Building Authentic Partnerships with the Administration

Funders Together is committed to using its convening expertise to bring together federal partners and funders in order to form authentic relationships in service of ending homelessness and housing instability by achieving housing justice. We've demonstrated this commitment by recently engaging with our federal partners and lifting up philanthropy's priorities at these meetings:

- **HUD-Philanthropy Roundtable with Secretary Fudge:** Funders Together partnered with Funders for Housing and Opportunity (FHO) to co-convene and coordinate a philanthropy roundtable with HUD Secretary Fudge and senior officials. During the meeting, Funders Together and FHO lifted up our shared commitment to public-private partnerships, racial equity, housing justice as a form of racial justice, and authentic collaboration with people who have lived expertise. Members from Funders Together and FHO spoke on their priorities for public-private partnerships and how HUD and philanthropy can best work together toward housing justice through capacity building in communities, partnering with people with lived expertise, and working across sectors and agencies alike.
  - This roundtable is the first in a series of ongoing conversations between HUD and philanthropy. We will provide updates on future opportunities to engage in roundtables and the outcomes of those conversations.

- **Domestic Policy Council (DPC) and Philanthropy Meeting:** During this meeting, Funders Together CEO, Amanda Andere, met with the White House, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Department of Treasury on behalf of philanthropy to discuss gaps and challenges communities are experiencing in the distribution of federal homelessness services and housing resources.

- **White House Summit on Eviction Prevention:** Funders Together members and staff participated in the community breakout sessions for high eviction risk cities and counties to meet with community stakeholders and learn what support communities need around eviction prevention as well as reinforce that philanthropy is a dedicated partner in these efforts.

- **Listening Session with Senator Mark Warner:** Funders Together CEO, Amanda Andere, was invited to attend an opening for a new affordable housing complex in Northern Virginia followed by a listening session with Senator Mark Warner. During the meeting, she stressed the importance of housing justice as racial justice and ensuring equitable access to safe and affordable homes for all in Northern Virginia and throughout the country.

**Public Policy Call: July 13**

Join us on **Tuesday, July 13 at 3pm ET / 12pm PT** for our **next public policy call** to hear more about these meetings as well as future opportunities to engage with federal partners. We'll also preview a forming
public-private partnership, the Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities, and how funders can get involved.

Participants will also hear from national policy partners, Ann Oliva from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and Sarah Saadian from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, as they give their insights on recent federal homelessness services and housing resources, what we can expect in coming months, and how philanthropy can best support communities with distributing and utilizing these funds.

This call is structured as an open and interactive dialogue, so have your questions ready!

As always, we are here to answer your questions or provide insights on public policy developments and opportunities. Please reach out to me at any time.

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