

SPARC FAQs for Providers

What is SPARC?

SPARC (Service Providers and Regional Connections) is a network of housing and service providers working collaboratively to address housing and homelessness by creating and maintaining a full Housing Continuum. This includes shelter, transitional housing, workforce housing, and permanent affordable housing. By aligning resources and integrating services, SPARC ensures that individuals and families have pathways from crisis to long-term stability.

How Does SPARC Benefit Providers?

Providers gain access to:

- Shared resources, including technical assistance and capacity-building support.
 - Collaborative funding opportunities to access new grants and reduce duplication.
 - Enhanced service impact through regional planning and data-driven decision-making.
 - Advocacy efforts to represent providers' interests to policymakers and funders.
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What Are Providers Expected to Do?

Providers are expected to:

- Align services with SPARC's Continuum of Care model.
- Participate in data-sharing initiatives to support regional planning and showcase impact.
- Collaborate on regional strategies to address housing and homelessness.

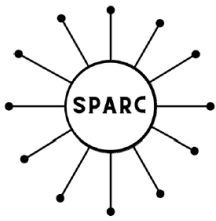
Participation can be scaled to fit the provider's capacity and priorities.

Will SPARC Partners Lose Autonomy?

No, SPARC is designed to complement and enhance the work of its partners. Each provider retains full autonomy over their services and programs while benefiting from shared resources and collaboration.

Will SPARC Compete for Funding Sources with Partners?

No, SPARC prioritizes accessing new funding opportunities that may not have been available to individual providers. The network leverages collective resources to increase overall funding for all partners.



Who Owns the Projects Supported by SPARC?

All projects belong to the respective Project Sponsors. SPARC's role is to promote, support, and advocate for resources to benefit all partner projects while ensuring sponsors retain full ownership and control.

Will SPARC Cost Providers Money?

No, joining SPARC does not require financial contributions. SPARC focuses on securing and coordinating funding to strengthen and support provider initiatives.

How Does SPARC Develop Housing with Providers?

SPARC collaborates with providers to:

- Identify local housing needs and develop tailored projects.
- Support efforts to integrate shelter, transitional housing, and affordable housing pathways.
- Provide technical assistance and planning support for housing developments.

How Will Success Be Measured?

SPARC tracks success through:

- Tangible outcomes such as housing units developed, shelter beds provided, and pathways created from shelter to permanent housing.
- Collaborative data sharing to showcase collective impact and inform regional planning.

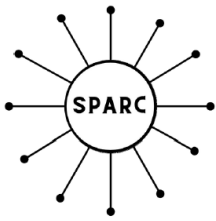
Reports and metrics will be shared with partners to demonstrate progress.

Can Providers Choose Their Level of Participation?

Yes, participation can be tailored to each provider's capacity and goals, ensuring flexibility while still contributing to the network's impact.

How Will SPARC Handle Conflicts or Competing Priorities?

SPARC emphasizes collaboration and consensus-building. Providers will be encouraged to discuss and coordinate their efforts as best as possible.



How Does SPARC Support Smaller Organizations?

SPARC offers technical assistance, advocacy, and capacity-building support to smaller providers, ensuring equitable participation and impact across the network.

What Role Does SPARC Play in Advocacy?

SPARC advocates for its providers by:

- Representing their collective interests in discussions with policymakers and funders.
 - Showcasing regional successes to secure additional support and resources.
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What Geographic Area Does SPARC Cover?

SPARC focuses on Coos and Curry Counties, with a vision for expanding its replicable model to other rural communities.

What Are the Long-Term Goals of SPARC?

SPARC envisions a future where:

- Every individual has access to safe, affordable housing, shelter, and supportive services.
 - Homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.
 - Regional systems of care are sustainable and adaptable to future challenges.
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How Are Providers' Contributions Recognized?

SPARC celebrates its partners' successes through public recognition, joint media, and shared metrics that highlight each organization's impact within the network.
