



Featured Programming

Webinar: [**Racial Discrimination in the Lives of Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness**](#)
Friday, February 28, 1:00pm ET / 10:00am PT

New research from the HOPE HOME study in Oakland, CA examines the relationship between race, racial discrimination, and the experience of homelessness for older adults. In his research, Dereck Paul, an MD candidate at the UCSF School of Medicine, identified how structural racism contributed to study participants becoming or staying homeless and how structural racism may increase susceptibility to homelessness.

In this webinar, Dereck will discuss the findings from the HOPE HOME study, how the relationships between racial discrimination and homelessness can serve as focal points for policies aimed at preventing homelessness, and what this means for funders who are focused on advancing racial equity.

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Local Learning Opportunities

[**Funder Meeting at the Housing First Partners Conference**](#)
Monday, March 16 | 2:00 p.m. PT
Seattle, WA

In response to the practices and efficacy of Housing First being questioned, communities and policymakers are starting to focus on the rise of unsheltered homelessness through criminalization and the proposal of other approaches that will not result real systems change. It is imperative for philanthropy to come together and determine how to strategically ensure the implementation and scaling of real solutions that end homelessness.

It is especially critical for philanthropy to use their dollars and voice to build political will so that mayors, governors, and other local policymakers direct resources toward under-funded solutions such as housing vouchers, permanent supportive housing, and behavioral health services. Philanthropy also has a role to play in ensuring that people experiencing homelessness are not warehoused out of sight, arrested for being homeless, or subjected to measures that will perpetuate cycles of homelessness and housing instability.

Join **Funders Together to End Homelessness** for a funder meeting in Seattle, WA before the Housing First Partners Conference to discuss what's happening locally and federally around homelessness and how funders can respond. During this meeting, we will share how our communities are responding to proposed policy changes related to homelessness and housing, discuss how philanthropy can respond, and name ways to learn and act together.

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Funders Together Webinars

Webinar: [**Scaling Diversion Models to End Homelessness in Your Community**](#)
Thursday, March 12, 2pm ET / 11am PT

Join us during this webinar to hear directly from Building Changes, which tested diversion strategies for families under the Bill & Melinda Gates Family Homelessness Initiative, learn about how they worked with Africatown to scale diversion strategies in Washington state, and how they worked with funders to make it happen. We'll also hear from the Schultz Family Foundation and how they, as one of the funders in this work, understood the need to fund diversion at the systems level, not just a programmatic level, and how they helped drum up additional investments from other funders.

We'll also share some disaggregated data around how Black and African American people opted into diversion at higher rates, what this suggests about other parts of the homeless response system, and what tough questions we need to ask ourselves.

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Philanthropy West Virginia Co-Host Webinar: Ending Homelessness is Possible! Here's How Funders Can Help

Wednesday, May 20, 10am ET / 7am PT

Funders Together is excited to partner with [Philanthropy West Virginia](#) on a two-part webinar series on homelessness how it intersects with other systems. This webinar is open to any funder and is free for members of Funders Together or Philanthropy West Virginia, but the context and discussion shared will be focused specifically on West Virginia.

Join the first of this two-part webinar series, brought to you by [Philanthropy West Virginia](#) and [Funders Together to End Homelessness](#), to learn about the root causes of homelessness and the evidence-based practices that we know end homelessness. We'll look specifically at homelessness in West Virginia and what organizations are doing to house people before discussing how funders can use their resources most effectively to support these solutions.

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Webinar Recording: Philanthropy & the 2020 Census: What a Fair and Accurate Count Means for Ending Homelessness

In this webinar, we explored where current Census operations are, why philanthropy investing in housing and homelessness programs should care about the count, what some of the concerns and barriers are to counting people experiencing homelessness, and how funders can be an integral part in fair and accurate Census efforts in their community. We also heard from the Polk Bros Foundation in Chicago on its role in the [Illinois Count Me In 2020](#) campaign, how it supports efforts outside of funding, and the importance of bringing in funders from other sectors through mindful collaboration and coordination.

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Webinar Recording: Authentically Sharing Power with Young People

This webinar explored how YouthPrise has engaged young people in their mission to reduce disparities with and for Minnesota youth, involved discussion about the range of ways foundations can share power with young people authentically, and shared lessons learned and opportunities in engaging young people in the decision making process.

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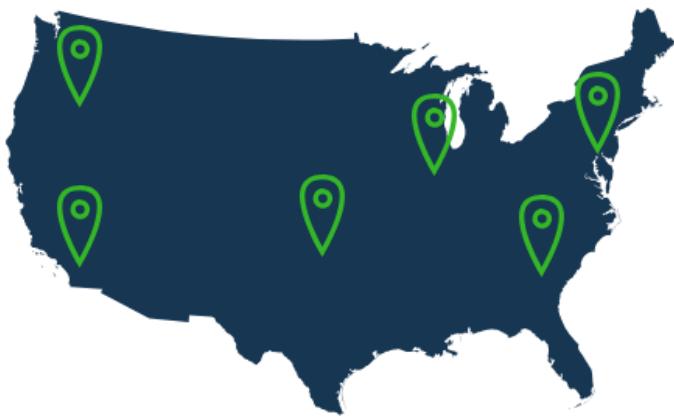
Access to the webinar recordings is only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact Stephanie Chan, stephanie@funderstogether.org or visit our [Join Us page](#).



Where We Will Be

In addition to our Funders Together programming, check out these [partner events that Funders Together will be at](#), representing and highlighting philanthropy's work in the efforts to prevent and end homelessness. If you are attending any of these events or would like to attend and meet up, please contact [Amanda Andere](#) or you can find more information directly on the [Where We Will Be page](#).

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