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## Delivering for Workers and Communities: Philanthropy's Efforts to Ensure Equitable Implementation of Federal Investments

December 7, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, 320 East 43rd Street, New York City, NY

### AGENDA

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- 9:00 AM**                      **Check-in and Breakfast**
- 9:30 AM**                      **Why We Are Here and Who's in the Room**  
We will take a moment to set the stage for the meeting and connect as a funder community.
- [Livia Lam](#), Program Officer, Future of Work(ers), Ford Foundation
  - [Ami Nagle](#), Co-director, Economic Opportunity Funders
- 10:00 AM**                      **Understanding the Current Landscape and Opportunity (Virtual Panel)**  
A virtual panel of national and local field partners will provide insights on the opportunities presented by significant federal investments -- including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act -- to advance worker and community-centered investments and help lay the foundation for a more just, inclusive, and democratic economy.
- [Bo Delp](#), Executive Director, Texas Climate Jobs Projects
  - [Pronita Gupta](#), Senior Fellow, Workshop (moderator)
  - [Erica Iheme](#), Co-Executive Director, Jobs to Move America
  - [Chirag Mehta](#), Policy and Ideas Director, Community Change
- 11:00 AM**                      **Break**
- 11:15 AM**                      **Funder Reflections and Connections**  
After a short break, several funder colleagues will reflect on the field discussion and make connections to their own current and future grantmaking, questions they are grappling with, and opportunities for

alignment. This will set the stage for small group discussions and the identification of potential key philanthropic activity centers.

- [Matt Barron](#), Program Director, Sustainability, The Heinz Endowments
- [Sarah Christiansen](#), Program Director, Midwest Climate & Energy, McKnight Foundation
- [Livia Lam](#), Program Officer, Future of Work(ers), Ford Foundation
- [Gretchen Phillips](#), Managing Director, Reimagining Capitalism, Omidyar Network
- [Leanne Sajor](#), Senior Program Manager, Funders for a Just Economy (moderator)

**12:00 PM**

**Lunch**

**12:45 PM**

**Identification of Philanthropic Activity Centers**

Building from the themes raised in the pre-registration survey and the morning conversations, this full-group discussion will provide an opportunity to collectively map the variety of potential philanthropic activities to advance worker and community-centered investments and help lay the foundation for a more just, inclusive, and democratic economy. Participants will have an opportunity to exchange ideas and prioritize themes for additional discussion.

- [Ami Nagle](#), Co-director, Economic Opportunity Funders

**1:45 PM**

**Break**

**2:00 PM**

**Deep Dive Discussions and Action Planning**

Participants will break into small groups to dig more deeply into a handful of themes, share strategies, raise challenges and opportunities, and identify potential next steps.

**3:15 PM**

**Reflections and Closing**

- [Ami Nagle](#), Co-director, Economic Opportunity Funders

**3:30 PM**

**Adjourn**