

John Izzo- Co Founder, Community Grants Associates

John is seasoned professional with almost 20 years of experience in the grant writing and fundraising fields. In November of 2010, he co-founded [Community Grants Associates](#), a firm dedicated to working with communities and organizations in both the United States and Canada. A former President of Randall Funding and Development, he has worked with a variety of clients across the United States. Previously he was a Legal Officer at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. and served as the Director for Grants and Programs at the Washington College of Law, American University where he did a great deal of work with international programs and funding. Over the course of his career he has worked with clients to secure tens of millions of dollars in funding from international, government, corporate and foundation sources. He also provides training and has spoken to groups in both the United States and Canada on how to secure grant funding.

As a funding professional, John firmly believes that diversification of funding streams, including grants, is absolutely essential to the long-term health of any community or organization. He is also intrigued by the power of social media to create positive messages, reach out to those in need, and as a metric to help measure the success of funding projects in an increasingly competitive world.

Mr. Izzo is received his law degree from the Washington College of Law, American University and is BA from Emory University. He is also a proud graduate of Boston College of High School in Boston. He is married with two children and remains very interested in the harnessing the power of the community to create positive outcome for all youth. When he is not watching his daughter figure skate or his son compete in martial arts competitions, he spends his free time hoping the Giants and Red Sox do not meet in the World Series.