



Engaging with Members



In February, we released our [2018 Impact Report](#), which reviewed our collective accomplishments as a network working to end homelessness and set the groundwork for our efforts in 2019. In this month's Member News, we are sharing a few highlights of how Funders Together engaged its members in learning and networking opportunities to support their efforts to prevent and end homelessness:

- **We connected members and peers to learn from each other.** Through our [2018 Funders Forum](#) and [Funders Institute](#), we provided a space for nearly 120 funders to learn from each other and experts, share what's happening in their communities, and identify opportunities to work together in the future.
- **We engaged members through deep dives into issue-based learning.** Our [networks and communities of practice](#) engaged funders on issues such as youth homelessness and the intersection of employment and housing. We also continued to support the incredible work of our regional networks in Florida, Los Angeles, and San Diego while welcoming two new networks: Baltimore and Chicago.
- **We expanded online programming to reach funders across the country.** Funders Together hosted [19 online programs](#) and reached over 220 funders, an increase from the 11 online programs and 160 funders reached in 2017.

For a full look at our programming in 2018 and the impact it had, visit the [Engaging With Members section](#) of our 2018 Impact Report.

Read the 2018 Impact Report



[Taking a Stand on the 2020 Census](#)

In early April, Funders Together, along with nearly thirty other philanthropy serving organizations (PSOs) and funders, contributed to an [amicus curiae brief](#) that was sent to the Supreme Court as part of a unique effort to [contest the proposed citizenship question on the 2020 Census](#) and outline how it could affect philanthropy's investments in communities across the country.



[Policy Expert Round-Up: The FY2020 Federal Budget and Engaging Congress](#)

In this blog post, our national partners provide insight and advice on the FY20 federal budget cycle and how funders can engage and educate the new Congress.

We are always looking to highlight the impact of our members. If you would like to feature your work in an upcoming blog, [let us know!](#)



Funders Together Resources

Access to the following Funders Together webinar recording is only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact [Stephanie Chan](#).

Guest Blog Post: Center for Effective Philanthropy: [Leading From Behind to Address the Affordable Housing Crisis and Homelessness](#)

Funders Together CEO, Amanda Andere, outlines philanthropy's responsibility to act on the affordable housing crisis and work to end homelessness. She discusses why funders from all sectors should be involved and the importance of engaging in this work using a racial equity lens.

Webinar Recording: [Investing in Change: Supporting Advocacy and Policy Efforts](#)

In this webinar, Funders Together partnered with Alliance for Justice to answer burning questions from our members such as: How can philanthropy make the case for funding advocacy to end homelessness? Can my foundation fund grantees that lobby? What's philanthropy's role in educating new members of Congress on housing and homelessness issues? Can philanthropy support local ballot initiative work? We also heard from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation on how they are focusing on advocacy and policy work, including lifting up voices of lived experience.

Webinar Recording: [Opportunity Starts at Home: Meeting Affordable Housing Needs Through Cross-Sector Partnerships](#)

This educational webinar discussed Opportunity Starts at Home, a long-term, multi-sector campaign to meet the rental housing needs of the nation's low-income population. Mike Koprowski and Chantelle Wilkinson from the National Low Income Housing Coalition shared how they've coalesced several sectors around a shared theory of action and how racial equity and prevention are a part of this work. Jeanne Fekade-Sellassie from Funders for Housing and Opportunity (FHO) and Susan Thomas from the Melville Charitable Trust shared how funders are supporting this work through FHO and other ways philanthropy can engage in this cross-sector work.

Webinar Recording: [Employment Webinar Series: Utilizing SNAP E&T to Serve Individuals Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) allows states to provide SNAP participants with critical employment and training services. We were joined by Rachel Gragg, USDA Food and Nutrition Services, and Nick Codd, Seattle Jobs Initiative, to discuss how states are strategically utilizing SNAP E&T funds to provide employment services to those experiencing homelessness. They explored how funders can support the expansion of SNAP E&T in their state and how to leverage public-private partnerships in communities.

Member Resources

- Kresge Foundation: [Advancing Racial Equity Through Capacity Building](#)
- Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland: [A Place 4 Me's "Dream Job" Empowers Youth to Build Trust](#)

Partner Resources

- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: [Child Care and Housing: Big Expenses With Too Little Help Available](#)
- National Alliance to End Homelessness: [The State of Homelessness 2019](#)

- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: [Alone without a Home: A National Review of State Laws Affecting Unaccompanied Youth](#)
- True Colors United: [Here's What Happened on #TrueColorsDay 2019](#)



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[Rhode Island Foundation commits \\$250K to census outreach](#)
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[Goodwill Hawaii gets \\$3M for new center to help thousands be career ready](#)
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[Lindsey House to triple capacity with \\$3.5 million expansion project](#)
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Have news about your foundation's or United Way's work that we missed? [Let us know](#) and we would love to feature it next month!



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Funders Together would like to thank and welcome our newest full members:

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We look forward to working with you and supporting your efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

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