

# BUILDING A FUNDERS NETWORK

## *How You Can Catalyze Change in Your Community*

### SUMMARY OF KEY ELEMENTS

#### ***ELEMENT I: Understand That No Funder Can Solve Tough Issues Alone***

We do not have enough money to tackle these complex issues without working together. And it's not always about the money! If funders understand one another's strategies, they can work together to create long-term change.

#### ***ELEMENT II: Build Relationships and Work Together Towards a Common Goal***

Funders are not outside of the system just because they don't operate programs. As such, funders should be proactive in building relationships and learning with others in the space.

#### ***ELEMENT III: Formalize a Funders Network***

Giving the group some structure will allow you to focus on the work at hand instead of dealing with minor issues like scheduling along the way.

#### ***ELEMENT IV: Become a Champion for Solutions at the Local/Regional Level***

We have evidence-based solutions to homelessness. By making investments consistent with the shared vision for success, funders can drive change.

#### ***ELEMENT V: Share What You've Learned So Others Can Improve Their Communities***

Funders are unique advocates for new approaches and strategic shifts. Encourage other communities to adapt your lessons learned and work with partners at the federal level to implement broader policies and funding strategies that can end and prevent homelessness.



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