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[Nonprofit consortium to raise funds lost from United Way](#)

Nov 6, 2009; *The New York Times* | In this fairly stunning story from Philadelphia, a group of agencies have, in the wake of the United Way's newer narrower focus, elected to establish their own competing fundraising consortium. A previous NPQ daily reported a similar action among a set of seven well known agencies in West Texas. "GivePhilly comprises the Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia, Settlement Music School, Travelers Aid of Philadelphia, United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and the YMCA of Philadelphia." This story, however, has a couple of additional components. First, the agencies in question are also exploring other management areas in which they might be able to collaborate, and second, the local Philadelphia Community Foundation is supporting the effort with an eye towards supporting what may be a new way of doing business among some of the larger anchor agencies in this beleaguered city. There are so many components of this situation that bear watching and we will keep you apprised!

—Ruth

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[Fed aid goes to Utah for-profit colleges](#)

Nov 6, 2009; *Salt Lake Tribune* | Okay, we're not all that surprised to learn that in some places, such as Utah in this article, the beneficiaries of Pell higher education tuition grants are going to for-profit schools in higher numbers during the recession than they did with pre-stimulus Pell grants. A lot of for-profit schools are the career training schools that tailor their programs to working (or in some cases, barely working) adults. They cost more than degree-granting public colleges, but their attractiveness is delivering employable skills through associate degree programs. Of course, many public community colleges also offer similar associate degree programs, and to be sure, Utah's community colleges are also doing well with stimulus funding,

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