

Independent Nonprofit Technology Consulting

Technology initiatives rarely begin with a clear path.

Nonprofits often struggle with the messy front end of technology initiatives and projects.

You may have a software decision coming up, a vendor proposal you want an independent perspective on, a project that is raising new questions, or several interconnected issues without a clear scope yet.

You don't need to figure out the whole project before bringing in experienced help. In fact, getting the right perspective early can save significant time, money, and rework.

You **can** rebuild your car's engine yourself. But an experienced mechanic will usually get there faster, spot problems sooner, and let you stay focused on the work only you can do.

TechEffective provides **flexible, independent technology guidance** to help nonprofits **make better decisions while the path forward is still taking shape.**

Tactical Progress + Strategic Resilience

Immediate problems still need to be solved. The goal is to avoid delaying useful work until every future decision is known.

TechEffective helps organizations **pursue tactical progress and intentional long-term direction at the same time.**

That means addressing the immediate question while also considering things like:

- Is this where this capability should live long term?
- What alternatives should we consider?
- What dependencies are we creating?
- Who will own and support this later?
- What will this cost to operate, not just implement?
- How difficult would it be to change direction?
- Does this decision support the larger technology environment we want?

This helps keep today's fixes from unintentionally becoming tomorrow's constraints.

20-Minute Exploratory Call – No Cost

Best for: getting oriented, clarifying your questions, and figuring out how to start. No sales pitch.

Get the ball rolling: [schedule a conversation](#) or simply email a question or situation you're dealing with to sean@techeffective.org. No polish needed. Send what you have, and we'll start moving it forward.

Ways to Get Started

Technology Decision or Planning Session

Starting at \$375

Best for: one specific decision, proposal, vendor recommendation, technology question, or issue that needs clarity and a practical plan of attack.

A focused session typically includes:

- Pre-session review of relevant background materials
- A 90-minute working session
- Discussion of options, tradeoffs, risks, and next steps
- A brief written summary when helpful

Examples:

- Should we replace or improve this system?
- Does this vendor proposal make sense?
- Is this integration on track?
- What should we be asking before selecting a platform?
- Are there risks or costs we are overlooking?

A simple way to get an independent perspective without committing to a larger engagement.

Deep-Dive Working Session (Half-Day)

Starting at \$850

Best for: several connected decisions or a problem that needs more than one conversation.

May include a combination of:

- background review
- leadership or stakeholder discussion
- technology option comparison
- architecture or systems thinking
- vendor/proposal review
- decision framing
- prioritized next steps

This works especially well when a team needs to work through a complex issue together.

Deep-Dive Working Session (Full-Day)

Starting at \$1,550

Best for: major technology decisions, project resets, or complex issues needing concentrated attention.

May include a combination of:

- advance preparation
- working sessions with leadership or staff
- surveys or data collection
- systems or architecture review
- analysis of options and tradeoffs
- decision support
- recommendations and next-step planning

The format is adapted to the situation rather than following a fixed workshop agenda.

Ongoing Technology Strategy and Support

Starting at \$1,950 per month

Best for: organizations expecting multiple decisions, projects, or emerging issues over several months.

Each engagement includes an agreed monthly capacity limit so costs remain predictable.

Most organizations start small, typically for 2–3 months, then continue, adjust, or transition into a more defined project as the need becomes clearer.

Ongoing technology guidance can be used flexibly for:

- › Software and platform decisions
- › Vendor and consultant proposal review
- › Build / buy / integrate / renovate decisions
- › Systems and data architecture
- › Integrations and systems of record
- › Project sequencing and implementation
- › Budgeting, prioritization, and growth considerations
- › Total cost of ownership analysis and spend tracking
- › Data migration, quality, and governance
- › Leadership and vendor meetings
- › Projects that are drifting or increasing in complexity
- › Identifying deeper assessment or support needs

Ongoing guidance helps connect today's decisions to the larger technology direction.

Not Sure Where to Start?

You don't need a finished scope, clearly defined problem, or organized plan. Bring your question or what's on your mind, and we'll have a conversation that can usually identify the best starting point and provide a useful perspective right away.

Start moving toward a solution with your very next action:

[Schedule a conversation](#) →

or

call/text Sean directly at (919) 457-1539 - voice notes and text notes are welcome

or

Get it moving by sending what's on your mind to sean@techeffective.org. No polished explanation needed. Audio ramblings, brain dumps, and quick questions all welcome. Send it, and we'll get connected.

More Ways TechEffective Can Help

Learn more about our services including technology assessments, major decision support, system selection & implementation support, systems strategy & architecture, data & integration, cybersecurity & governance + risk + compliance, hands-on tech support & systems administration, and fractional technology leadership.

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