

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AFN MEMBER

By becoming a member of AFN, you join a **dynamic, cross-sector network of over 200 philanthropic and financial institutions** working to advance economic opportunity and increase the financial well-being of low- and middle-income households.

You'll be part of a nationally connected, locally engaged community shaping strategy, informing policy, and funding solutions that promote equitable economic mobility. **Through 17 regional chapters and a national platform**, members collaborate, learn, and lead together to drive meaningful change.



There's no one solution. The fact that I can sit down at the table with foundations who come at it from a very different point of view, and we find common ground in wanting to help, is maybe the most significant thing that AFN does.

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Annie E. Casey Foundation

WHY JOIN?

LEARN, LEAD, AND MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT

As a member of AFN, your organization gains access to a growing ecosystem of funders, thought leaders, and partners. **Key membership benefits include:**

- **A powerful national network** connecting funders to strategies, best practices, and innovations.
- **A platform to share and amplify your work** among funders, policymakers, and nonprofit leaders across the country.
- **Opportunities for collaboration** through aligned investments and initiatives to multiply impact.
- **Exclusive access to expert insights** via AFN publications, issue briefs, webinars, and convenings.
- **Opportunities to shape AFN's direction** by serving on committees and working groups.
- **Local engagement and leadership** through AFN's chapters, with the option to co-lead local efforts.
- **Advance access to AFN resources**, including publications, briefs, and research tools.
- **Visibility and recognition** through AFN's website and communications platforms.
- **Communications reach via AFN's monthly newsletter**, connecting with over 7,000 funders and partners.
- **Discounted access to events and resources**, including AFN conferences and 25% off *Inside Philanthropy* subscription.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AFN MEMBERSHIP

AFN offers membership to institutional and individual grantmakers committed to funding asset building, economic justice, and equitable economic security programs locally and nationwide. Eligibility includes:

- **Private and Family Grantmaking Foundations**
- **Corporate Foundations and Corporate Responsibility/Giving Programs**
- **Community Foundations**
- **Health Conversion Foundations**
- **Financial Institutions**
- **Credit Unions and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)** with an asset building purpose
- **Public Funded Foundations** devoting more than half of their operating budget to grants for external activities to external, non-related grantees
- **United Ways** (that serve the community as a grantmaker)
- **Venture Philanthropy Partnerships**
- **Donor Advised Funds** who are active grantmakers supporting asset building directly or indirectly
- **Individual donors who contribute at least \$100,000 annually** to external community grantees with a focus on economic asset building
- **Membership organization focused on the array of asset building**, fundraising to regrant funds as a primary focus, with minimal direct service delivery
- **Health systems that provide community or charitable purpose grants** that invest in SDOH and advance economic security or asset building

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

AFN also welcomes peer organizations and government agencies as Affiliate Members. We collaborate with these partners through tailored agreements to share resources and knowledge.

They include: **Regional Associations of Grantmakers, Philanthropic Support Organizations, Federal Reserve Regional Banks, FDIC Regional/Field Offices.** On any given regional project, AFN may partner with **Municipal or State Agencies, Treasurers, and Public Health Departments.**

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Annual membership is based on your current grants budget and renews on a date aligned with your fiscal year or grant cycle. Regional chapter participation is funded separately.

\$1,000	Current Grants Budget up to \$1M	\$5,000	Current Grants Budget \$10M - \$50M
\$2,000	Current Grants Budget \$1M - \$3M	\$15,000	Current Grants Budget \$50M - \$250M
\$3,500	Current Grants Budget \$3M - \$10M	\$25,000	Current Grants Budget \$250M+

AFN intentionally keeps membership rates low to ensure broad access and support for core network activities. Funding for AFN's content, projects, regional chapters, and national conference is secured separately, above and beyond membership dues.

GET INVOLVED UPCOMING AFN EVENTS

Be sure to check out [AFN's events page](#) to see what's happening in your region or nationally—whether through interactive webinars, funder-only briefings, or in-person convenings.

HOW TO CONNECT

To learn more about membership, contact **Kristin Rennels, Membership Director** at kristin@assetfunders.org.