

VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS DATABASE

HAND-RAISING NEEDS

What are Hand-Raising Needs?

Hand-Raising Needs are a way for volunteers to express interest in your opportunity without actually signing up. Here are a few questions to ask yourself when determining if you should create your own hand-raising Needs:

- Do you want interested volunteers to complete a round of interviews, onboarding steps, paperwork, or special training before they can participate with your agency?
- Do you want to vet interested volunteers to ensure their skillsets and backgrounds align with your agency's goals and needs?
- Would you like to compile a waitlist of interested volunteers to assign and schedule as necessary?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then Hand-Raising Needs are a great way to meet those demands!

Steps in the process

1. The volunteer responds to an opportunity that clearly emphasizes they're only showing interest—not signing up just yet, but rather raising their hand for it.
2. You can then review the responses of interested volunteers and decide to move forward with the application and vetting process from there.
3. Once the volunteers is approved, they can then be added to a User Group assigned to the private opportunity. (Please reach out to your Site Manager about creating a User Group for those volunteers).
4. When they're in the User Group, they can access the private opportunity and respond to it.
5. Now, you can start scheduling them!

