

Institutional Memberships

[Women Donors Network](#) (WDN) is a multigenerational, multiracial community of donor organizers leveraging their collective power for justice. [Women Donors Action](#) (WDA), our c4 sibling organization, mobilizes political giving and advocacy to build a multiracial democracy that delivers the policies and solutions our communities need to thrive.

At WDN and WDA, our approach invites donors to transform their relationship to power and wealth and wield it for good. If you're a trustee or staffer at a family, private, or public foundation or a member of an aligned donor network, institutional memberships allow you to become part of a strategic community that moves capital quickly, centers movement leadership, and drives long-term systems change.

ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Become an institutional member and find a community of peers along with practical tools to help guide your organization toward more principled giving. Institutional memberships give one team member access to learning, relationship building, and networking opportunities that sharpen your work and deepen your impact and growth, including:

- **Community engagement:** Gain access to opportunities for transformative growth, learning, and connection—including our Peer Communities, virtual learning journeys, regional gatherings, and our annual conference.
- **Cross-organizational learning:** Apply learnings from WDN about participatory grantmaking frameworks, social justice giving, emergent issues, and more to your own work.
- **Collaboration:** Through virtual and in-person events, connect with individual donors and other institutional members who have a shared interest in gender, racial, economic, and climate justice.
- **Network expansion:** Connect with our grantees and partners in the field through our grantmaking initiatives, political education sessions, strategy salons, and at our annual conference.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

When the Dakota Hill Foundation joined our network, they were looking for a space to deepen their learning, connect with aligned funders, and engage in more strategic, values-aligned giving. What began as exploratory participation evolved into a dynamic, engaged relationship. Today, Dakota Hill representatives are:

- Participating in peer learning circles focused on equity-centered philanthropy
- Building relationships with funders and movement leaders across the country
- Co-designing programs that elevate community voices and lived expertise
- Collaborating on participatory grantmaking processes
- Driving internal shifts in their foundation's strategy based on insights and connections made through our network



“Women Donors Network has been transformative for our work. The research, the dialogue, the collective wisdom in this community has made us a more effective and intentional funder. The connections, resources, and shared commitment to gender equity have amplified what we’re able to accomplish in ways we couldn’t have achieved alone. It’s a community that genuinely walks the talk.”

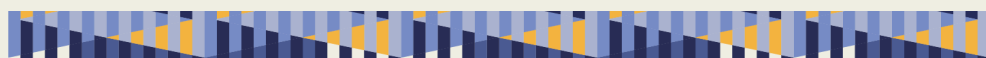
KATHRYN MACIVOR, DAKOTA HILL FOUNDATION

Dakota Hill’s engagement has not only amplified their impact—it has transformed their approach to philanthropy. They’ve increased their funding to BIPOC-led and community-based organizations and piloted a trust-based grantmaking model inspired by our network’s practices. This story is one among many that showcase how institutional funders can move from isolated giving to collaborative, community-rooted philanthropy.

BECOME AN INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER

Institutional funders can offer critical resources, infrastructure, and influence. When these assets are aligned with a community of practice like WDN’s, the potential for systemic change grows exponentially. If you’re ready to move beyond transactional philanthropy and into a space of shared power, mutual learning, and collective impact, joining as an institutional member is your next step.

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We welcome foundations and philanthropic trustees, board members, and staff members of 501(c)(3) organizations, as well as representatives from peer donor networks, social enterprise organizations, and philanthropic intermediaries. If you represent a 501(c)(4) funder, you can become an institutional member via Women Donors Action.

Collective giving is central to our model. We don't operate with an endowment; every dollar we grant comes from the money we raise. Institutional membership begins at \$25,000 annually, though some institutional members contribute at leadership levels of \$50K–100K+, while others make transformational, multi-year commitments. In addition, many members contribute more in support of our high-impact grantmaking initiatives, including the [Abortion Bridge Collaborative \(ABC\) Fund](#) and [Woven Futures Fund](#). Our expectation is not equal giving, but meaningful investment relative to capacity and a commitment to our shared responsibility to sustain and grow this network.

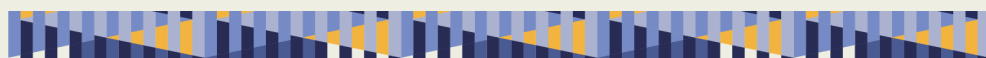
Ready to join or have questions about institutional membership? Contact our Community & Development team at community@womendonors.org.



“What sets Women Donors Network apart is the people. I’ve found collaborators, mentors, and friends who share a deep commitment to gender justice, and this network has made our programmatic work stronger. Women Donors Network has helped us find aligned partners, coordinate funding strategies, and multiply our impact in ways our program couldn’t achieve working in isolation.”

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