

# 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.

[www.nfg.org/amplify](http://www.nfg.org/amplify)

### 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, Nevada's co-created grantmaking strategy was developed by Local Strategy Advisors and is 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 Nevada.

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  
\$2 million in  
Nevada.

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Make it Work Nevada



**Guided by the locally-developed strategy to build power and address equitable development issues, Amplify has distributed \$1.3 million in Nevada.**

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### **MULTI-YEAR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT**

- Faith in Action Nevada
- Make it Work Nevada
- Make the Road Nevada
- Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

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:**

- Faith in Action Nevada, Make it Work Nevada, Make the Road Nevada, and Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada are collaborating to build the power of the Nevada Housing Justice Alliance (a coalition of multiple organizations) to meet the needs of tenants and win policies that advance housing justice in Nevada.



The Amplify Fund recognizes that Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and low-income people are experiencing the most negative impacts of development, and (currently) have the least say. Therefore, we envision a reality where those communities benefit from the changes caused by development, including wealth creation, land control, and quality of life outcomes.

In 2019, Local Strategy Advisors in Nevada identified the following equitable development issues as priorities that have guided Amplify's grantmaking:

## HOUSING

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Given gentrification, displacement, skyrocketing rents, and an acute housing crisis exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, a major goal in Nevada is to organize around housing justice and tenants' rights.

## PUBLIC REVENUE GENERATION

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With an under-assessed and antiquated state tax system, and corporate tax incentives, one goal in Nevada is to develop feasible, revenue-generating policy ideas through research and strategic communications.



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

1. Community organizing
2. A strong leadership pipeline for Black and Latinx community members, and people of color
3. Shared racial justice analysis
4. Flexible, consistent funding beyond electoral campaigns that enables long-term basebuilding around issues

Among the 4 Executive Directors in Nevada, all identify as Black or Latinx, and .....

75% are Black women.

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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these conditions,  
issues, and grantees!  
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