



Asset Funders Network

MISSION: Financial Security for All

The Asset Funders Network (AFN) is a membership organization of national, regional and community-based foundations and grantmakers strategic about using philanthropy to promote economic opportunity and financial security for low and moderate income Americans.

AFN works to increase the capacity of its members to effectively promote economic security by supporting efforts that help low to moderate income individuals and families build and protect assets. Through knowledge sharing, AFN empowers foundations and grantmakers to leverage their resources to make more effective and strategic funding decisions, allowing each dollar invested to have greater impact.

FOCUS: Solutions that Work

AFN connects and supports grantmakers and foundations working on a range of issues across the asset building spectrum.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MICROENTERPRISE/SMALL BUSINESS

SAVINGS STRATEGIES

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

WORKFORCE & JOB CREATION

EDUCATION

HOUSING

POLICY REFORM

HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH

Evidence shows that when investments are connected through a framework of asset building and designed to address poverty, promote equity or increase future opportunities, or designated to improve education, health care or job skills, the impacts are stronger and more sustainable.

AFN is:

A focused resource both for seasoned grantmakers and those new to the field to learn about promising practices and the latest key issues, collaborations and emerging innovations.

A responsive partner that addresses the current and emerging interests of its members as well as relevant issues from the field.

A neutral forum exclusively for grantmakers interested in leveraging philanthropy to promote economic opportunity and financial security for low and moderate income populations.

A national and regional network helping to develop the knowledge that results in nimble and effective strategies that can be replicated and scaled.

Asset Funders Network STEERING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs

Benita Melton – Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
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Amy Brown – Ford Foundation
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AFN helps its members make better funding decisions to promote family economic security and asset-building.



MEMBERSHIP: Connect, Educate and Empower. Join the Conversation.

Networking and education allow us to reinforce and expand our field. Innovative and promising approaches are shared by members promoting both scale and effectiveness while also increasing financial security opportunities for individuals and working families. The power of combined grantmaking efforts of AFN members – from education and housing, to financial and integrated services, to job creation and workforce development – reminds us that together we are more powerful than poverty. Through membership, innovative and promising approaches are shared, promoting both scale and effectiveness while also increasing financial security opportunities for individuals and working families.

BROADEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE

AFN provides a central resource to stay on top of what is happening in the field. Learn about promising strategies, ideas to advance best practices, and the latest key issues, collaborations and emerging innovations through webinars, briefs, convenings and online newsletters.

EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

AFN regional and national convenings attract funders across philanthropic sectors and regions. Because philanthropic strategies advancing and sustaining greater economic security and upward mobility increase impact, funders from a variety of disciplines, including those focused on immigration, health, early childhood education, workforce/economic development or higher education, engage in AFN's programs.

ATTEND PEER CONVENINGS

Funders attending our meetings share their intellectual capital to engage in discussion in a neutral forum. Allowing candid conversations among peers with similar and opposing views, these discussions raise the visibility of and funding for activities that expand access to financial opportunities and strengthen communities.

CONNECT TO A NATIONAL NETWORK

Philanthropic investments, when connected through a framework of asset building, bring greater impact and are more sustainable. Whether virtually or in-person, AFN offers ways to connect Members from across the country to a national network. The power of combined grantmaking efforts of AFN members remind us that together we are more powerful than poverty.

ENGAGE NOW: Join AFN

By joining AFN with an institutional membership, you enable all staff from your organization the opportunity to leverage the membership benefits offered, including discounts on conferences. AFN is generously supported by a core group of foundations and financial institutions committed to the vision of building a network whose impact is greater than the sum of its parts.

AFN Dues Your Current Grants Budget

- o \$1,000: up to \$1 million
- o \$2,000: between \$1 million and \$3 million
- o \$3,500: between \$3 million and \$10 million
- o \$5,000: between \$10 million to \$49.9 million
- o \$10,000: \$50 million or more

If you have questions or would like to learn more about AFN, contact Membership Coordinator Kristen Stevens, kristen@asseffunders.org

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