



## COVID-19 and Homelessness

As concerns about COVID-19 and its effect on our neighbors and communities spread across the country, we understand that it has been top of mind for many. In order to provide easy access to numerous information sources and create a robust understanding of the issue, we've [compiled resources and programming](#) about the coronavirus from our partners, funders, and communities, as well as information focused on COVID-19's impact on housing and homelessness that may be useful as you plan to support your community in response to recent events.

We will be continually updating this resource page as new resources and programming are created. If you have a statement or resource from your organization that you would like to share, [please contact Lauren Bennett](#).

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## Featured Programming

**Webinar: [Scaling Diversion Models to End Homelessness in Your Community](#)**  
**TOMORROW, March 12, 2:00pm ET / 11:00am PT**

Considered a "light touch" approach, diversion is a process that can successfully help families exit homelessness. Join us during this webinar happening **Thursday, March 12**, to hear from Building Changes about how they worked with Africatown to implement and scale diversion strategies in Washington state. We'll also hear from the Schultz Family Foundation about how they understood the need to fund diversion at the systems level and helped educate other funders about diversion and drum up additional investments.

We'll also share 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 questions funders can take back into their own communities around implementation with a racial equity lens.

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## Funders Together Webinars

**Webinar: [Opportunities for Impact with Host Homes](#)**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 1pm ET / 10am PT**

Short-term host homes are an intervention for youth who are currently experiencing homelessness for any variety of reasons. The goal of short-term host homes is to provide a safe, temporary, and welcoming space that allows a young person time to repair their relationships with self-identified family or make decisions about other housing options with the support of a caring housing case manager. Point Source Youth is working to scale up effective solutions, like Host Homes, to end youth homelessness in numerous cities across the United States, including: Baltimore, Minneapolis, Louisville, Venice Beach, Los Angeles, San Jose, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Rochester, Seattle, and others. We will be joined by staff at Point Source Youth and Amy Kleine from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation to discuss the work that is happening in Baltimore and Los Angeles around Host Homes, how funders are currently engaging in this work, and where they are additional opportunities.

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**Webinar: [Innovative Responses to Help Build Positive Outcomes for the Justice-Involved](#)**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2pm ET / 11am PT**

In this webinar, Heartland Alliance will talk about three of their initiatives: READI Chicago, which is working to reduce gun violence involvement; Onboard Chicago, which is an employer-focused strategy to incorporate trauma informed care in the workplace; and a multiyear advocacy campaign aimed at omnibus legislation to eliminate permanent punishment for criminal records. We invite you to join this webinar to learn

about racial equity and the intersection of criminal justice involvement, employment, and housing and how funders can support policy reform in their own communities and support organizations working at the intersection of multiple systems that intersect with housing stability.

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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: [New Research on Racial Inequities in Coordinated Entry System Assessment Tools](#)**

C4 Innovations released findings from their latest [research project](#) examining how coordinated entry system assessments are perpetuating racial inequities by prioritizing white people for housing services and capturing vulnerabilities that white people are more likely to experience. This webinar brought this new research to our members. In this webinar, participants were one of the first to hear their research findings, what this means for funders working in homelessness, and what needs to happen next to end racism in the homelessness system.

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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](mailto:stephanie@funderstogether.org) or visit our [Join Us page](#).*



**[2020 Funders Institute](#)**  
July 13-15, 2020  
Washington, D.C.

**Mark Your Calendars for the 2020 Funders Institute!**

Funders Together to End Homelessness will hold our annual [Funders Institute](#) in conjunction with the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Washington DC on July 13-15, 2020.

The Funders Institute will take place from 9:00a-4:30 on July 13, followed by a funders networking reception from 4:30-6:30. Funders will once again have the option to jointly register for the National Conference on Ending Homelessness and will be able to attend our funders-only sessions on July 14 and 15 during the conference.

**RSVP below to be one of the first to know when we open registration!**

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