INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Find a community of practice along with practical tools to help guide your organization toward more principled giving.

If you're a trustee or staffer at a family, private, or public foundation, or a member of an aligned donor network, joining Women Donors Network as an institutional member might be your next step. **Move beyond transactional philanthropy** and into a strategic community that moves capital quickly, centers movement leadership, and drives long-term systems change.

Institutional memberships require a minimum contribution of $25,000 annually and give one team member at your organization access to:

- **Community engagement:** Opportunities for transformative growth, learning, and connection—including virtual learning journeys, regional gatherings, our annual conference, and more.
- **Cross-organizational learning:** Apply learnings from WDN about participatory grantmaking, social justice giving, emergent issues, and more to your own work.
- **Collaboration:** Connect with individual donors and other institutional members who have a shared interest in gender, racial, economic, and climate justice.
- **Network expansion:** Opportunities to connect and collaborate with our grantees and partners in the field, and with fellow members and WDN staff.

We welcome foundations and philanthropic trustees, board members, and 501(c)(3) staffers, 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.

"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."

–Angie Junck, Heising-Simons Foundation & Heising-Simons Action

Collective giving is central to our values and model: **every dollar we grant is made possible by our members**. Institutional membership begins at $25,000 annually, though some institutional members contribute at leadership levels of $50K–100K and others make transformational, multi-year gifts. Many also give to our high-impact grantmaking initiatives, including our Abortion Bridge Collaborative (ABC) Fund and Woven Futures Fund.

CASE STUDY

The Dakota Hill Foundation

When the Dakota Hill Foundation joined WDN, 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 has 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 shifts in their foundation's strategy based on insights made through WDN

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 WDN's practices. Their story showcases how institutional funders can move from isolated giving to collaborative, community-rooted philanthropy.

> *"Movements can't afford to operate in silos, and neither can funders. We're so grateful for WDN. So many Solidaire members, including individuals and foundations, have funded and continue to fund WDN's initiatives because of the trust we have in WDN. We know they listen to movements and trust their strategic infrastructure investment."*
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> VINI BHANSALI, SOLIDAIRE NETWORK

Curious whether institutional membership is right for you? Let's have a conversation. Reach out to community@womendonorsnetwork.org.