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Authors Collaboration between nonprofit and business sectors is widely regarded as a value creation process that benefits society, business, and nonprofit organizations (NPOs). This process, however, has rarely been considered from a nonprofit perspective. In this paper, we discuss a new framework to assist NPOs in developing strategic collaborations with businesses. Economic viability and growth has become a critical issue (Weerawardena et al. 2010). This challenge has been driven by several factors including an escalation of competition in the nonprofit sector (Phillips 2012), coupled with a growing number.