



## BETTER TOGETHER FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RFQ

The Better Together Fund (BTF) has released a Technical Assistance RFQ for providers of technical assistance in various areas related to strategic partnerships. This is the response of the applicant below:

What is the legal name of the consulting firm or independent consultant?	Holland & Knight LLP
Please provide the legal structure of the firm.	Partnership
What year was the firm founded? (if applicable)	1968
How many individuals work in the firm?	Over 2,000
Please provide the names and title of key individuals in the firm who would potentially be working as part of this RFQ.	Jonathan Blum Nyk McKissic
Please provide the consultant's or firm's website.	www.hklaw.com
For an independent consultant. How long has the applicant been working as a consultant? (if applicable)	N/A
Please provide a list of languages spoken by staff.	Spanish and English

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION	
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Please describe the geographic area served by the firm.	National
What are your firm's primary areas of practice?	General legal practice, with a practice group dedicated to nonprofit organizations



How many Better Together Fund projects that were awarded funding have you been involved with?	At least 6
Please list all Better Together Fund projects that were awarded funding that you have been involved with. You can list a project as anonymous if it is confidential.	NTARUPT Builders of Hope Anonymous BCWorkshop Sammons Center for the Arts Literacy Achieves
Briefly describe 1-3 examples of restructuring negotiations with which you have been involved; and/or examples of projects where you have helped facilitate, explore, or implement a formal collaboration as defined by the Better Together Fund.	-Provided legal guidance regarding the merger of three nonprofits to form a statewide organization -Provided legal guidance regarding the merger of two nonprofits -Provided legal guidance regarding collaborative efforts among multiple nonprofits to establish combined programs
How would you describe the range of diversity reflected in your firm?	At Holland & Knight, we seek to further develop an organization and a culture where all talented individuals – including those traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession – can have, and can see, a path to long-term success. We are committed to these efforts because diverse and inclusive teams reflect the world we serve and produce better results for our clients.
Please list all nonprofit issue areas within which you have worked as a paid employee or consultant.	All legal issues relevant to nonprofit organizations, particularly with respect to governance, structure, and tax compliance matters.
Please provide any other information you feel would aid in understanding the value the firm can bring to Better Together Fund grantees and any specific expertise you have in a specific BTF grant phase(s).	Holland & Knight has a robust nonprofit practice group that has deep expertise in all legal matters affecting nonprofits, including collaborations like Better Together grantees.

CONSULTANT #1 DETAILS	
Name	Jonathan Blum
Email Address	jonathan.blum@hklaw.com
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	University of Texas School of Law, J.D.; University of Texas at Austin, B.A. Government/Latin American Studies

Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	Holland & Knight, Partner (Feb. 2023-present); Polsinelli, Partner (2014-2023); Morton H. Meyerson Family Foundation, Executive Director and General Counsel (2011-2014); Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, General Counsel (2007-2011)
Awards or Certificates	Texas Bar Foundation Fellow (2021), Leadership Dallas Class member (2016), "Rising Star" Corporate Counsel Awards (2009)
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas (2021-present), Levine Academy (2015-present)

CONSULTANT #2 DETAILS	
Name	Nyk McKissic
Email Address	nykolas.mckissic@hklaw.com
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, LLM; University of Toledo College of Law, J.D./MBA; Trinity University, B.A. History
Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	Holland & Knight, Associate Attorney (March 2023-present); Polsinelli, Associate Attorney (2020-2023); PWC, Tax Specialist (2
Awards or Certificates	One to Watch, The Best Lawyers in America guide, Dallas Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2024
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	

CONSULTANT #3 DETAILS	
Name	N/A
Email Address	
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	
Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	
Awards or Certificates	
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	

<b>CLIENT REFERENCE #1</b>	
Name of Organization	NTARUPT
Please provide the name(s) of other organizations involved in the collaboration or negotiations.	Healthy Futures of Texas, Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
Client Reference – Contact Name	Terry Goltz Greenberg
Client Reference – Contact Email Address	tggreenberg@sbcglobal.net
Client Reference – Phone Number	210-223-4589
Please briefly describe the engagement.	Merger of three nonprofits to create statewide organization

<b>CLIENT REFERENCE #2</b>	
Name of Organization	Builders of Hope
Please provide the name(s) of other organizations involved in the collaboration or negotiations.	East Dallas Community Organization
Client Reference – Contact Name	James Armstrong
Client Reference – Contact Email Address	jarmstrong@bohcdc.com
Client Reference – Phone Number	214-920-9850
Please briefly describe the engagement.	Potential merger or consolidation of activities

Please provide any additional client references.	Thor Erikson, BCWorkshop, thorxerickson@gmail.com, 303-968-9125
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