Member Call: Funders Together Commitment to Racial Equity
Monday, December 9, 2:00pm ET / 11:00am PT

Last week, we made public our Commitment to Racial Equity that outlines what we as an organization believe, understand, and acknowledge when it comes to racial inequities in homelessness and housing. This commitment is the pillar of how we want to work with philanthropy, how we want to shift our internal practices, and what we aspire to accomplish by centering racial justice in our work to end homelessness.

Join us for a member call on December 9 to have a candid conversation about what it took to craft this commitment, what it means for members of Funders Together, and to share your thoughts on how you might use it and what you’d like to see from us. While we will prepare some remarks about this racial equity commitment, we intend for this call to be a conversation between all participants and look forward to hearing your thoughts and questions.

Speakers include:
- Amanda Andere, CEO of Funders Together
- Katie Hong, Director of Special Initiatives, Raikes Foundation and current board chair of Funders Together to End Homelessness
- Bill Pitkin, Consultant and former board chair of Funders Together to End Homelessness
Now is the time to register for the 2020 Funders Forum in Oakland, CA on February 19th! This year, we’ll be focusing on how the way philanthropy has been working to prevent and end homelessness has been evolving. As the field continues to work toward racial equity in our systems, policies to implement and uphold proven solutions, and building public and political will, philanthropy must come together to strategize how to bring all these pieces together.

Our 2020 Funders Forum will touch on several topics:

- How can philanthropy continue to lift up research and evidence-based practices to ensure that people are stably housed?
- What are funders doing to build public and political will to stop the criminalization of homelessness and other policies that target people who are the most marginalized?
- How can philanthropy of all types work together to address homelessness and housing affordability?
- How do we ensure that racial equity and people with lived expertise are centered in all the work that philanthropy does to prevent and end homelessness?

Funders can register for the Funders Forum and the sold-out Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults conference together through Funders Together. This dual registration allows you to attend the full day on Wednesday, February 19 for the Funders Forum, including the NAEH conference lunch plenary, our funder networking reception, and the NAEH conference sessions on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21. **Space is very limited, so register now!** If you are unable to attend the full NAEH conference but would like to attend the Funders Forum, you still have the option of registering for the Wednesday-only Funders Forum event.

To register or view the working agenda, visit our [2020 Funders Forum page](#).

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**Funders Together Webinars**

**Webinar:** Philanthropy & the 2020 Census: What a Fair and Accurate Count Means for Ending Homelessness | December 12, 12:00pm ET / 9:00am PT

In this webinar, we will explore 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 will also hear 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.

We hope that participants will walk away from this webinar with:

- Knowledge about what the current Census 2020 operational timeline;
- An understanding about the importance of the Census 2020 count's impact on housing and homelessness programs and efforts;
- Information about the concerns and barriers to counting people experiencing homelessness and other hard-to-count populations;
- And tangible steps and actions funders can take in their communities to support grantees and ensure a fair and accurate count of people experiencing homelessness.

**Webinar Recording:** Philanthropy Northwest Webinar: The Foundation for Success is Housing Stability

In this webinar, Funders Together to End Homelessness shared how housing and homelessness are connected to almost all other systems and how, no matter what your funding priorities are, you can and should think about the role housing stability plays in the success of your community. Two funders from the Pacific Northwest shared how they think about the role housing plays in their grantmaking portfolios, even if they aren’t focused specifically on housing and homelessness.

This webinar provided attendees with an understanding of how housing and homelessness intersect with nearly all other sectors, information about other funders and how they incorporate housing stability and homelessness into their grant portfolios, and new ideas or questions to ask your grantees and community around their work and housing stability.

**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.

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!