For over a decade, the Building Movement Project has been unearthing the potential for broader collaborations and a sense of movement among organizations. Our research and tools help groups both align their social justice principles with their operating practices, and partner across boundaries of sector and tradition. We bring people together, sharing best practices and building bridges that lead to policies and approaches that support equity, fairness and sustainability.

BMP has three main areas of focus: Service and Social Change, Leadership and Movement Building.

Service and Social Change

Our Service and Social Change work helps develop the capacity of organizations to honor client voice, build community power, and engage constituents in changing the systems impacting them.

Landmark publications like our Process Guide have helped hundreds of organizations integrate social change activities into their everyday work.

To learn more about this work, read our reports, or download tools for use in your organization, head here:

www.buildingmovement.org/focus_area/category/service_and_social_change

“A Series of 5% Shifts”

This series of reports shows how service agencies can make small organizational shifts that lead to big impacts within their organizations and communities. Each report includes an overview of the “5% shift,” case studies that exemplify how organizations have applied key concepts, and tools for discussion and planning within organizations.

More on this series can be found at:
http://www.buildingmovement.org/blog/entry/five_percent_shifts_series

To join the conversation or tell us about your organization’s 5% shifts, use the #5PercentShifts hashtag.
Launched by the Building Movement Project in 2015, the Common Good Action Project (CGAP) is an initiative to bring together small cohorts of organizations to learn from one another, provide training and exchange resources, and think collectively about how to advance the common good for all New Mexicans.

Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless has played a integral role in developing the CGAP model. AHCH’s work on constituent engagement and establishing long-term, measurable goals for moving constituents into leadership roles was a model for the most recent cohort of organizations providing services to people experiencing homelessness.

**Resources on Constituent Engagement**

BMP’s Nonprofits Integrating Constituent Engagement (N.I.C.E.) Guide includes many tools, and resources for organizations.

This is an excellent, straightforward guide developed by Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless on peer mentoring for peer mentoring for new board members.

Drawing from the work and leadership of service organizations in the New York Foundation’s Learning Lab, this tool uses case studies to illustrate specific actions organizations can take to integrate meaningful constituent participation into their work.

The Bridgespan Group examines how leading nonprofits are engaging their clients, beneficiaries, or residents, to deliver services more effectively and have more impact on the social concerns they are trying to address.