



# Partnering with Financial Entities to Grow and Sustain Nonprofits

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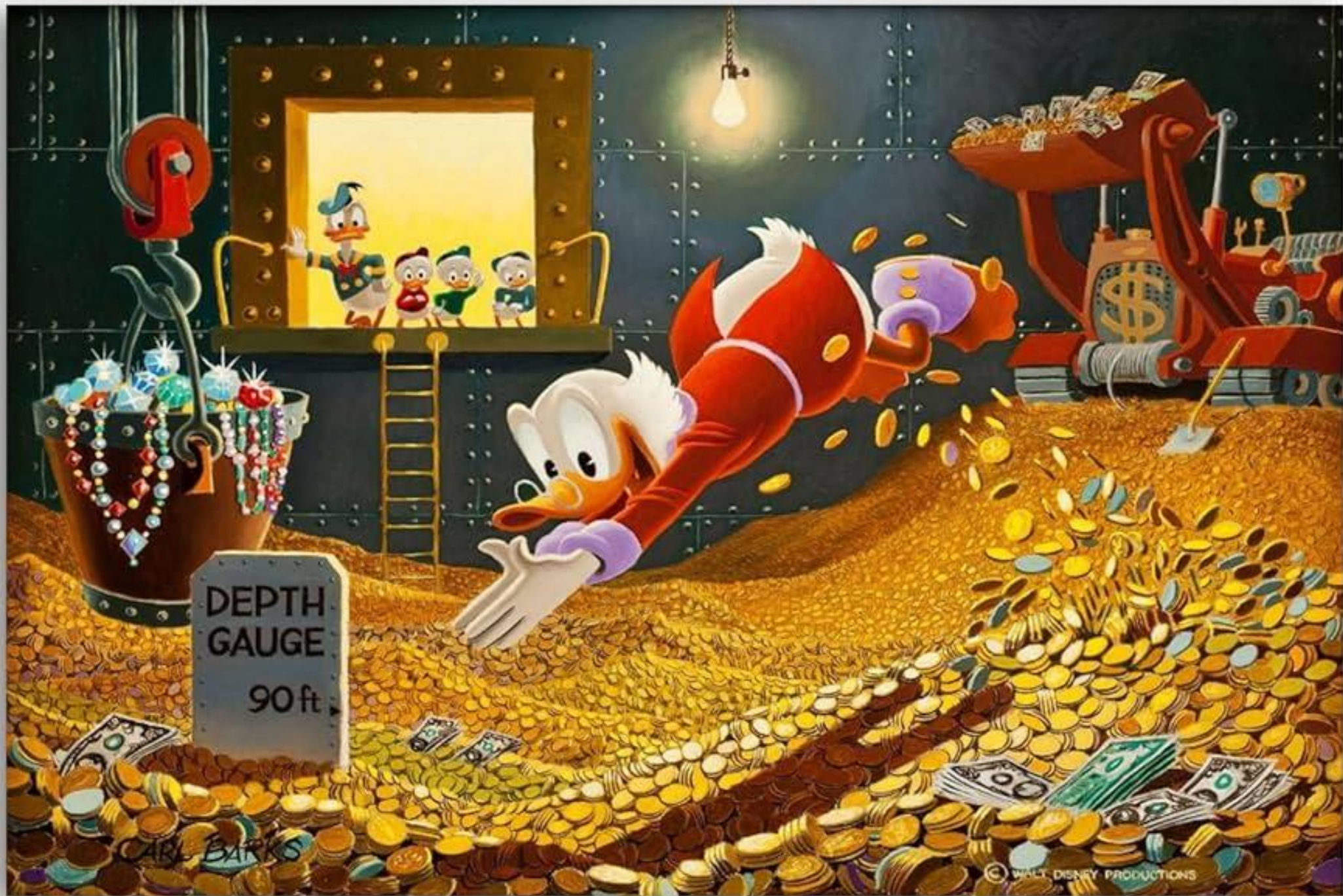


# Introductions

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# Why Partner with Financial Institutions?

- Financial institutions play a critical role in supporting nonprofits through funding, technical assistance, and strategic partnerships.
- Beyond traditional loans and grants, they offer access to financial expertise, networking, and advocacy for community causes.
- **Benefits of Partnership:**
  - Expanded access to capital and funding (e.g., lines of credit, project financing).
  - Operational support and capacity-building opportunities.
  - Collaboration on community and economic development initiatives.



# Key Areas of Partnership

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- **Project Financing:** Support for affordable housing, community development, and social impact projects.
- **Core Operating Support:** Beyond project-specific funding, nonprofits benefit from unrestricted or operational support.
- **Technical Assistance:** Expertise in financial management, compliance, and capacity building.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Encouraging financial institutions to support through skilled volunteer programs.

# Best Practices for Building Strong Partnerships

- 1. Relationship Building:** Invest time in developing strong, long-term relationships with financial institutions, particularly relationship managers.
- 2. Aligning Missions:** Demonstrate how the nonprofit's mission aligns with the financial institution's goals for social impact.
- 3. Transparency and Communication:** Maintain open, ongoing communication about organizational needs and the impact of the institution's support.
- 4. Long-term Commitments:** Work towards multi-year support agreements that provide financial stability and long-term collaboration.
- 5. Leverage Existing Resources:** Partner on technical assistance, financial literacy, and workforce development programs that banks often provide.

# Thank You

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