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# Better Grantmaking: Balancing Risk and Equity

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## Presentation Highlights

Risk -- what it is and why we care

Equity -- what it is in the grantmaking context and why we care

Balancing Risk and Equity in Grantmaking

- Application Process
  - Application Review and Due Diligence
  - Grant Agreements
  - Reporting
  - Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
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## What is Risk?

Risk is the likelihood that an event will occur that will cause an undesirable effect.

- Open Road Alliance

## Types of Risk

- Financial
- Legal or compliance
- Safety and security
- Reputational

What is the actual risk?

What is your organization's risk tolerance?

## What is Equity in Grantmaking?

Using grantmaking and our privilege as funders to address historic and systemic inequities

AND

Developing grantmaking processes that lower barriers to accessing funds, particularly for grassroots and other organizations serving communities outside of traditional spheres of power

## Balancing Risk and Equity in Grantmaking

**Risk** assessment and mitigation

and

implementing an **equity** approach to grantmaking

do not have to be mutually exclusive.

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