

AMPLIFY FUND

NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDERS GROUP

The Amplify Fund is a national pooled fund with two strategic goals: 1) to nurture and strengthen the conditions necessary for Black and indigenous communities, and communities of color to build power for equitable development gains, and 2) to organize funders so they shift what and how they fund.

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WE DO THIS BY:

Featuring racial justice prominently in our problem statement, vision, activities, outcomes, values, and practicing racial justice in the operations of the fund.

Genuinely relinquishing power to local and BIPOC community leaders. For example, Western Pennsylvania's co-created grantmaking strategy was developed by Local Strategy Advisors, and was used by Amplify staff to select grantees. Additionally, the design of the second phase of Amplify's work (planned to launch in 2023) is being led entirely by grantees, including grantees in Western Pennsylvania.

Finally, Amplify funders are committed to organizing within their institutions and the broader field of philanthropy in service of doing what works for grantees.

Ford Foundation

General Service Foundation

Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation

Laughing Gull Foundation

Missouri Foundation for Health

Open Society Foundations

Raikes Foundation

Resourcing Justice Fund

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Surdna Foundation

Susan Sandler Fund

The California Endowment

The Cricket Island Foundation

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

The JPB Foundation

The Kresge Foundation

Threshold Philanthropy

Z Smith Reynolds Foundation

Amplify has distributed
over \$950,000 in
Western Pennsylvania.



Guided by the locally-developed strategy to build power and address equitable development issues, Amplify Fund has distributed over \$850,000 in Western Pennsylvania.

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MULTI-YEAR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT:

- Alliance for Police Accountability (APA)
- Center for Coalfield Justice
- Pittsburgh United

This includes general operating grants and additional grants such as COVID, wellness, capacity building, collaboration, and Future of Amplify design.

SUPPORT FOR GRANTEE-LED COLLABORATIONS:

- Collaboration between Pittsburgh United and APA to strengthen the movement ecosystem in Western Pennsylvania, and continue to build a pipeline of BIPOC and frontline leaders who are ready to participate in trainings, take advantage of leadership development opportunities, and build a shared language.
- Collaboration between 1Hood Media, the Abolitionist Law Center, and APA to support the Coalition to Reimagine Public Safety, an initiative creating a community-led approach to public safety by creating models of intervention and prevention that reduce incarceration and police contact in Black and Brown communities throughout Allegheny County.



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In 2019, Local Strategy Advisors in Western Pennsylvania highlighted four conditions necessary to build power that have guided Amplify's grantmaking:

1. Community organizing
2. Collaboration
3. Capacity-building for BIPOC-led organizations
4. A leadership development pipeline for BIPOC leaders

All three grantee organizations are led by women or non-binary individuals.

**1 of the 3
Executive
Directors
is Black.**

We operate with the belief that the solution to development challenges is shifting decision-making to Black and indigenous communities, and communities of color, with strong racial justice analysis. So, we aim to nurture and strengthen the conditions necessary for those communities to build power.

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**Join us to support
these conditions,
issues, and grantees!**
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