



Some Final Thoughts—and Many Thanks!

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Let's wrap things up and take a moment to thank those who made this workbook possible.

“ A financing practice requires practice. Keep at it!

Conclusion

If you worked through any of the material in this workbook, you've taken your first steps *beyond the grant!*

Maybe you haven't seen new money come in the door just yet, but you are—at a minimum—beyond the grant in how you think about the work of financing. Maybe you've identified or brought a critical perspective or partner to the table. Perhaps you've pinpointed a source of funding that matches up well with your multisector partnership's or organization's skills and abilities (or even just discovered some opportunities to build needed skills). Or maybe you have a deeper appreciation for the ways in which you create value—even if you haven't completely captured it just yet.

A Few Final Points

First off, remember from the Introduction: a financing practice requires practice. Keep at it! Bring new voices and perspectives to the table and see if and how your results evolve. Revisit and update your financial plans often. Expand your depth of knowledge about the health ecosystem around you. Keep honing your financing practice and you'll increase your opportunities to make your work more sustainable.

Secondly, [ReThink Health asserts](#)¹ there are three key practice areas for multisector partnerships and organizations working to transform health and well-being in their regions. Sustainable financing is one of them, but there are two more: active stewardship and comprehensive strategy. Developing your stewardship and strategy practices will no doubt help your financing practice. You might consider exploring [The ReThinkers' Blog](#)², [Stewardship Guide](#)³, [Dynamics Model](#)⁴, or any of the tools we provide on [our website \(www.rethinkhealth.org\)](#).

Lastly, please share your stories and progress with us. We're always interested in hearing from you, and we're hoping you'll follow up around four areas in particular:

1. New financing structures you implement or discover (we'd love to continually update [A Typology of Potential Financing Structures for Population Health](#) from [Module 3](#) with additional examples or new takes on existing structures)
2. Stories or updates on any other insights or progress this workbook enabled
3. Thoughts on where you'd like to see additional supplemental materials offered in this workbook so you can further explore the concepts
4. Your take on improvements or refinements we could make to the material. We've tested this workbook material out in a number of ways, and we believe the content is ready for you to gain the information you need to start your sustainable financing practice. That said, we consider this version of the workbook a work in progress; we're still open to improvements based on your experiences with it.

So please connect with us—via email at ThinkWithUs@ReThinkHealth.org, on [Twitter \(@ReThinkHealth\)](#), or on [Facebook \(@ReThinkHealthInsights\)](#)—and let us know about your financing work!

We believe in the important work you are doing to help make your region a healthier place to live and work. We hope this workbook helps you take your financing to a new level. We look forward to hearing about your current endeavors and future progress!



¹ <https://www.rethinkhealth.org/about-us/our-approach/>

² <https://www.rethinkhealth.org/resources-list/the-rethinkers-blog/>

³ <https://www.rethinkhealth.org/tools/stewardship-guide/>

⁴ <https://www.rethinkhealth.org/resources-list/dynamic-modeling-strategy/>

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Once the first draft of the content was complete, we engaged in a series of tests to learn whether:

1. the materials were clear and understandable
2. the materials helped multisector partnerships and organizations aligning with them
3. the workbook would add to the field of health system transformation in general

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