



Dear Friends,

In 2022, when grantees of NFG’s Amplify Fund refined our [vision](#) to include “human dignity” as a funding priority, we were supportive yet curious. We understood the broad definition of human dignity to be every individual’s inherent worth and value, however, we weren’t sure how to apply that to our grantmaking priorities or approach. To guide us in this area we asked grantees, movement leaders, and values-aligned funders three questions:

What is stripping people of their human dignity in your region?

What does returning human dignity to your communities look like?

Which organizations are working to advance human dignity?

During Amplify's 2025 strategy refresh process, we came back to these grounding questions to determine how we could best align the Fund's vision, values and grantmaking priorities with what frontline communities across our [places](#) identified as their focus. After more than 160 interviews with grantees, local advisors, and aligned funder partners, we learned much more about the unique organizing obstacles and opportunities our grantees are experiencing.

On June 17, we held a webinar to discuss how philanthropy can center human dignity as a lens to counter militarization and authoritarianism, and how Amplify Fund is applying this framework in our grantmaking approach. Ariadna Godreau-Aubert (Executive Director of [Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico](#)), Laura Martin (Executive Director of [Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada](#)), and Holly Bartling (Director of the [Worker Justice and Dignity Fund](#)) also joined us to talk about incorporating human dignity in their work. I'd like to share three highlights from our conversation.

1. One takeaway was that **dehumanization is at the core of how authoritarianism takes hold**. Through the extreme concentration of power, violence targeted at vulnerable groups, increasing criminalization and incarceration, and depletion of social services, the current regime continually undermines the ability for so many of the communities at the center of our work to lead dignified lives.
2. And yet even in the midst of this, Ariadna and Laura reminded us that **organizing restores dignity by reframing the problem not as an individual one, but a systemic one**. Organizing builds relationships, encourages leadership, and promotes action to help communities determine their future.
3. **Movement leaders are increasingly framing issues and solutions around the idea of human dignity**. Both the Amplify Fund and the Worker Justice and Dignity Fund have included human dignity in our work after deep listening with our grantees. This framing has not only become a focus of our grantmaking, but also embedded in the way that we are in relationship with our grantees.

In my last 10 years in this field, I have funded groups working on police accountability, border crossing, abortion, and anti-austerity measures, among others. What I learned from recent conversations with movement leaders is that human dignity connects all of these issues using a universal goal, without the polarizing specifics of how to get there.

If you're interested in conspiring with us about how to use human dignity in your grantmaking to fund the important issues, or are just curious to learn more about our research and how we are applying the findings, please reach out to me at renata@nfg.org. I would be happy to share the webinar recording, contact information for our speakers, and other materials.

Renata Peralta
Deputy Director, Amplify Fund

October 27-28, 2026

Registration for Junction is Open!

Neighborhood Funders Group invites you to join us at [Junction](#), October 27–28 in Durham, North Carolina! As part of NFG's efforts to activate philanthropy, transforming individual efforts into collective action, [Junction](#) is a two-day convening where we'll gather with our co-conspirators in a smaller, more intimate setting that provides intentional space for connection, strategizing, and getting to deeper conversations that organize money to build organized power for a shared 50-year liberation journey.

Whether you are curious about NFG as your political home, cultivating your funder organizing skills, or committed to advancing structural change in philanthropy, [Junction](#) is a place to co-create the future with us.

Event Details:

Dates: Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm each day, with a reception to follow on Tuesday evening

Location: Durham, North Carolina (exact location to be shared with registrants)

Registration Fee: The cost for Junction is \$450 for NFG members and \$850 for non-members.

Learn more and register now!

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[Nevada has] the highest rate of undocumented people in our population, and... every legislative session, every city council meeting, we see people trying to deny immigrants' human dignity, trying to remove them from civil life, and making their lives more difficult.”

Laura Martin

Executive Director
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)



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When we decided on the concept of human dignity, we were thinking about dignity as a space of power... shifting from people, organizations, and communities being beneficiaries to being agents of change.”



Ariadna Godreau-Aubert

Executive Director
Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico

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One of our values is that everyone has the right to live and work in dignity... which means that all labor is valued, and free from stigma and shame. So we fund sex workers, domestic workers, agricultural workers, gig workers. But we also integrate dignity into grantmaking practices.”



Holly Bartling

Director
Worker Justice & Dignity Fund