

# **BIG Event Planning Question Guide**

Hosting a banquet, fundraiser, or donor event? These questions will help you plan, execute, and follow up with clarity and confidence.

### 1. Purpose & Goals (5 Questions)

- 1. What is the main purpose of the event (fundraising, celebration, awareness, etc.)?
- 2. What does success look like? How will you measure it?
- 3. Who is the primary audience for this event?
- 4. What message or feeling do you want attendees to walk away with?
- 5. How does this event align with your overall mission or annual goals?

## 2. Budget & Resources (5 Questions)

- 1. What is your total event budget?
- 2. What are your key expense categories (venue, catering, A/V, décor, etc.)?
- 3. Do you need event sponsors or underwriters?
- 4. What in-kind donations (food, décor, printing, etc.) could help reduce costs?
- 5. Who is responsible for tracking and approving expenses?

### 3. Date & Venue (5 Questions)

- 1. What dates avoid major holidays, school breaks, or other big events?
- 2. Which venue options fit your audience size and event style?
- 3. Does the venue have parking, accessibility, and Wi-Fi considerations?
- 4. Are permits or insurance required?
- 5. What is your backup plan if weather or other unexpected issues arise?

### 4. Program & Flow (5 Questions)

- 1. What is the overall theme or tone?
- 2. Who will be the emcee, speakers, or special guests?
- 3. How long should the program be (start and end times)?
- 4. What elements will keep attendees engaged (entertainment, testimonies, video)?
- 5. Do you have a clear run-of-show and cue sheet?

### 5. Audience Experience (5 Questions)

- 1. How will guests register or RSVP?
- 2. Will name tags, table numbers, or seating charts be needed?
- 3. What welcome experience will guests have (greeting, signage, décor)?
- 4. Are there dietary restrictions or accessibility needs to accommodate?
- 5. What hospitality touches will make the event feel warm and memorable?





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### 6. Volunteers & Staff (5 Questions)

- 1. What roles are needed (registration, ushers, tech, décor, cleanup)?
- 2. How many volunteers or staff are required for each role?
- 3. What training or briefing will they need before the event?
- 4. Who will manage and encourage volunteers during the event?
- 5. How will you thank volunteers afterward?

### 7. Marketing & Promotion (5 Questions)

- 1. What is your communication plan (social media, email, print)?
- 2. Do you have an event logo, theme, or consistent branding?
- 3. When will invites or save-the-dates be sent?
- 4. How will you track and follow up with RSVPs?
- 5. How will you promote to key stakeholders personally?

## 8. Technology & Production (5 Questions)

- 1. What audio/visual needs are required (mics, screens, projectors)?
- 2. Who will run sound, slides, or live-streaming if applicable?
- 3. Do you need Wi-Fi or extra power sources?
- 4. Will the event be recorded or photographed? By whom?
- 5. What is your backup plan if technology fails?

# 9. Follow-Up & Evaluation (6 Questions)

- 1. Who will send thank-you notes or follow-up communication?
- 2. How will donor gifts or pledges be processed and acknowledged?
- 3. How will you gather feedback from attendees or staff?
- 4. What metrics will you review post-event?
- 5. How will you celebrate and thank your planning team?
- 6. What lessons will you document to improve next time?

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