6 QUESTIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN COLLABORATING ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. DOES IT ALIGN WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION?
How will this research contribute to the service mission of your organization? Understanding how a research project aligns with your mission, can help you maximize a partnership when hosting a research project. A successful research project is one that allows your organization to achieve its own goals and aims as well.

2. WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF YOU?
What is the project timeline? Are you being called upon for your expertise? What will be the time commitment for you and/or staff? How many staff/time or resources in general would you have to commit to this project by your organization? When considering a research project, it is important to understand what your organization is committing to.

3. IS THERE PARTICIPANT COMPENSATION?
If your study will be recruiting participants, will there be compensation? Who will be responsible for rendering the compensation for participants, and how? Distinguish between monetary compensation and incentives such as test results, gift cards and “swag”.

4. WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?
Do resources exist related to the health issue being addressed by the proposed study? As an organization hosting a project resources such as, trainings, identified treatment options, community presentations etc. can help guide you to be successful throughout the project’s implementation.

5. WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT?
Has the researcher clearly communicated the next steps for the project? Constant, consistent and respectful communication, agreed upon boundaries, clear expectations, and a commitment to a full follow up are important to build mutual trust.

6. HOW COULD THE RESEARCH BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?
Is there a benefit to the community as a whole by participating in the research project? How will the research findings be used? It is important to have a conversation about the sharing of final results as well as the current and future plans of the research project.

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