Webinar: Authentically Sharing Power with Young People
Thursday, January 30, 1:00pm ET / 10:00am PT

Organizations often grapple with the question of how to authentically engage with those we are serving. While engagement can look different, some foundations have people with lived expertise who serve as decision makers and have power to help create the solutions.

YouthPrise’s mission is to reduce disparities with and for Minnesota young people by mobilizing and investing resources, advancing knowledge, and advocating for change. This work is done alongside those they serve. From the board to staff to grantmaking, young people are given the power to be the decision makers that can make true change. Marcus Pope, Vice President, and Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, Advancement and Communications Officer, will be discussing their experience of sharing power with young people to create change in their community and how young people are shaping the solutions to improve the lives of youth across Minnesota.

During this webinar, participants will learn:

- how YouthPrise has engaged young people in their mission to reduce disparities with and for Minnesota youth.
- the range of ways foundations can share power with young people authentically.
- lessons and opportunities to engage young people in the decision making process.

Thank you to our Networking and Learning sponsor!
Limited Spots Left to the 2020 Funders Forum

We're a little over a month away from meeting in Oakland for our 2020 Funders Forum and registration is filling up quickly. If you've been considering attending our Funders Forum on Wednesday, February 19th, now is the time to register as we have very limited seats available.

By attending, you'll join 60 funder peers to discuss what policy agenda philanthropy should be supporting to end homelessness locally and nationally, how we center racial justice in all that we do, and how philanthropy can organize and lever the different abilities of our partners to shift public and political will.

We'll also have a space dedicated for those who are interested in learning more about housing and homelessness in the Bay area. This conversation is open to all, and we hope funders in the Bay area especially will come together to learn about the different efforts across the Bay that are addressing housing and homelessness and how funders in the region can come together to continue learning and strategizing.

Learn more and explore the working agenda on our 2020 Funders Forum page.

Remember: Space is very limited so be sure to register today!

Grand Challenge Briefing - Richmond, VA
Friday, January 24 | 9:00 a.m. ET
United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

Over a two-year period, the A Way Home America Grand Challenge will help ten communities, including Richmond, end homelessness for LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth of Color. The Grand Challenge is a problem-solving initiative with several critical approaches: youth collaboration, LGBTQ+ and racial equity, and quality improvement. It aims to set the path to ending homelessness for all youth.

Throughout the next two years, providers, young people, funders, and other key stakeholders will be working and learning together. Funders hold a unique role in the success of this challenge, whether it be as a convener or as an advocate. As each community gears up for the work ahead, Funders Together and A Way Home America are hosting conversations for funders in Richmond to introduce them to the team of local community members leading this challenge and to discuss the various ways funders can engage in this work.

Please RSVP below if you are able to attend. We will have coffee and a light breakfast. We look forward to an engaging discussion about how funders can help advance the work happening to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Webinar: Grand Challenge Briefing - Hennepin County

Over a two-year period, the A Way Home America Grand Challenge will help ten communities, including Hennepin County, end homelessness for LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth of Color. The Grand Challenge is a problem-solving initiative with several critical approaches: youth collaboration, LGBTQ+ and racial equity, and quality improvement. It aims to set the path to ending homelessness for all youth.

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Join us for an engaging discussion about how funders can help advance the work happening to prevent and end youth 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.
Webinar Recording: The Divest/Invest Framework: What Does It Mean for Funders Working in Housing and Homelessness?

In this webinar, we talked about how funders can help build more just, thriving communities by investing in institutions and enterprises that value low-income residents, guard against policies that criminalize people for being homeless, and protect residents from displacement. Funders Together to End Homelessness partnered with Neighborhood Funders Group (NFG) and shared how funders can use the divest/invest framework to think about their grantmaking and talked about the intersection of the criminal justice and homelessness systems.

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.

Click on the map below to see what events we will be at in the coming months!