

## EQUITY AMPLIFIER

**Asset Funders Network's Equity Amplifier for Economic Security (EA)** is a new series highlighting organizations or nonprofits focused on building economic security/asset building in communities of color. EA's intent is to:

- **Amplify** the voices of organizations led by people of color.
- **Reduce** systemic biases and barriers within philanthropy.
- **Encourage** AFN membership to broaden and deepen their commitment to supporting economic security and asset-building strategies that target diverse communities.



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**S**OUTHERN DALLAS LINKS is an organization, located in Dallas, Texas, founded in 2015, by Curtis Corbins who realized that there was a lack of opportunity for citizens in Southern Dallas to earn a living wage. Corbins assembled a team of individuals and organizations to identify ways to address this problem. It seemed that a lack of reliable transportation was a major factor in employee turnover. Through hard work, research, and collaboration, they were able to identify employment, where employees could earn at least \$15.00 per hour, and provide reliable transportation to the impoverished so they could access all the resources, specifically living wages, "to become independent, self-sufficient, healthy and economically stable and living at least 200 percent above the poverty level" The organization identifies as BIPOC lead and provides human and basic needs services. ⇨

## INTERVIEW WITH SOUTHERN DALLAS LINK



**Provide an example of a program or initiative that your organization is spearheading that works to advance economic opportunity and prosperity for communities of color?**

We have initiated a ride to work JOB BOARD that makes reliable transportation available to every job listed on the job board throughout the DFW Metropolis. Also every job listed on the board is a living wage job.

**How does your work impact communities and populations that are historically marginalized, underserved and/or under-resourced?**

Our reliable transportation services allows the underserved to have access to any and all resources necessary for them to be served in an equitable way.

**What are some specific barriers or biases from within philanthropic organizations that you believe are hindering diverse organizations in accessing adequate funding or support?**

The lack of opportunities for many of these organizations to display their true and passionate impact that their work is having on the communities they serve to the philanthropic organizations.

**Name one thing funders need to be cognizant of when connecting or partnering with diverse organizations and communities?**

Each organization has a passion for what it does and the communities it serves. ↪

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### HOW FUNDERS CAN GET INVOLVED

As a benefit of AFN membership, funders may nominate local nonprofits focused on building economic security/asset building in communities of color to highlight as part of the EA series. AFN members will also receive the opportunity to participate in a brief interactive virtual video presentation that will be shared with national AFN membership, allowing your organization to showcase innovative models and best practices to help build a more secure future for diverse communities. Click [here](#) for more information or to nominate an organization or nonprofit led by people of color for the AFN EA.

Funders who wish to learn more about the **Southern Dallas Link**, contact [www.southerndallaslink.org](http://www.southerndallaslink.org).