GRANTMAKING FOR IMPACT

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Impact

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plural impacts  
Definition of impact  
1a: an impinging or striking especially of one body against another  
   b: a forceful contact or onset  
      also: the impetus communicated in or as if in such a contact  
2: the force of impression of one thing on another: a significant or major effect  
   the impact of science on our society  
   a study outlining the potential environmental impacts of the construction project  

Merriam-Webster
WHO Keeps Chucking THESE KIDS IN THE RIVER?
“It’s not that they can’t see the solution. They can’t see the problem.”

G.K. Chesterton
WHITE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE MIDDLE-INCOME QUINTILE (THOSE EARNING $37,201-61,328 ANNUALLY) OWN NEARLY EIGHT TIMES AS MUCH WEALTH ($86,100) AS MIDDLE-INCOME BLACK EARNERS ($11,000) AND TEN TIMES AS MUCH WEALTH AS MIDDLE-INCOME LATINO EARNERS ($8,600).

IF THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE IS LEFT UNADDRESSED, MEDIAN BLACK HOUSEHOLD WEALTH IS ON A PATH TO HIT ZERO BY 2053.

Racial Wealth Inequality Is Rampant In The U.S.
Median household wealth by race/ethnicity in the United States (1983–2024)

Source: Prosperity Now & Institute For Policy Studies
Where is your impact?

“Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers.”

Tony Robbins
“Our recognition of community organizing (or community action) as the foundation's prime concern, is promoted by our conviction that a sense of powerlessness and the apathy and alienation bred of this sense, are at the root of many of the ills of our time. We believe that funding those efforts that give people hope that they can exercise a degree of control over their lives, and that involve them working together toward jointly defined ends, is an important contribution to the resolution of social ills.”

Wieboldt Foundation
Funding Community Organizing

- Cost-effective
  - Financing upstream solutions are typically more cost-effective than funding downstream efforts
- Evidence-based
  - Community organizing has been the primary methodology leading to change throughout history
- Human-centered
  - Those persons who are closest to the problem are supported in developing their own solutions
“Democracy is messy, and it’s hard. It’s never easy.”

Robert Kennedy, Jr.