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The Bulletin

Discover new ways to advance equitable wealth building and economic mobility.

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AFN believes that we all do better when we all do better.

The unjust and inhumane attacks on immigrant and low-income communities by the government are not just cruel—they weaken our economy, divide our communities, and make it harder for all families to build stable, secure futures.

These actions go against everything AFN and our network stand for. We cannot build an equitable economy while entire communities are being targeted and destabilized.

Joe's recent blog offers a clear-eyed assessment of what this moment demands—and why local action and moral clarity matter more than ever.

AFN *SHORT TAKES* - Insights and Perspectives from Recent AFN Events

Heirs' Property: Investing to Preserve Wealth

AFN Member Olivia Barrow Strauss of JPMorganChase shares key takeaways from AFN's recent webinar and the release of *Heirs' Property: Investing to Preserve Wealth.*

The brief marked the launch of the **first-ever social return on investment (SROI) analysis for heirs' property interventions,** finding **returns as high as 36:1**.

AFN EVENTS

ASSET FUNDERS NETWORK
OCT 6-8
Philadelphia, PA
2026
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for AFN's national conference, October 6-8, 2026, in Philadelphia, PA!

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Homeownership Through CDFIs: How Philanthropy Can Support Pathways to Building Wealth
July 17, 2025 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT | REGISTER

Don't miss this timely webinar coinciding with the release of *Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership Through CDFIs*, a new AFN brief sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation and Citi. Learn how funders are partnering with CDFIs to expand homeownership through flexible capital, trusted relationships, and long-term investment.

Investing in Care Across the Lifespan: Philanthropic Strategies from Childhood to Aging
July 24, 2025 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT | REGISTER

Join us for a funder-focused webinar exploring philanthropy's role in building a stronger care economy—from child care to elder care. National experts will share key insights and funding strategies to advance equity, resilience, and economic growth.

AFN UPCOMING EVENTS | RECORDED WEBINARS

AFN MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New President and CEO, Samra Haider, to Lead the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
Haider will bring decades of experience in nonprofit leadership, program innovation, and organizational strategy to drive progress toward the Foundation's vision of closing the racial wealth gap in New Jersey. Read more here.

New Research Spotlights $15.6B Economic Opportunity in Fairfield County through Inclusive Growth
Fairfield County's Community Foundation, in partnership with the Urban Institute and DataHaven, released The Upside: Growth, Potential, and the Future of Fairfield County—a data-driven roadmap revealing how the region could unlock $15.6 billion in annual GDP by closing economic opportunity gaps.

Women's Way Closing the Gender Wealth Gap Forum: Resource Navigation and Support
Accessing important resources, whether housing, childcare, or legal help, shouldn't be a maze of barriers. Join the Closing the Gender Wealth Gap Forum on July 16 for a discussion about how we can remove those barriers so that women can reach their goals and thrive.

The William Penn Foundation Releases Two New RFPs
The William Penn Foundation recently released two RFPs—"Connecting Families in Philadelphia with Public Benefits and Tax Credits" and "Reducing Barriers to Training for Quality Jobs in the Philadelphia Region." Together, they represent over $11 million in grant opportunities aimed at advancing economic mobility. The deadline to respond to these opportunities is July 25.

ICYMI: AFN and Commonwealth CEOs Collaborate on Funders' Role in Driving Inclusive Climate Resilience

Advancing Climate Resilience and Economic Security in the Current Context

In a new joint post, **AFN CEO Joe Antolín and Commonwealth CEO Timothy Flacke** lay out bold, practical steps funders can take to build climate and financial resilience in the face of today's growing threats.

INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

- **Arnold Ventures** asserts that Congressional Leaders Can Cut up to $1T in Waste, Fraud and Abuse by Addressing Overpayments to Medicare Advantage Plans and Enacting Site-Neutral Payments
- **Stateline's** new article shows that as feds resume student loan collections, states try to catch borrowers before they sink.
- **Project Equity** addresses how employee ownership helps hire and retain talent.
- A new **Urban Institute** analysis for AARP shows that 1.3 million older workers are excluded from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) due to an age cap. This fact sheet highlights the impact.
- **Economic Policy Institute** reports how Trump's new policy ending SIJS renewals will impact vulnerable youth who survived parental abuse or neglect, removing Congressional protections for immigrants under 21.
- **Rhode Island becomes the latest state to establish a baby bond program** with the "Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust," designed to close the racial wealth gap by providing seed funding to children from low-income households for education, homeownership, or starting a business.

CAREERS AT AFN

AFN is Hiring: Join Our Growing Team!

Asset Funders Network is looking for committed, talented individuals who want to make a meaningful contribution to achieving economic justice. Explore our job opening below!

- Philadelphia AFN Program Officer
- Regional Events & Administrative Coordinator

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AFN NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

The conversation doesn't stop here. Join us on LinkedIn for real-time ideas, conversations, and voices shaping the future of equitable wealth building—**follow AFN!**

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