

MOVING TOWARD ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Despite some progress, access to community development funding remains highly inequitable. Fortunately, we can all play a role in reversing that – not just those of us who work in philanthropy or government but *all* of us. Below, we narrow in on five promising practices for how we can do that critical, long-term work together.

CHECK OUT THE RESEARCH.

Unpack how funding intersects with anti-racist community development policy and practice.

- [The People's Practice, Issue 02](#)
- [High-Level Research Findings](#)
- [Core Characteristics of Community Development](#)
- [Storied Communities, Community Stories](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 1: INTERROGATE FUNDING BIASES THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

Start by interrogating funding biases individually and within our own organizations, then leverage that internal work to influence thinking and practices externally.

- [Change Elemental](#)
- [Common Future](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond](#)
- [Neighborhood Funders Group](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 2: SCALE FINANCIAL MECHANISMS FOR BUILDING WEALTH WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

Strategically steer resources toward a fuller range of community wealth-building approaches, community investment vehicles and supportive policy.

- [Center for Community Wealth](#)
- [Democracy Collaborative](#)
- [Kensington Corridor Trust](#)
- [NDN Collective](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 3: ADDRESS CAPITAL ACCESS BARRIERS FACING PRACTITIONERS OF COLOR AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

Focus on root causes of underresourcing to help diversify funding streams and position communities of color to be less reliant on competitive public and private grantmaking.

- [Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis](#)
- [King County, Washington](#)
- [NAACP](#)
- [University of New Hampshire](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 4: TARGET INVESTMENTS IN ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY AS CORE PARTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Develop partnerships and share resources with other organizations engaged in advocacy and organizing, including resident-led efforts.

- [BUILD Health Challenge](#)
- [Detroit Disability Power](#)
- [Giving Project Network](#)
- [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 5: REPOSITION FUNDING TO BETTER SUPPORT RESIDENT LEADERSHIP.

Commit to making funding decision-making more transparent and target investments to ensure that the people who are most impacted are also the most engaged.

- [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)
- [Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta](#)
- [Contigo Fund](#)
- [Neighborhood Connections](#)

DIG EVEN DEEPER.

Ready to explore funding and finance at a deeper level? Spend time with two workbooks that can help you map out your course of action.

- [Eye on the Prize: Moving Toward Anti-Racist Community Development Funding](#)
- [Eye on the Prize: Promising Practices at the Intersection of Wealth-Building and Community Development](#)

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