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Nonprofit Collaborations

Help nonprofit clients to:

- » Assess Organizational Risk
- » Conduct Due Diligence
- » Define the Role of the Board
- » Negotiate:
 - Linkage Agreements
 - Consortium Agreements
 - Coordination Agreements
 - Subcontract Agreements
- » Implement Collaborations

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Nonprofits engage in collaborations to deliver more and better services than they can deliver alone. Collaborating allows nonprofits to access greater financial and personnel resources, utilize outside expertise, or expand their geographic reach. As a pro bono attorney, you can advise nonprofits engaging in collaborations to identify and minimize any risks involved and to protect the nonprofit's interests in the relationship.

East River Development Alliance, Inc. (ERDA) works to expand economic opportunities for residents of New York City Public Housing Developments, particularly in Western Queens. Lawyers Alliance volunteer attorneys aided ERDA with negotiating and finalizing a contract with FoodChange in connection with a mobile Earned Income Tax Credit site in Long Island City to be collaboratively staffed and run by ERDA and FoodChange. As a result, hundreds of local residents of Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Astoria, and Woodside Houses were able to obtain their Earned Income Tax Credits, which, depending on income and number of children, could be as much as \$6,000 per family.

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Pro Bono Tip

Apply your experience working on for-profit joint ventures or other collaborative contracts to counsel a nonprofit considering collaboration. Remember that formal mergers and consolidations in New York require court approval on notice to the Attorney General; however, other forms of collaboration, such as sole membership in a membership corporation, can avoid those regulatory requirements.

Web Tip

Find a Library of resources – including a sample linkage agreement, coordination agreement, collaboration agreement, subcontract agreement, and due diligence checklist – through the *Community Development and Nonprofit Law* practice area on Probono.net. It is accessible at www.probono.net/ny/nonprofit or through our home page, www.lawyersalliance.org.



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