

ABOUT SAN ANTONIO AREA AFN

San Antonio Area AFN is a regional chapter of grantmakers who advance equitable wealth building and economic mobility.

With a shared commitment to improving the financial wellbeing of people in our region, San Antonio Area AFN members collaborate within the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to share knowledge, put that knowledge to work through innovative practices and collaborative initiatives, and work to leverage and increase collective systemic investments in asset building.

Within our focus areas of housing, small business, employment & income, and financial health, our chapter acts as a connector, convenor, and builder of energy to advance innovation and fill gaps that support regional financial wellbeing.



“At LiftFund, we see firsthand how quickly small businesses can be pushed to the brink after a disaster.

The post-weather disaster community asset preservation webinar series helped connect funders and practitioners in a way that continues to help turn insight into action, and that kind of coordination makes a real difference to communities. Thank you to AFN for their leadership in bringing these conversations together.”

AMY HEREFORD
President & CEO
LiftFund

WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON

Advancing housing stability and generational asset building through work on heirs' property, community education, and innovative housing models like community land trusts that expand long-term affordability and ownership opportunities.

Strengthening small business and household financial wellbeing by connecting regional partners around practical strategies such as post-weather asset resilience and supports for the small businesses that anchor family and community stability.

Connecting funders and cross-sector partners around systems-level solutions that improve economic mobility and support asset ownership in the San Antonio region, with a focus on turning shared learning into aligned action and stronger investment in asset building.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAPTER IMPACT,
2024-2026**



Facilitated member investments with the Mexican American Unity Council’s Homestead Preservation Center, helping clear home titles for more than 126 Westside homeowners.

Conducted Bexar County’s first heirs’ property prevalence study, generating clear data to inform progress on systemic solutions.

Hosted the first citywide and statewide community land trust summits, providing foundational convening support for the San Antonio CLT Coalition.

“I learned Community Land Trusts are a real possibility and solution for homeownership and housing affordability.”

– AFN Member

Convened the first regional rural-focused early childhood education summit, surfacing opportunities to support working families by strengthening the childcare centers and small businesses where they live and work.

Responded quickly with regional and statewide programming on post-disaster community asset preservation following the July 2025 Central Texas floods, with a particular emphasis on housing and small business, including a regional roundtable, statewide webinars, and an Opportunities for Action guide.

“MAUC appreciates AFN’s support in connecting us with other organizations that share our mission. Working together has allowed us to make a bigger difference. Our partnership has allowed us to expand our impact, connecting with others who share our commitment to San Antonio.”

CRYSTAL REQUEJO

COO, Mexican American Unity Council



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