



Advocacy and Policy



In February, we released our [2018 Impact Report](#), which reviewed our collective accomplishments as a network working to end homelessness and sets the groundwork for our efforts in 2019. In this month's Member News, we are sharing a few highlights of how Funders Together worked on behalf of philanthropy to build relationships with elected officials, educated policymakers on public-private partnerships and best practices, and engaged members in advocacy and policy opportunities:

- **We lifted philanthropy's voice and priorities with government officials.** Funders Together CEO, Amanda Andere, met with HUD Secretary Ben Carson at a philanthropy roundtable to highlight the importance of public-private partnerships and also participated in a Congressional panel with A Way Home America to speak to how philanthropy and federal partners can best work together to end homelessness.
- **We provided members with increased opportunities to learn about timely and pressing advocacy and policy issues.** Funders Together advocacy and policy programming increased 41% to accommodate interest from our members to stay up to date on local and federal issues that affect the movement to end homelessness.
- **We alerted members to actionable ways to engage in advocacy and policy efforts.** Through our Advocacy and Policy Update e-blasts, members signed on to letters, submitted public comments, and made public statements opposing both the citizenship question on the 2020 Census and the public charge rule due to their harmful effects on individuals and families, putting them at risk of housing instability.

For a full look at all this work in 2018 and the impact it had, visit the [Advocacy and Policy section](#) of our 2018 Impact Report.

Read the 2018 Impact Report



Recently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [published a proposed rule](#) that would prohibit families from living in public or subsidized housing if any member was ineligible for housing assistance based on their immigration status, also known as "mixed status" families. This new rule would [result in the eviction of nearly 55,000 children](#) who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents putting them at risk of homelessness. Funders Together to End Homelessness [strongly opposes this proposed rule](#) and believes it is crucial for

philanthropy to take an active role in responding to it.

Public comments in response to the rule are open until July 9th and we highly encourage funders to [submit a unique comment](#) telling HUD why this rule is harmful to communities and how it would exacerbate homelessness across the country. Just like the [recent "public charge" policy](#), both **all funders (including private funders) CAN submit public comments as it does not constitute lobbying** under federal tax law.

You can learn more about the proposed rule as well as how to submit unique comments with the following resources:

- **Funders Together to End Homelessness:** Webinar Recording: [No Housing Support for Mixed Status Families? How Philanthropy Can Respond to Proposed HUD Rule](#)
- [Keep Families Together campaign](#)
- **National Housing Law Project:** [Immigrant Rights Initiative](#)
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition:** [Housing, Faith, Civil Rights, Social Justice, and Immigration Leaders Rally to Oppose HUD Rule That Would Separate Families or Evict Them](#)

If your organization submits comments or engages in opposing this proposed rule in any way, please [reach out to us and let us know!](#) We would love to feature your efforts.



[How Can Funders Strengthen Racial Equity Work?](#)
By Adrienne Mundorf, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

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 resources 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, stephanie@funderstogether.org or visit our [Join Us page](#).

[Racial Equity Resources for Funders](#)

This page compiles resources that can aid funders in the work to address racial disparities in housing and homelessness and advance racial equity.

Webinar Recording: [Are Housing Vouchers Contributing to Racial and Economic Segregation for Families and Children?](#)

This webinar discussed the findings of a recent analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which help us better understand how local voucher programs perform relative to the local housing market and identify areas for improvement. We shared highlights from the analysis and discussed how funders can think about these findings and their investments in their communities.

Webinar Recording: [Employment Webinar Series: Leveraging WIOA to Expand Employment Opportunities for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness](#)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides some important opportunities for a variety of populations that have high-barriers to employment, including people experiencing homelessness. In this webinar, Melissa Young, Director of National Initiatives on Poverty and Economic Opportunity at Heartland Alliance, explored how WIOA can be used to help people experiencing homelessness and key ways funders can help communities leverage the local and state WIOA planning process to increase employment opportunities.

Webinar Recording: [No Housing Support for Mixed Status Families? How Philanthropy Can Respond to Proposed HUD Rule](#)

In this webinar, in partnership with Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, participants learned more about newly introduced regulation from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that would force U.S. citizen children and their families out of public housing if any member lacked legal status. We also examined how community-based leaders are responding, and how philanthropy can leverage its voice through comments on the regulation and grantmaking as part of the campaign against this harmful proposal.

Member Resources

- **Raikes Foundation:** [The Power of Equity](#)

Partner Resources

- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:** [Administration's Proposed Housing Rule Would Cause Thousands to Lose Their Homes, Most of Them Children](#)
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition:** [Advocacy and Civil Rights Groups Condemn Carson Proposal to Allow Discrimination Against LGBTQ People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- **United Philanthropy Forum:** [A Call for Philanthropy to Help Meet Unprecedented Challenges Facing the 2020 Census](#)
- **Youth Collaboratory:** [Youth Outcome Project Report](#)



Member News



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Sentinel Colorado



Valley of the Sun
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[Valley of the Sun United Way Names Carla Vargas Jasa as CEO](#)
Paradise Valley Independent



[California Community Foundation Awards \\$4.8 Million to Strengthen Los Angeles Communities](#)
Yahoo! Finance

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

*Interested in becoming a [full Funders Together member](#)? Contact [Stephanie Chan](#) for more information.
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