

# THE FUNDING OF BLACK-LED ORGANIZATIONS

WITHIN THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR THERE IS A SURGE OF INTEREST IN RACIAL EQUITY, ACCOMPANIED BY NEW SUPPORT FOR BLACK-LED ORGANIZING AND SOCIAL CHANGE ORGANIZATIONS.<sup>1</sup>

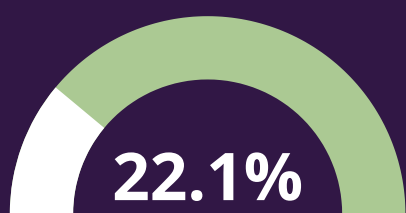
IN THE WASHINGTON, DC REGION, FOUNDATIONS ARE LAUNCHING GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS THAT WILL SUPPORT BLACK-LED ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR POWER AND MOVEMENT-BUILDING WORK.

3.8%

The percentage of grants by the largest 1000 foundations which went to African Americans in 1998.

1.9%

The percentage of grants by the largest 1000 foundations which went to African Americans in 2006.<sup>2</sup>



The percentage of organizations that focus primarily on Black women and girls which receive foundation funding. Of the \$356 million from foundations available for women and girls of color (WGO) in 2017, less than \$15 million, about 4.2%, was specified as benefiting Black women and girls.<sup>3</sup>

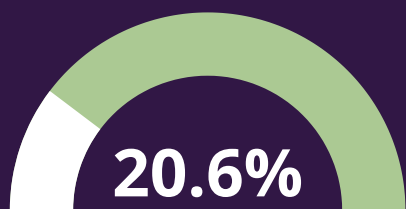
LESS THAN

2%

The percentage of funding by the nation's largest foundations that is specifically targeted to the Black community.<sup>4</sup>

1%

Percentage of grantmaking from the 25 community foundations that we surveyed, which was specifically designated for Black communities, even though a combined 15% of these 25 cities' populations are Black.<sup>5</sup>



Rate at which trans-inclusive organizations which focused on Black women and girls were less likely to receive foundation funding (20.6%) and more likely to receive government funding (84.4%). Trans-inclusive organizations that focus on Black women and girls were much more likely to have budgets of less than \$20,000.<sup>6</sup>

## BLACK EXPERIENCE IN THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR:<sup>7</sup>



WHITE MEDIOCRITY REWARDED AND PROTECTED TIME AND AGAIN IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF OUR WORK;



BIPOC/GLOBAL MAJORITY PEOPLE<sup>8</sup> BEING UNDERPAID, OVERWORKED, AND ACTIVELY EXCLUDED FROM ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES;



TOKENISM THROUGH STRUCTURES, PRACTICES AND WORKPLACE CULTURES TREAT BIPOC/GLOBAL MAJORITY PEOPLE AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RACE;



THE CENTRALITY OF ANTI-BLACKNESS AND THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE TRAUMA IT REPEATEDLY INFLICTS ON BLACK PEOPLE.

[1] THE CASE FOR FUNDING BLACK-LED SOCIAL CHANGE

[2] RICK COHEN, "DIMENSIONS OF RACIAL EQUITY IN FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING," (COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY, MAY 2009).

[3] POCKET CHANGE: A DATA BRIEF ON ORGANIZATIONS SERVING BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE UNITED STATES

[4] A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS A PUBLIC CHARITY THAT TYPICALLY FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, PRIMARILY BY FACILITATING AND POOLING DONATIONS USED TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS AND SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS. (DEFINITION FROM FIDELITY CHARITABLE)

[5] BLACK FUNDING DENIED

[6] POCKET CHANGE: A DATA BRIEF ON ORGANIZATIONS THAT INCLUDE TRANS WOMEN AND GIRLS OF COLOR IN THE UNITED STATES

[7] RESOURCING RADICAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

[8] BIPOC STANDS FOR "BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR." PEOPLE OF THE GLOBAL MAJORITY IS USED INTERCHANGEABLY SINCE BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT OVER 80% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. [HTTPS://WWW.PGMONE.ORG/ABOUT](https://www.pgmone.org/about)