

# Exploring Collaborative Governance Models

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## Key Objectives

The objective of this study is to identify key factors that contribute to the success of social economy organizations that have successfully used collaborative governance models, particularly when it comes to funding issues. The goal of this research is to inform the social economy cluster on collaborative governance, as well as lay groundwork for the future internship projects related to this. Some of the main issues identified include:

- What literature is available on collaborative governance models? Much of this project may involve bringing together literature reviews from diverse fields.
- What are the public policy implications? How do collaborative governance models fit within existing policy? What are the difficulties of thinking “outside the box” in terms of new ways of government expenditure and accountability in delivering programs and funding?
- How are diverse stakeholders able to come together in a collaborative governance model, particularly at funding tables? What factors lead to the success of such models? What factors are problematic?
- What is the role of different epistemes in framing process (i.e., traditional Aboriginal governance processes and socio-political rather than medical models of disability)?
- What approaches to dealing with government are more successful and why? How does the history of the relationships among the stakeholders affect the collaborative governance process? How does the collaborative process affect the relationships?
- What is needed to move pilot projects into mainstream policy?

The output of the research will take three forms, which will be at various stages of completion given the nature of the internship, with two subsequent internships over the following eight months.

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