

Planning a Major Campaign | What to Expect

Components of a Major Campaign:

- 1. Internal Capacity: infrastructural elements including staffing, database, policies,
- 2. **Case for Support**: craft initial elements of the case for support, such as campaign objectives and documents/statements to support the reason for raising funds
- 3. **Donors**: evaluation, cultivation and stewarding of the donor base to maximize support for the campaign
- 4. Leadership: enlistment and involvement of campaign leaders as well as board engagement

Campaign Planning Process:

- 1. Pre-Campaign Readiness Assessment
- 2. Draft Case for Support
- 3. Campaign Planning + Optional Feasibility Study
- 4. Campaign Implementation
 - Quiet Phase
 - Public Phase

Sample Campaign Timeline:



Campaign Budget:

Typically, there is some economy of scale for campaign budgets: the more you raise, the less it costs. Generally, campaigns of \$5-10M and more, have campaign budgets in the 4-6% range of goal. Campaigns under \$3M or so can be more in the 5-7% range of goal.

*Campaign budgets include ALL campaign costs, such as staffing, printing, events, materials development, and campaign counsel (the campaign budget is fully inclusive of costs; and <u>not only</u> the cost of campaign counsel).

Leadership Roles:

- **Board**: provide vision for major campaign; lead execution of campaign
- Campaign Leaders: Campaign Planning Committee → Campaign Cabinet to implement campaign
- Staff: support the work of the board and campaign leaders in day-to-day of campaign