

# THE INTERSECTION OF WEALTH-BUILDING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building wealth in the United States for people of color has been, and continues to be, an uphill battle. Even within that problematic environment, though, there are many successful approaches proving that some meaningful wins are achievable. Below, we outline promising practices that reflect the economic resiliency and creativity of these communities.

## CHECK OUT THE RESEARCH.

Unpack how wealth-building can intersect with anti-racist community development policy and practice.

- [The People's Practice, Issue 09](#)
- [Core Characteristics of Community Development](#)
- [A Brief History of Race, Place and Policy in the Sector](#)
- [High-Level Research Findings](#)

## PROMISING PRACTICE 1: PUT MONEY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.

Resource repair of historic and contemporary harms experienced by Black people and communities through reparations, universal basic income and guaranteed income.

- [Guaranteed Income Works](#)
- [International Institute of Minnesota](#)
- [Magnolia Mother's Trust](#)
- [Reparation Generation](#)
- [Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration](#)

## PROMISING PRACTICE 2: GIVE PEOPLE ACCESS TO EQUITABLE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND TOOLS.

Ensure that individuals, organizations and communities have ongoing, equitable access to financial tools and programs from financial institutions led by and accountable to them.

- [African American Alliance of CDFI CEOs](#)
- [Lakota Federal Credit Union](#)
- [Nonprofit Finance Fund & Capital Impact Partners](#)
- [Ravalli County Credit Union](#)
- [Sixth Avenue Baptist FCU](#)

## PROMISING PRACTICE 3: EXPAND PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ECONOMIES.

Support grassroots programs and tools that are engaging residents in designing culturally relevant and just local economies.

- [Action Center on Race & the Economy](#)
- [Appalachia Funders Network & the Central Appalachia Network](#)
- [Center for Community Investment](#)
- [Common Future](#)
- [Equitable Food Access Initiative Indianapolis](#)

#### PROMISING PRACTICE 4: SUPPORT RACIALLY EQUITABLE REAL ESTATE AND LAND OWNERSHIP MODELS AND POLICIES.

Expand community property acquisition and retention through supports like Tenant Opportunity Purchase Acts, real estate cooperatives, community land trusts and co-buying.

- [Dearborn Realist Board](#)
- [Live Work Denver](#)
- [Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative](#)
- [New York City Community Land Initiative](#)
- [United Housing Foundation](#)

#### PROMISING PRACTICE 5: EXPAND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND OTHER INVESTMENT PROGRAMS.

Maximize success for community-based business owners through access to comprehensive tools, training and education.

- [Boston Ujima Project](#)
- [Catalyst Miami](#)
- [Circle of Aunts and Uncles & the Enterprise Center](#)
- [Evergreen Cooperatives](#)
- [New Majority Capital](#)

#### DIG EVEN DEEPER.

Ready to explore wealth-building at a deeper level? Spend time with two longer resources that can help you map out your course of action.

- [Eye on the Prize: Promising Practices at the Intersection of Wealth-Building and Community Development](#)
- [Crafting Anti-Racist Narratives For Community Development](#)

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