exemption application & tax documentation
- Potential liabilities

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Starting a LEF – Financial Issues

- IRS Exemption
 - By-laws and Articles of Incorporation
 - Mission Statement
 - Four to five month processing
- Internal Controls

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Starting a LEF – Public Relations

- Reputation management
- How to get out the message
- Accountability for donations
- Convey the message

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Raising Funds

- Annual Appeal
- Donations to Schools

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Maintaining a LEF

- Board Development
 - Cultivate
 - Recruit
 - Orient
 - Activate
 - Evaluate

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Questions