

# BRIDGE ALLIANCE

## About Us

### Why We Are Needed

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We are turning anger and disdain into solutions.

The last several elections have demonstrated and exacerbated the differences among Americans. We watch and read different news and believe in different “facts”. Our elected officials have become more divided. Too many too often put themselves and their parties ahead of the good of the country and the citizens they are supposed to serve.

While individual groups and organizations are focused on finding common ground, it’s difficult for any one group to fully capture public attention.

Bridge Alliance is a movement of people and organizations predicated on the belief that together we can go beyond suffocating partisanship. Our 60+ organizational members, representing over 3 million Americans, are working to build new solutions to fix a broken political system and deliver on America’s promise of government by and for the people.

### What We Do

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Bridge Alliance is organizing a real and rising movement to transform the political terrain beyond partisanship through the collective voice and actions of our members. We put country before personal or political interest and ask our friends, neighbors, colleagues, competitors and elected officials to do the same.

We develop and share best practices with others, regardless of the side of the aisle on which they sit. We provide essential infrastructure and investment for our member organizations to collaborate, connect on the projects that further our shared goals, and generate collective impact far greater than any one group could make on their own.

In early 2016, we are providing \$500,000 in grants to support common “collective impact” efforts between diverse groups. Additional awards will follow, with support of the Invest America Fund. These Collective Impact grants will help Bridge Alliance member organizations focus more effectively on solving civic problems and bringing innovation to public policy on both regional and national scale.



## Who We Are

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The organizations of the Bridge Alliance movement belong to different political parties or none. They are from all walks of life, from red states and blue, from the heartland and the coasts. They are actively seeking to strengthen our political system, not throw it away, so it works more effectively for all Americans.

Bridge Alliance consists of more than 66 respected, diverse and established organizations. Each is led by visionary and effective trailblazers who work throughout the country at the grassroots, state and national levels. Organizations represent a combined 3 million supporters, a social media reach of more than 2.5 million, and total funding of more than one billion dollars.

While we differ in our political beliefs, we have a shared commitment to fixing the process and finding solutions.

## Areas of Focus

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Bridge Alliance members are working to transform the political process, from elections to governance, so the American people are heard loud and clear. We reform how elections are run, ensure how our representatives govern in the public's interest, and enable regular Americans to better follow policy debates and engage in civic life..

- **Campaigns and the Election Process**  
Many of our members work to improve voter turnout, promote truth in campaigning, educate current and future leaders, hold candidates accountable, support average citizens considering running, and define sensible voting districts.
- **Governance and Policymaking**  
Another focus is transforming official decision-making processes to be more collaborative and to include more direct and meaningful input from the general public. There are also many efforts to minimize or eliminate the influence of corporate and personal interests and strengthen disclosure requirements.
- **Civic Engagement**  
Our members work in civic engagement, from the grassroots to the national levels. They want to improve participation at every level of government and engage citizens across the political spectrum in healthy, productive debate and discussions.