

# EITC Funders Network

The EITC Funders Network brings together funders interested in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), free- and low-cost tax preparation, and asset building. Founded in 2004, The EITC Funders Network seeks to provide a platform for discussion and exchange among funders and disseminate information based on field-wide issues and concerns. As a result of our work, funders are more informed about EITC-linked strategies to reduce poverty, able to shape the field according to emerging best practices and collaborate more effectively with each other and their grantees.

**Network Activities:** Our work is organized around four thematic pillars: federal and state policy, free tax preparation, financial empowerment, and exploring the links between EITC and other supports for low-wage workers. We've also developed focus areas around racial and gender equity and the tax code and the EITC and health outcomes. The EITC Funders Network publishes quarterly eNewsletters highlighting recent news, trends and research, and a Q&A with a funder colleague. Webinars are held 3-5 times a year covering topics of interest raised by Network members and the field. Network members gather in-person approximately once a year, either individually or in conjunction with other funder affinity groups or special events, to share strategies and learnings.

**Leadership:** The work of the EITC Funders Network is led by a Steering Committee that provides oversight and guidance for the group. The Network's 2020 steering committee is comprised of Isabel Barrios of the Greater New Orleans Foundation, Erin Currier of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Lisa Urias of the Arizona Community Foundation, Danielle Goonan of the Rockefeller Foundation, Leslie Moore of The Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Melanie Styles of the Abell Foundation.

**Membership:** Almost 300 members representing national, regional, local, corporate, and family foundations across 43 states participate in the EITC Funders Network. While many of our participants are traditional charitable foundations, some are United Ways and others are government entities. Membership in the EITC Funders Network is open to all interested funders and philanthropic advisors.

**Dues Structure:** Membership in the Network is free, yet grants and voluntary dues help finance meetings, events, and staff support. Several foundations provide core support through \$5,000 to \$75,000 grants, with other members contributing annual dues between \$1,500 and \$5,000.

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