



## Program Agenda

Please note: This agenda is subject to change without notice.

### Monday, July 22, 2019

**8:30**

#### **Breakfast**

**9:00**

#### **Opening and Welcome**

We'll set the stage for the day's conversation about removing barriers to advance racial equity from the ground up.

#### **How Is Philanthropy Advancing Racial Equity from the Ground Up?**

We'll have a conversation with foundation leaders to address some of the following questions:

- Now that the field has had an awakening about racial equity and structural racism, what's next? How do we need to shift how foundations operate to make them more equitable?
- What does it mean to advance racial equity from the ground up? Who do funders need to work with that we haven't historically supported or partnered with? What's needed to create these relationships?
- How do funders need to fund differently to dismantle structural racism?

#### **Funder Connections**

There will be generous time for participants to debrief at their tables and share questions and ideas with each other based on the preceding conversation.

**12:00**

#### **Lunch**

**12:45**

#### **National Conference on Ending Homelessness Opening Plenary**

Please note: this is only open to those who have also registered for the National Conference on Ending Homelessness

**2:15**

#### **Supporting Culturally-Specific Organizations to End Homelessness**

The Funders Institute will resume at 2:15. In the afternoon, we'll hear from leaders working deeply in their communities to end homelessness. Participants will walk away with a better understanding of why culturally-specific organizations and grassroots organizers are essential to ending homelessness and how funders can lift their voices.

Our afternoon conversation will focus on:

- **Native Homelessness**, with confirmed speaker Colleen Echohawk, Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club
- **More to be announced soon**

There will also be time for funders to debrief and share how they're engaging local organizers and grassroots organizations to end homelessness.

**4:30**

**Networking Reception**

*Please join us for a funder networking reception from 4:30-6:30.*

## Tuesday, July 23, 2019

**9:00**

**Philanthropy as a Partner to Congress on Housing and Homelessness Issues**

In this session, funders will have an opportunity to hear from congressional staffers about how they gather information and opinions that influence policy decisions. Funders will have an opportunity to share what housing and homelessness solutions are working and how certain policies can help scale those solutions.

## Wednesday, July 24, 2019

**9:00**

**Building Grantees' Capacity for Racial Equity**

Two foundation leaders will kick off an intimate, tactical conversation about building grantees' capacity to advance racial equity. This conversation will focus on how funders and structuring their capacity building efforts and how they're navigating conversations and situations where there aren't easy solutions.

Confirmed speakers:

- Aisha Alexander-Young, Senior Director for Strategy and Equity, Meyer Foundation