

# Learning Communities for Philanthropists

Giving circles, educational events, and conferences are all informative and enjoyable ways to learn throughout your philanthropic journey. By connecting with other philanthropists, you can be supported in your decision making and build meaningful relationships with others who have similar interests. You also can gain insights about innovations in the field or new opportunities for giving, allowing you to expand the reach and impact of your philanthropy.

Fidelity Charitable's Private Donor Group is pleased to share the following list of organizations you may wish to consider joining. To learn more about connecting with any of these groups, please contact your [philanthropic strategist](#).

## Family and Individual Donor Communities

### [Forward Global](#)

**Tax ID: 98-0592591**

Forward Global is a community of 400+ philanthropic funders from 22 countries. Our mission is to shape the future of giving by activating resources to maximize social impact—working to build a world that works for all people and the planet through collaboration, best practices, accountability, and sector leadership.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individual donors, foundation staff, and advisors. Membership levels include \$12,000 for one member, \$20,000 for two members, or \$29,000 for a group or family membership (up to 4 people and foundation staff/advisor can join alongside member).

### [Generation Pledge](#)

**Tax ID: 84-2787951**

Generation Pledge is a global organization that supports inheritors worldwide to deploy their polycapital towards exceptional impact, before and after inheritance. They are a network of trusted advisors, impact and positive psychology experts, and peers united in their mission to responsibly steward this period of intergenerational wealth transfer at unprecedented scale and to address the most pressing issues of our time.

**Membership:** No membership fee or minimum grant is required to join Generation Pledge as a member. Those interested in joining Generation Pledge must commit to (1) donating at least 10% of their total inheritance to effective causes within the first 5 years of inheriting, and (2) mobilizing their economic, social, career, and political capital to generate the greatest impact, before and after inheriting.

### [National Center for Family Philanthropy](#)

**Tax ID: 52-2055016T**

The National Center for Family Philanthropy (NCFP) is a network of philanthropic families committed to a world that is vibrant, equitable, and resilient. Our range of programs and services support family philanthropy at its many points of inflection and help families embrace proven practices and advance momentum. Explore our resources, all rooted in a Family Giving Lifecycle, by visiting [www.ncfp.org](http://www.ncfp.org).

**Membership:** Membership is open to family philanthropies, foundations, philanthropy serving organizations, consultants and advisors, and financial institutions.

## Philanthropy Together

**Tax ID: 52-1273585**

Philanthropy Together is a field building organization advancing the collective giving movement—the fastest growing form of philanthropy, including giving circles, women's funds, collaborative funds and more. Donors can give at any level and can also join in learning events or trainings on how to get involved with collaborative funds or giving circles.

Learn more about ways to engage with Philanthropy Together and start a giving circle in your community or institution by [visiting its website](#).

## Social Venture Partners

**Tax ID: 91-1894424**

Social Venture Partners is committed to building a world where all communities thrive. Our members (we call them Partners) invest in progressive change in their local communities and beyond. SVP has been influencing meaningful change locally and globally by working hand in hand with community leaders for over 20 years. Get connected to an affiliate in your area or our global network.

**Membership:** Interested donors make a personally significant annual contribution to become a member. Common membership levels include \$5,000 per household, and \$2,500 for individuals under the age of 40.

## Issue-Specific Donor Communities



### EDUCATION

## Grantmakers for Education

**Tax ID: 33-0919329**

Grantmakers for Education is the nation's largest community of education philanthropists. We support our members to work toward equitable and just educational systems where all learners can thrive. We are a compass to help members navigate their work, a stimulus for collective action, and a champion for positive change in education.

**Membership:** General membership is open to grantmaking entities and individuals that provide charitable support to causes across the education spectrum. To be eligible for membership, an entity must devote at least 30% of its annual budget to grantmaking or award more than \$100,000 in grants annually.



### ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

## Climate Lead

**Tax ID: 88-4336644**

Climate Lead empowers philanthropic leaders everywhere to take immediate and far-reaching climate action. Climate Lead serves as a trusted guide for philanthropists new to climate, with one-on-one advising, connections to a vast climate network, and curated portfolios of high-impact solutions.

Fully philanthropically funded, Climate lead offers its services free of charge to donors with aspirations of moving at least \$10 million to climate annually (though they might not start at that level).

## Environmental Grantmakers Association

**Tax ID: 20-8817646**

The Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) is the 'big tent' of environmental philanthropy, made up of over 200 foundations spanning North America and the globe. We convene environmental grantmakers to practice just philanthropy in support of people and planet. Our vision is to create a habitable planet with sustainable economies that recognize the enduring value of equity to ecosystem health.

**Membership:** Membership is open to a grantmaking institutions and donors who fund environmental issues.

## Funders for Regenerative Agriculture

**Hosted at the Regenerative Agriculture Foundation**

**Tax ID: 84-4278182**

Funders for Regenerative Agriculture (FORA), launched in early 2020 and is an affinity group of funders who are learning, acting, and investing together to accelerate the transition of our agricultural systems to a more regenerative, just, and nutritious system for all people and our ecosystems. Through both our educational and relational work with our members and our collaborative working groups, FORA aims to be a bridge between leaders, communities and organizations and funders of all types in order to support a more healthy community and movement ecosystem and influence a more equitable, just and regenerative distribution of resources.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individual investors and funders. Grants should be recommended to Regenerative Agriculture Foundation and designated for FORA.



## FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD SYSTEMS

### Community Food Funders at the North Star Fund

**Tax ID: 13-2950801**

Community Food Funders (CFF) is a philanthropic organizing project operated by North Star Fund that brings together institutional funders and donors in the NY-NJ-CT region. We support the transition to an equitable, ecologically sound, and economically robust regional food system that optimizes local growing, processing, and distribution within this region, and balances it with fair trade between regions and internationally. CFF is not a grant-making entity. We are a network of philanthropic organizations and individual funders who are active in food system work.

**Membership:** Membership is open to staff, executives, and trustees of philanthropic organizations and other grantmaking entities, as well as investors, individual donors, and government agency staff. [Learn more.](#)

### Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders

**Tax ID: 83-2593081**

For over 20 years, Sustainable Agriculture and Food System Funders (SAFSF) has been the leading national membership organization for philanthropy and impact investors committed to creating an equitable and sustainable food and agriculture system. As a non-profit organization, SAFSF offers networking, educational programs, professional development, and strategic collaboration opportunities with the goal of creating greater collective impact in sustainable food and agriculture.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individual donors and grantmaking or investment organizations. [Learn more.](#)



## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

### Funders Together to End Homelessness

**Tax ID: 27-3033048**

Funders Together to End Homelessness is a national network of philanthropy dedicated to advancing housing justice and ending homelessness. Through learning and networking opportunities, FTEH supports philanthropy in using their grantmaking and positionality to affect change across systems with a racial equity lens. FTEH also advocates on behalf of funders for evidence-based solutions and greater public-private partnership and helps philanthropy understand how national policy changes and trends affect local communities and vice versa.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individuals and foundations. Annual membership dues are on a sliding scale based on a foundation or individual philanthropist's annual grantmaking for housing, homelessness, and intersecting areas. [Learn more.](#)



## INTERNATIONAL

### Network of Engaged International Donors (NEID Global)

**Tax ID: 84-2081722**

NEID Global is a peer-to-peer donor learning community that is actively engaged in working with, learning from, and supporting grantees all over the world. Through weekly educational opportunities, we convene and empower the members of our philanthropic community to engage in the world and invest in meaningful, lasting change. Through their global philanthropy and investments, our members help support and address the world's big problems with humility, equity, and a commitment to fostering transformational change.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individual and institutional philanthropists and impact investors, as well as those who are aspirational international funders. [Learn more.](#)

### Thousand Currents

**Tax ID: 77-0071852**

Thousand Currents bridges Global North donors with Global South leaders, transforming philanthropy through its donor education programs: 1) Thousand Currents Academy, a 4-day in-person training, and 2) Giving Circles, a 6-month cohort-based learning journey focused on climate justice and community fundraising. Both cater to high-net-wealth individuals, family foundations, foundation staff, and donor networks interested in global grassroots solutions. These programs help funders build effective, impactful giving strategies to drive systemic change.

Learn more about ways to engage with Thousand Currents by [visiting its website.](#)



## WOMEN AND GIRLS

### Women Moving Millions

**Tax ID: 45-2576859**

Women Moving Millions is a dynamic, impact-led community dedicated to catalyzing resources to power the movement for gender equality. Our 400 members envision a world where all who identify as women have full autonomy, freedom, and agency over every aspect of their lives, and to date, have collectively committed over \$1B to improve the lives of women and girls. To support this vision, we offer a comprehensive suite of member education programs and tools designed to spark learning, deepen connections, and transform the way we give and invest.

**Membership:** Membership is open to individuals and families who are committed to making a minimum contribution of \$1M over ten years to organizations or initiatives that benefit women and girls. [Learn more.](#)