

November 2021

Dear Regional Community Foundation Colleagues,

We are excited to celebrate our second year as the Regional Community Foundation Network! We hope you will continue to work with us as we move this network forward with the support of Philanthropy Northwest. The application and dues process are all online this year. See the [renewal instructions](#) on our website. Please fill out your information no later than **February 28, 2022**.

This work would not be possible without your commitment to ensuring a vibrant network for our community foundations (CFs) across the region. In 2021, our Regional CF Network:

- Facilitated 13 CF conversations on topics including: how to operationalize DEI, scholarships, inactive DAFs, management and decision making around difficult grants.
- Created a [spotlight report](#) on how the members of the Regional CF Network responded to the COVID crisis.
- Obtained legal services through Indiana Philanthropy Alliance.
- Launched the new Communities online platform.
- Hosted three CF-specific programs at Philanthropy Northwest's 2021 Annual Conference.
- Created and published quarterly CF E-Newsletters.
- Provided scholarship opportunities for various CF-related training.
- Offered opportunities for deep cohort learning on Trust-Based Philanthropy and hosted cohorts specifically for CEOs as the pandemic persisted.

Our governance committee, made up of Regional CF Network members, is guiding the network alongside Maddy Metzger-Utt, a former CF CEO. In 2022, we will focus on three priority areas:

1. **Communication and Information Sharing:** We will continue to build on the Communities platform that we started in 2021 and enhance ways to connect you with each other and to share information.



2022 Governance Committee Members

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2. **Learning Together:** We will continue to offer monthly virtual networking opportunities on topics relevant to CFs and have CF specific sessions at the Philanthropy Northwest Annual Conference.
3. **Shared Action:** We will continue to look for opportunities where our network can work together to strengthen our communities.

Each priority area is driven by a volunteer committee. If you or your team are searching for leadership opportunities among CF peers, joining a committee is an effective way to influence the region and sector. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on a committee. The success of the Regional CF Network depends on the engagement of people willing to move the work forward.

Please see the attached packet for benefits you will receive by being a member of the Regional CF Network. ***Joining the network also includes membership in Philanthropy Northwest and the programming and services that this philanthropy-serving organization offers.***

Dues will cover only a portion of the Regional CF Network budget. Any additional grants beyond your dues will help us reach our goals and are highly encouraged.

We look forward to our future work together. Please feel free to reach out to [Maddy Metzger-Utt](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Regional CF Network Governance Committee