IS A COALITION RIGHT FOR YOU?

		Yes	No
1.	Does the issue affect a broad range of people?		
2.	Is the issue complex, requiring information and expertise from various sectors of the community, state, region or country?		
3.	Is broad public awareness or education needed?		
4.	Does a gap in services or programs exist, such that no existing organization is clearly mandated to take on this work?		
5.	Do other organizations see this issue as a priority?		
6.	Are other organizations willing to work together to address this issue?		
7.	Is this issue best addressed through joint ownership and responsibility of a number of organizations?		
8.	Are potential coalition members willing to relinquish control over coalition activities and outcomes and actively engage in a collaborative process?		
9.	Are potential members willing to commit to and abide by democratic decision-making procedures?		
10.	Do organizational goals and policies of potential members align with those of the coalition?		
11.	Are there resources that can be shared or obtained to assist with the work?		
12.	Is there a true commitment to work together to produce results, irrespective of funder commitments for collaboration?		

If you responded "no" to any of the above items, carefully consider whether a coalition is the best organizational structure for your group.



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