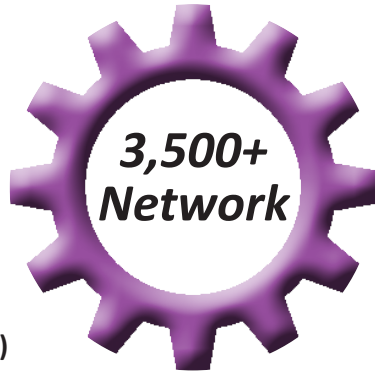




Convening, Equipping, and Guiding Community Leaders

Vision

An Inland Empire where leadership is strong, collaboration and innovation are the standard, communities thrive, and opportunity abounds for all.



Academy for Grassroots Organizations (AcademyGO)

is an independent, nonprofit management support organization working to strengthen community organizations and their leaders.

Each year, **AcademyGO** works with hundreds of organizations and their leaders to help them learn new skills and best practices, develop resources, and collaborate in order to improve quality of life for the region's diverse population. Programs include training, networking and collaboration opportunities, information and resources sharing, and technical assistance provided to organizations that address a wide variety of community needs.

History

AcademyGO began in 2000 in the City of Barstow, California as a networking group aimed at helping a few dozen community groups share information and resources.

Today, **AcademyGO** is a recognized nonprofit leader, trainer, and convener with an extensive network of thousands of nonprofit professionals and volunteers throughout the Inland Empire region.

The organization is a critical component of the region's infrastructure, as well as the nonprofit capacity-building ecosystem in Southern California.



Region

AcademyGO works with a wide variety of community organizations including nonprofits, schools, public agencies, associations, clubs, ministries, funders, and businesses that serve the residents of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Of the more than 10,000 nonprofits serving the region, most are underfunded and lacking resources to sufficiently meet identified needs.

Strengthening community organizations is critical for the Inland Empire and our State. The region continues to be the epicenter of new growth and demographic change in California, yet higher rates of poverty, and poor education and health outcomes, continue to plague the population.

Impact

Our increasingly robust nonprofit sector is ripe for investment and ready to scale successful programs with the help of capacity-building support. Through that support provided by **AcademyGO**, our program participants consistently report that we have helped them increase:

- Knowledge, Skills & Tools
- Collaboration
- Funding & Resources

**Stronger Nonprofits =
Stronger Communities =
Better Quality of Life**

"The Fundraising Academy helped our organization to grow in the right directions. I highly recommend it."

Nonprofit Executive Director

"So glad I took the course, not only for the information and know-how, but for the contacts of really great people in my class. AcademyGO is a first-class operation truly on the cutting edge with their knowledge of non-profits and our needs."

Nonprofit Board Member



"Since taking the class our organization has secured at least an additional \$500K in funding."

Nonprofit Development Director

Core Programs

Academy for Grassroots Organizations is a nonprofit management support organization, providing a variety of programs to strengthen communities by strengthening the organizations and leaders meeting their needs. Our core activities include the following:

Providing effective, low-cost training in a variety of nonprofit management and fundraising topics to assist charitable organizations in achieving the highest levels of effectiveness, sustainability, and impact.

Training Programs

- **The Fundraising Academy for Grassroots Organizations™** is a comprehensive curriculum that helps nonprofit leaders position their organizations for greater resources and sustainability.
- **The Grantwriting Academy for Grassroots Organizations™** provides training in program planning best practices and leaves participants with a self-created proposal template.
- **Workshops** on a variety of important nonprofit topics are designed to help organizations advance their missions with new skills and best practices.
- **Training for Boards of Directors**
- **Access Government Day** is an annual forum that helps organizations connect with government entities and resources, and advocate to advance their missions.

IE Resource Network Coverings are meaningful opportunities for nonprofit professional and volunteer leaders to meet and exchange ideas, knowledge, resources, and peer support.

Resources and information are provided to empower community leaders to make informed decisions, stay abreast of the latest nonprofit best practices and news, and access critical funding.

- **Funding Research Resources** available in-person, online, and via monthly emailed bulletins
- **E-newsletters**
- Information & referral **760-949-2930**
- **Social media** – find us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn
- **www.AcademyGO.com** online portal
- **www.iecapaciteria.org** resources directory

