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**Southern California
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SCG Members,

Collaboration has long been a hallmark of the philanthropic sector, as we strive to increase our impact, share lessons learned, and create synergies with like-minded partners. The need for collaboration has never been greater, given the current economic climate, shrinking public resources for low-income communities, and increased demand for foundation and corporate support by nonprofit organizations.

In response to the growing need for collaboration within the philanthropic sector, Southern California Grantmakers has compiled a directory of funder affinity groups, learning networks, and philanthropic collaboratives in the Southern California region. We have included national and regional groups with a presence in Southern California.

I hope that you find this directory useful. Please feel free to share this with colleagues in your institution, but note that this is not for broader circulation, as most of the groups identified within this document do not have grantmaking mandates, but rather exist to promote peer learning, dialogue and collaboration within the philanthropic community.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with feedback, comments or edits on this SCG member benefit.

Best wishes,

Sushma Raman

President



How to Use This Directory

The *Southern California Affinity Groups & Funding Collaboratives Directory* lists groups in alphabetical order – see the list on page 2 for an overview. When accessing this document as a PDF from your computer simply click, or press [Ctrl] and click, on a group's name and your view will jump to the page with a full description of that group.

Each group has been designated as identity-based (who the members are), location-based (where the members are concentrated), issue-based or management-based. Some groups fall into more than one category. For example, a group of funders in Los Angeles interested in improving education would be both location and issue-based.

See information that needs to be updated or added? Let us know! Contact SCG Communications Associate Neel Garlapati at neel@socalgrantmakers.org or by phone (213) 680-8866, ext. 230.

Full descriptions of each group follow this page in alphabetical order.

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Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy	✓	✓	✓	
Asian Pacific Community Fund of Southern California	✓	✓	✓	
Children's Oral Health Collaborative			✓	
College Access Funders			✓	
Council on Foundations				✓
Education Funders Group		✓	✓	
Emergency Work Group		✓	✓	
Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy	✓	✓		✓
Environmental Grantmakers Association			✓	
Family Foundation Information Exchange	✓			✓
Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues			✓	
Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities			✓	
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees			✓	
Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families			✓	
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations				✓
Grantmakers in Aging			✓	
Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media			✓	
Grantmakers in Health			✓	
Grants Managers Network Southern California	✓			✓
Health & Environmental Funders Network			✓	
Health Funders Partnership of Orange County		✓	✓	
Hispanics in Philanthropy	✓		✓	✓
Homeless Funders Group		✓	✓	
League of California Community Foundations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Los Angeles Arts Funders		✓	✓	
Los Angeles Health Collaborative		✓	✓	
Los Angeles Immigrant Funders Collaborative		✓	✓	
Los Angeles Public/Private Funders Partnership for Infants and Toddlers		✓	✓	
Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative		✓	✓	
National Rural Funders Collaborative			✓	
Native Americans in Philanthropy	✓		✓	
Neighborhood Funders Group			✓	
Northern California Grantmakers	✓	✓		✓
Orange County Community Relations Council	✓	✓		
Orange County Funders Roundtable		✓		✓
San Diego Grantmakers		✓		✓
Social Venture Partners International - Los Angeles		✓		✓
Southern California Blacks in Philanthropy	✓	✓		
Southern California Grantmakers	✓	✓		✓
Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders			✓	
Ventura County AIDS Partnership		✓	✓	
Ventura County Funders Forum		✓		
Women's Funding Network	✓	✓		

Affinity Group on Japanese Philanthropy

Contact: Lori Gage, Senior Manager of Community Relations, Hitachi Ltd., Los Angeles

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Contact email: lori.gage.bd@hitachi.com

Website: Not available

Description: The Affinity Group on Japanese Philanthropy (AGJP) works to provide a venue for information sharing and promotion of best practices among funders with roots in Japan and in the Japanese corporate community.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Funders with roots in Japan and the Japanese corporate community.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

AIDS Partnership California

Contact: Kathleen Erwin, Manager, Community Research & Dissemination Initiatives, California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP), Oakland

Contact phone: (510) 987-9889

Contact email: kathleen.erwin@ucop.edu

Website: www.aidspartnershipca.org

Description: AIDS Partnership California (APC) is a statewide public/private collaboration with the purpose of arresting the escalating rate of HIV in California, inform sound policy decisions, and strengthen the systems of HIV prevention, care and treatment. APC identifies emerging issues with a statewide impact, funds innovative solutions and promotes learning through grantmaking, convening, training and dissemination of findings. APC benefits persons with HIV or who are at risk for HIV, community-based organizations providing HIV services, health departments and foundations. CHRP partners with government, foundations and industry to support priority areas of HIV/AIDS research.

Geographic area: California

Membership criteria: Unknown

Membership: Unknown

Collaborative funding: Yes

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy – Los Angeles

Contact: Wendy Chang, Program Director, Dwight Stuart Youth Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 777-5050

Contact email: wchang@dsyf.org

Website: www.aapip.org

Description: Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is a national membership and philanthropic advocacy organization dedicated to bridging philanthropy and Asian Pacific American (API) communities. AAPIP is a member of the Council on Foundations' Affinity Group Network. AAPIP seeks to: increase the leadership and participation of API communities in the philanthropic sector, connect philanthropy with API and other immigrant and refugee communities and increase resources to these underserved populations.

Geographic area: National with Los Angeles Chapter

Membership criteria: Foundations, staff and trustees of grantmaking institutions and nonprofit organizations in eight regional chapters in the United States.

Membership: AAPIP is a public foundation, not a membership organization. Those meeting the above criteria are welcome to participate.

Collaborative funding: Yes

Asian Pacific Community Fund of Southern California

Contact: Debra A. Fong, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Community Fund of Southern California, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 624-6400

Contact email: dfong@apcf.org

Website: www.apcf.org

Description: The Asian Pacific Community Fund is a partnership of Asian and Pacific Islander social and human service organizations and agencies with business and community leaders. Their mission is to promote philanthropy addressing the diverse needs of Asian Pacific Islanders in Southern California, and to establish, coordinate and build workplace giving campaigns.

Geographic area: Southern California

Membership criteria: The Asian Pacific Community Fund is a nonprofit federation of community-based social service organizations, business leaders and community representatives.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes- workplace giving campaigns

Children's Oral Health Collaborative

Contact: Robin Flint, Coordinator, National Oral Health Policy Center, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 794-0996

Contact email: rflint@ucla.edu

Website: Not available

Description: The Children's Oral Health Collaborative is a broad group of community stakeholders and experts convened to advocate for the planning, funding, implementation and sustainability of an effective oral health system and to foster collaboration and leadership among all stakeholders to optimize children's oral health in Los Angeles County.

Geographic area: Los Angeles County

Membership criteria: None

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

College Access Funders

Contact: Tessa Carmen De Roy, Program Consultant, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Santa Monica

Contact phone: (323) 660-0040

Contact email: tessacarmen@sbcglobal.net

Website: Not available

Description: College Access Funders is an informal network of Los Angeles funders that is interested in helping young people go to college and earn their degrees. The people they serve are usually in the first generation of their family to go to college.

Geographic area: Los Angeles County

Membership criteria: Interest in funding post-secondary education.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes, informally

Council on Foundations

Contact: Steve Gunderson, President & CEO, Council on Foundations, Washington, DC

Contact phone: (800) 673-9036

Contact email: info@cof.org

Website: www.cof.org

Description: The Council on Foundations is a membership association of more than 2,100 grantmaking foundations and corporations. The assets of Council members total more than \$282 billion. As the voice of philanthropy, the Council works to create an environment in which the movement can grow and thrive, and to provide Council members with the products and services they need to do their best work.

Geographic area: Nationwide, with Southern California events and appearances.

Membership criteria: The Council welcomes as a member any vehicle that brings people together in a philanthropic endeavor—including private, community, operating and public foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs, and emerging giving and grantmaking organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Education Funders Group

Contact: Ray Reisler, Executive Director, S. Mark Taper Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 476-5413

Contact email: ray@smtfoundation.org

Website: Not available

Description: EFG is a group of funders interested in funding projects for kindergarten through 12th grade school improvement in greater Los Angeles.

Geographic area: Greater Los Angeles

Membership criteria: Welcomes funders interested in education issues.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes, informally

Emergency Work Group

Contact: Sandy Mendoza, Director, Special Projects, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 808-6524

Contact email: samendoza@unitedwayla.org

Website: Not available

Description: Formed in October 2007, the Emergency Work Group (EWG) is a voluntary, independent coalition of nonprofit organizations, local government, and public and private sectors whose mission it is to study current response and recovery efforts in the Los Angeles region and to recommend improvements for better oversight and alignment of roles and capabilities to effectively and efficiently respond to disasters and catastrophic events and their aftermaths. At a series of meetings and workshops, the Emergency Work Group developed a set of recommendations designed to improve the delivery of post-disaster services, with emphasis on nonprofit agency response. The recommendations focused on improving systems and procedures for communications used during emergencies and disasters.

Geographic area: Greater Los Angeles

Membership criteria: None

Membership: By invitation only; will be disbanded after recommendations are made.

Collaborative funding: No

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy – Los Angeles

Contact: Mia Johnson Hubbard, Grants Director, MAZON, Los Angeles

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Website: www.epip.org/losangeles

Description: EPIP-LA's mission is to support and strengthen the next generation of grantmakers to achieve the broader goal of advancing effective social justice philanthropy. EPIP-LA offers peer support, leadership and advocacy programs, mentoring and social events. It partners with regional grantmaking associations, affinity groups and other groups to complement and contribute to other networks in the community. The L.A. chapter puts on two major professional development events each year, in the spring and fall, with smaller networking events held at other points. This group is a chapter of the national EPIP network.

Geographic area: National, with Los Angeles chapter

Membership criteria: EPIP members are professionals at foundations, government and corporate grantmaking entities, and philanthropy support organizations (such as regional associations of grantmakers, affinity groups and financial advisory firms).

Membership: Open, nonprofit organization representatives that share EPIP L.A.'s social justice mission and framework are also welcome at meetings.

Collaborative funding: No

Environmental Grantmakers Association

Contact: Annie Leonard, Coordinator of Sustainability Funders Working Group, Environmental Grantmakers Association, Berkeley

Contact phone: (510) 649-9808

Contact email: alenoard@ega.org

Website: www.ega.org

Description: The mission of the Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) is to help member organizations become more effective environmental grantmakers through information sharing, collaboration and networking. EGA's vision is one of an informed, diverse, collaborative network of effective grantmakers who are supporting work toward a sustainable world. Recognizing the importance of diverse perspectives, the organization values ecological integrity, justice, environmental stewardship, inclusivity, transparency, accountability and respect, balancing pragmatism with the long view.

Geographic area: National, based in Washington DC, two working groups in Northern California.

Membership criteria: EGA welcomes all foundations and giving programs whose philanthropy includes protection of the natural environment.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Family Foundation Information Exchange

Contact: Jan Kern, Program Specialist, Southern California Grantmakers, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 680-8866, ext. 222

Contact email: jan@socalgrantmakers.org

Website: www.socalgrantmakers.org/ffix

Description: The Family Foundation Information Exchange (FFIX) is a peer-learning group of family foundations that meet bi-monthly to share information on issues of importance to family foundations. SCG's Program Specialist Jan Kern has facilitated a peer learning network that has helped connect SCG family foundation members to experts, resources and to each other. Participants report that the FFIX program has helped them to be more strategic and effective in their grantmaking. They also have established strong connections with one another, producing informal collaborations and a strong collegial atmosphere. The group, limited in size, collectively pays for a facilitator for meetings.

Geographic area: Southern California

Membership criteria: Family foundation staff and trustees.

Membership: Closed

Collaborative funding: No

Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues

Contact: Lina Paredes, Director of Grantmaking, Liberty Hill Foundation, Santa Monica

Contact phone: (310) 453-3611, ext. 109

Contact email: lparedes@libertyhill.org

Website: www.lgbtfunders.org

Description: Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues (FLGI) remains the sole organization dedicated exclusively to increasing institutional giving to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) communities. FLGI seeks equality and rights for LGBTQ individuals and communities by mobilizing philanthropic resources that advance racial, economic and gender justice.

Geographic area: National, based in New York.

Membership criteria: Funders supporting LGBTQ issues.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities

Contact: Mariano Diaz, Western Region Vice President, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, San Diego

Contact phone: (619) 239-6691

Contact email: mdiaz@lisc.org

Contact (national): Ben Starrett, Executive Director, Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Coral Gables, FL

Contact (national) phone: (305) 667-6350

Contact (national) email: ben@fundersnetwork.org

Website: www.fundersnetwork.org

Description: The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that exists to inspire, strengthen and expand philanthropic leadership and funders' abilities to support organizations working to improve communities through better development decisions and growth policies. It brings together foundations, nonprofit organizations and other partners to address the range of environmental, social and economic problems caused by development strategies that fail to consider the big picture. The Network's current projects address: (1) communications, (2) community foundation leadership, (3) regional and neighborhood equity, (4) transportation, (5) green buildings and green neighborhoods and (6) healthy people and places.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Corporate, private, family, international, community and intermediary foundations. Membership eligibility is open to funders from the public and private sectors.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees

Contact: Allison DeLucca, Program Director, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 346-3275

Contact email: allison@gcir.org

Website: www.gcir.org

Description: Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) is a member of the Council on Foundations' Affinity Group Network and seeks to move the philanthropic field to advance the contributions and address the needs of the world's growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. With its focus on the United States, GCIR works to: enhance philanthropy's awareness of issues affecting immigrants and refugees and their new communities; deepen the field's understanding of how these issues are integral to community building in today's dynamic social, economic and political environment; and increase philanthropic support for both broad and immigrant/refugee-focused strategies that benefit newcomer populations and strengthen the larger society.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Independent foundations, family foundations, community foundations, public foundations, operating foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs, United Ways, and public funding agencies. If your foundation prohibits institutional membership in affinity groups, you can join as an individual member. Individual membership is also open to philanthropic advisers who focus on immigrant and refugee funding.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families

Contact: Gwen Foster, Senior Program Officer, The California Endowment, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (415) 356-4315

Contact email: gfooster@calendow.org

Website: www.gcyf.org

Description: Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families (GCYF) is a membership association of grantmaking institutions. Their mission is to increase the ability of organized philanthropy to improve the well-being of children, youth and families. They serve as a forum to review and analyze grantmaking strategies, exchange information about effective programs, examine public policy developments and maintain ongoing discussions with national leaders. GCYF has three goals: (1) To strengthen the knowledge, skills, and reflective practice of members to make the best use of all resources; (2) to help grantmakers explore new areas together; share experiences and perspectives; launch collaborative and cooperative action; and learn about each other's programs, initiatives, innovations, and strategies; (3) to promote awareness, understanding and engagement around children, youth and family issues within philanthropy.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Private, corporate, community and family foundations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

Contact: Martha Campbell, Vice President of Programs, James Irvine Foundation, San Francisco

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Contact email: info@geofunders.org

Contact (national): Laurel Jacobsen, Development Specialist, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Washington, DC

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Website: www.geofunders.org

Description: Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO) is a coalition of grantmakers committed to building strong and effective nonprofit organizations. Understanding that grantmakers are successful only to the extent that their grantees achieve meaningful results, GEO promotes strategies and practices that contribute to grantee success. GEO provides philanthropy's change agents with the resources, ideas and connections they need to make the greatest contribution to the nonprofits they invest in.

Geographic area: National, based in Washington, DC.

Membership criteria: Grantmakers, infrastructure groups that serve funders as their primary members and individual philanthropists.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Grantmakers in Aging

Contact: Mary Ellen Kullman, Vice President, The Archstone Foundation, Long Beach

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Contact (national): Carol Farquhar, Executive Director, Grantmakers In Aging, Dayton, OH

Contact (national) phone: (937) 435-3156

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Website: www.giaging.org

Description: Grantmakers In Aging (GIA) is dedicated to promoting and strengthening grantmaking for an aging society. One of the fastest growing affinity groups in the philanthropic community, GIA today boasts more than 100 members, a vibrant annual meeting, a high quality website, assorted elegant publications and a dynamic network of funders and experts in the field—all focused on strengthening grantmaking for an aging society.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Membership is open to any of the following organizations whose principal function is the making of charitable grants: community foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs, independent/private/family foundations, private operating foundations, public foundations and bank trust departments that administer charitable trusts.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media

Contact (national): Alice Myatt, Executive Director, Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media, Baltimore, MD

Contact (national) phone: (410) 675-4024

Contact (national) email: amyatt@gfem.org

Website: www.gfem.org

Description: Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media (GFEM) serves as a resource for grantmakers who fund media content, infrastructure and policy, those who employ media to further their program goals as well as a collaborative network for funders who wish to learn more about media. GFEM seeks to increase the amount and effectiveness of media funding by foundations and other funders, to increase the use of media in grantmakers' and grantees' work, and to raise the broader foundation community's understanding of current media policy and trends as they affect funders' work in the larger grantmaking community.

Geographic area: National, with media policy representative based in Oakland, CA.

Membership criteria: Foundations, organizations with a significant funding portfolio and private donors, and funders who do not fund media but want knowledge of the field to be more effective in their work. GFEM is an Affinity Group of the Council on Foundations; however foundations need not be members of the Council to be members of GFEM. Eligible funders who elect not to become a member will still receive mailings, newsletters and invitations to events and activities.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Grantmakers in Health

Contact (national): Mary Backley, Vice President, Grantmakers in Health, Washington, DC

Contact (national) phone: (202) 452-8331

Contact (national) email: mbackley@gih.org

Website: www.gih.org

Description: This year, over 230 funding partners across the country supported Grantmakers in Health (GIH) in its efforts to help grantmakers improve the health of all people. Support from funding partners is instrumental in allowing GIH to address the needs of the many grantmakers, both new and established, for continuing education programs, materials, strategic advice and technical assistance throughout the year. While GIH exists to serve the entire field of health philanthropy, Funding Partners receive select services and benefits not available to others, such as:

- Password-protected access to GIH's Resource Center database
- Invitations to special sessions and forums such as issue dialogues and audio conferences

Geographic area: National, with events/meetings frequently held in California.

Membership criteria: Recommended levels of support are based upon foundation assets and giving patterns, commensurate with requests to foundations of similar structure and size. Funding Partner status is specifically limited to organizations whose primary function and activity is charitable grantmaking to multiple individuals or organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Grants Managers Network Southern California

Contact: Tanisha Metoyer, Program Assistant, The Archstone Foundation, Long Beach

Contact phone: (562) 590-8655

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Website: www.gmnetwork.org

Description: The Grants Managers Network (GMN) provides a forum to exchange information about grants management and its relevance to efficient and effective grantmaking. This group is part of a larger national network.

Geographic area: National with Southern California chapter. Meetings usually held in Los Angeles.

Membership criteria: Managerial professionals in grantmaking institutions.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Health & Environmental Funders Network

Contact: Michele Prichard, Director of Change Initiatives, Liberty Hill Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 453-3611

Contact email: mprichard@libertyhill.org

Website: www.hefn.org

Description: The Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN) is a network of funders committed to grantmaking at the nexus of environment and health. By building this cross-cutting philanthropic community, HEFN and its members are supporting an increasingly powerful movement towards healthier people, ecosystems and communities. HEFN provides information and updates for its members, organizes funder events, does outreach in philanthropy and enables funders to collaborate around shared goals or projects. Member benefits include: updates on relevant current events and new resources; invitations to HEFN's events, meetings and funder collaboratives, and access to funder-only resources on the HEFN website.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: HEFN's members are funders committed to grantmaking in support of health, environment and equity. Most HEFN members are staff and trustees of private, non-corporate foundations or individual donors.

Membership: Open. Other funders that do not meet membership criteria but share the values and objectives of HEFN's membership may be considered for membership on a case-by-case basis.

Collaborative funding: Yes

Health Funders Partnership of Orange County

Contact: Tori L. Oneal-McElrath, Advisor, Health Funders Partnership of Orange County

Contact phone: (714) 245-1658

Contact email: tori@onealconsult.com

Website: www.hfpoc.com

Description: The mission of the Health Funders Partnership of Orange County is to improve local health by enhancing the impact and efficiency of health philanthropy and health service delivery in Orange County. The Partnership addresses this mission by identifying strategic issues for collaborative funding or other actions; and by supporting a learning community to gather, review and disseminate information. The group meets bi-monthly.

Geographic area: Orange County

Membership criteria: Foundations, corporate, private nonprofit and public sector funders.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Hispanics in Philanthropy

Contact: Edgar Aguirre, Gift Planning Officer, California Community Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 452-6263

Contact email: eaguirre@ccf-la.org

Website: www.hiponline.org

Description: Founded in 1983 to promote stronger partnerships between organized philanthropy and Latino communities, Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) has developed into a transnational network of grantmakers committed to strengthening Latino communities across the Americas. In its knowledge-sharing efforts, HIP sponsors regional, national and international conferences and briefings, research and publications, professional development programs, as well as providing referrals for foundations seeking Latino staff and trustees.

Geographic area: International, with Los Angeles chapter.

Membership criteria: Staff and trustees of grantmaking institutions, individual philanthropists and nonprofit service and advocacy organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Homeless Funders Group

Contact: Tara Westman, Assistant Vice President Grant Development and Planning, Weingart Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 688-6304

Contact email: twestman@weingartfdn.org

Website: Not available

Description: The Homeless Funders Group (HFG) is a recently formed group of funders interested in issues affecting homeless people in Los Angeles County. Meetings have consisted of educational presentations on topics related to homelessness and profiles of individual foundation efforts.

Geographic area: Los Angeles County

Membership criteria: Any funder interested in homelessness.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

League of California Community Foundations

Contact: Alan Pardini, Senior Advisor, League of California Community Foundations

Contact phone: (707) 586-0277

Contact email: alan@lccf.org

Website: www.lccf.org

Description: The League of California Community Foundations builds and strengthens California's communities by fostering collaboration among the state's community foundations. More than two dozen community foundations across the state are addressing the current and future needs of our communities: from the environment to the arts, from housing and job development to education, transportation and health.

Geographic area: California

Membership criteria: Community foundations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Los Angeles Arts Funders

Contact: Angie Kim, Program Officer, The Getty Foundation, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 440-6496

Contact email: akim@getty.edu

Website: Not available

Description: Los Angeles Arts Funders (LAAF) is an affinity group of public and private sector grantmakers that make arts grants in the Los Angeles County area. More than 45 executive directors, program officers and other staff representing more than 40 organizations participate in LAAF. LAAF aims to: strengthen the field of public and private sector arts grantmaking by improving communication, information exchange and peer learning within the field as a whole; support individual arts grantmakers in increasing their effectiveness and capacity to meet their objectives. One of their major projects is to commission a biennial survey of corporate, foundation and government arts funding in Los Angeles County. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

Geographic area: Los Angeles

Membership criteria: Participating organizations that both make grants and solicit funds are expected to designate as representatives to LAAF only individuals whose role involves program and/or policy. Participants will refrain from fundraising during LAAF gatherings.

Membership: Open to funders whose primary activities include grantmaking to Los Angeles arts and culture.

Collaborative funding: Yes

Los Angeles Health Collaborative

Contact: Mike Leighs, Deputy Director, LA Health Action, Los Angeles

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*** Contact (alternate):** Jessica Jew, Program Assistant, jjew@lahealthaction.org

Website: www.lahealthaction.org/index.php/collaborative

Description: LA Health Collaborative is a coalition of over 70 hospitals, community clinics, doctors, labor, health plans, business organizations, patient advocacy groups and other organizations dedicated to preserving Los Angeles County's safety net. LA Health Action's overarching goal is to expand access to health coverage and care to all Los Angeles County residents through policy and advocacy, coalition building, linking existing resources and making grants to local community-based organizations. It has a listserv that is used to send out daily news clips on issues relating to health policy/advocacy and other announcements relating to its work. The LA Health Collaborative meets on a quarterly basis at The California Endowment and invites speakers to address the Collaborative (usually more than 60 people in attendance) on pertinent issues.

Geographic area: Los Angeles County with a specific focus on underserved areas.

Membership criteria: Open to any community-based organization or organization that is working to improve the health of Los Angeles residents. New organizations must complete a brief membership form describing their purpose, mission, service areas and other details. Membership is focused on organizations that explicitly address healthcare issues.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Los Angeles Immigrant Funders Collaborative

Contact: Joyce Ybarra, Program Specialist, Southern California Grantmakers, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (213) 680-8730 ext.234

Contact email: joyce@socalgrantmakers.org

Website: Not available

Description: In 2000, the Los Angeles Immigrant Funders' Collaborative (LAIFC/Collaborative) was formed to increase philanthropic response to the growing newcomer population. Since its inception, the LAIFC has strived to strengthen the capacity and build the long-term viability of immigrant-based organizations to meet the needs of diverse immigrant and refugee families and communities in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles Immigrant Funders Collaborative has three major goals: to re-grant pooled funds to emerging immigrant-led and immigrant-based organizations; to provide capacity-building resource grants in areas such as technical assistance and training; and to be a venue for peer learning.

Geographic area: Los Angeles

Membership criteria: Grant-giving organizations giving to immigrant-led and based organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Los Angeles Public/Private Funders Partnership for Infants and Toddlers

Contact: Meredith Blake, Director, Los Angeles Public/Private Funders Partnership for Infants and Toddlers, Los Angeles

Contact phone: (310) 473-4488

Contact email: meredith@causeaffect.com

Website: Not available

Description: The mission of the Los Angeles Public/Private Funders Partnership for Infants and Toddlers, which consists of over 40 public and private funding agencies, is to invest in and promote innovation that advances the lifelong health and well-being of children up to age three.

Geographic area: Los Angeles

Membership criteria: Participation is open to public and private funders with a Los Angeles presence that have an interest in issues concerning children, prenatal to age 3.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative

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Description: The Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative strives to meet the unmet workforce needs of employers and workers in various industry sectors, so that low-income individuals gain skills, obtain family-sustaining jobs and increase well-being.

Geographic area: Greater Los Angeles

Membership criteria: Grantmakers only.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes, pooled and aligned funding

National Rural Funders Collaborative

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Description: The National Rural Funders Collaborative (NRF) is a collaborative philanthropic initiative organized to expand resources for families and communities in regions of persistent poverty, especially areas where concentrations of poverty and communities of color overlap. NRF recognizes that poverty is often a factor of race, class, culture and power dynamics that are linked and concentrated and that the reinvention of rural economies is fundamental to eliminating rural poverty and effecting long-term transformative change in rural America. NRF supports community-based empowerment strategies designed to transform poor rural communities and regions into healthy and viable living environments and seeks to build a movement of support and advocacy for alternative rural economies based on community assets of culture, land and human capital, grounded in relationships and values of equity and justice.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: Private foundation members, regional and national. Funders are required to attend two learning events per year. Additionally, member funders are asked to attend semi-annual steering committee meetings, often convened in conjunction with learning events.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes. NRF's grantmaking and capacity-building activities are supported annually by grants from its private foundation members, each of which will typically make a two- or three-year funding commitment to the work of NRF. Approximately 75% of grants made to NRF go directly to its regranting support for regional collaborative initiatives in rural areas.

Native Americans in Philanthropy

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Description: Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) is a member of the Council on Foundations' Affinity Group Network. Through its work, Native Americans in Philanthropy seeks to engage Native and non-Native peoples in understanding and advancing the role of philanthropy through practices that support Native traditional values for current and future generations. NAP strives to strengthen indigenous communities by: enabling knowledge-sharing between the philanthropic and indigenous communities; providing professional development opportunities and support for Native Americans in philanthropy; and encouraging Native definitions of development and self-determination in indigenous communities.

Geographic area: National, some members in California.

Membership criteria: Mainstream philanthropy, tribal giving or the nonprofit sector committed to the welfare and self-determination of Native communities.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Unknown

Neighborhood Funders Group

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Description: The Neighborhood Funders Group (NFG) is a national network of foundations and philanthropic organizations. Our members support community-based efforts that improve economic and social conditions in low-income communities. NFG provides information, learning opportunities, critical thinking and other professional development activities to our members.

Geographic area: National – based in Washington DC; contact in Los Angeles.

Membership criteria: Staff members or trustees of foundations that are looking for strategies and information on how to strengthen community-based grantmaking.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Northern California Grantmakers

Contact: Colin Lacon, President & CEO, Northern California Grantmakers, San Francisco

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Description: Building on an initiative started in 1965 to exchange ideas, improve cooperation among foundations, and increase their knowledge of community problems, Northern California Grantmakers (NCG) has now grown to support the activity of approximately 160 member grantmakers active in the Bay Area, with combined grantmaking of more than \$1 billion annually. NCG's work is focused in two broad arenas: enhancing the effectiveness of philanthropy and strengthening the ties between philanthropy and its many stakeholders in nonprofit organizations, government, business, media, academia and the public at large.

Geographic area: Northern California

Membership criteria: Foundations, corporate contributions programs and other private and public grantmakers that award \$25,000 or more per year in grants to multiple, unrelated organizations, within its funding priorities, and does not restrict its giving to subsidiary chapters or to a single institution.

Membership: Open

Orange County Community Relations Council

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Description: The Orange County Community Relations Council (OCCRC) is an organization of concerned community relations professionals whose businesses promote an improved quality of life through philanthropy and community involvement. OCCRC fosters professional development among members by providing a forum to exchange ideas and share best practices while building relationships. Goals include: (1) enhancing the role of OCCRC and its members' companies in their relationship with their communities and promoting corporate citizenship as a critical element for success of business, (2) promoting professional development of OCCRC members and remaining informed of current local events, issues and trends, and (3) encouraging employee involvement in our communities.

Geographic Area: Orange County

Membership criteria: Corporate foundations and corporate giving programs

Collaborative Funding: No

Orange County Funders Roundtable

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Description: The Orange County Funders Roundtable a group of foundations, grantmakers and other funders that support charitable organizations in Orange County.

Geographic area: Orange County

Membership criteria: Foundations, grantmakers and other funders that support charitable organizations in Orange County.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

San Diego Grantmakers

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Description: San Diego Grantmakers (SDG) seeks to build a vibrant, effective and growing philanthropic community that improves the quality of life in the San Diego region. Their mission is to connect, educate, develop, and inspire a diverse group of foundations and corporations to stimulate effective philanthropy in the San Diego region.

Geographic area: San Diego County

Membership criteria: Organizations and individuals whose primary purpose is grantmaking, who are currently making minimum annual contributions of \$25,000 to multiple nonprofit organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Social Venture Partners International – Los Angeles

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Description: Social Venture Partners International (SVPI) is the member association that supports the efforts of Social Venture Partners affiliates in their local communities and across the SVP network. Social Venture Partners seeks to catalyze significant, long-term positive social change in their communities by: educating individuals to be well informed, effective, and engaged philanthropists and investing time, expertise and money in innovative nonprofits to strengthen these organizations.

Geographic area: International, with Los Angeles chapter.

Membership criteria: Individuals who have agreed to pool a minimum contribution (about \$5,000 annually, per partner) to fund local nonprofit organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Southern California Blacks in Philanthropy

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Description: Southern California Blacks in Philanthropy advances the interest of African Americans in philanthropy and addresses the impact of race and diversity within Southern California philanthropic institutions specifically related to the African American community.

Geographic area: Southern California

Membership criteria: Not available

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Southern California Grantmakers

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Website: www.socalgrantmakers.org

Description: Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) is a regional membership association of private-sector grantmakers whose mission is to support and advance effective and responsible philanthropy for the public good. SCG provides benefits to members in four key ways (1) connection to the local philanthropic community; (2) skills-building opportunities (3) knowledge and resources; and (4) active monitoring of public policy and advocacy. SCG is a visible and knowledgeable public face and voice for local philanthropic concerns.

Geographic area: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties

Membership criteria: Individual philanthropists, family foundations, private independent foundations, community foundations and public foundations, as well as corporate foundations and giving programs that give at least \$25,000 annually in the Southern California region.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: No

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders

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Description: Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders (SAFSF) is a national group that works to foster communication, shared learning and information exchange about issues connected to sustainable agriculture and food systems. SAFSF seeks to carry out its mission by providing opportunities for collaboration, increasing awareness of the issues as well as funding needs and expanding beyond the current membership to increase support and funding for organizations that: (1) promote sustainable food production; (2) link to concerns about sustainability of our food system; and/or (3) connect food production with issues of environmental stewardship, diet and health, and viability of rural communities. SAFSF seeks to work with its members and others to strengthen and diversify the sustainable agriculture and food systems grantmaking community, provide new and expanded programming and keep funders on the cutting edge of the movement.

Geographic area: National

Membership criteria: (1) Provide grants to sustainable agriculture and food systems projects and programs and related efforts. Related efforts might include land preservation, pesticide use reduction, farm worker support and so forth; (2) function primarily as grantmakers, not grantseekers (it is acknowledged that several current members are operating foundations that also raise funds to support their grantmaking programs); (3) demonstrate alignment with SAFSF's goal of increasing funding for sustainable agriculture and food system organizations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Ventura County AIDS Partnership

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Description: The Ventura County AIDS Partnership is dedicated to eliminating HIV disease as a major health & social problem in Ventura County by raising and allocating funds to underwrite HIV prevention education & direct patient care services in Ventura County. It works in partnership with private citizens, nonprofit organizations, publicly funded agencies, corporations and philanthropic foundations to nurture and strengthen the county's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic on the local level.

Geographic area: Ventura County

Membership criteria: Private citizens, nonprofit organizations, publicly funded agencies, corporations and philanthropic foundations.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Ventura County Funders Forum

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Website: not available

Description: Ventura County Community Foundation and First 5 Ventura County sponsor the Ventura County Funders Forum (VCFF), a forum for foundations, grantmakers and funders that support charitable organizations in Ventura County, advancing the public good and the work of nonprofits. The forum is designed to educate, inform and promote sharing and collaboration.

Geographic area: Ventura County

Membership criteria: Membership is open to all corporate and foundation funders who provide grants to nonprofits in Ventura County.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes

Women's Funding Network

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Description: The Women's Funding Network powers women-led solutions to critical global issues through 128 women's funds around the world and demonstrates that investment in women and their ideas can shape innovative responses to entrenched social challenges. Achievements include: (1) major investment in women – today women's funds jointly invest over \$50 million per year and have working assets of more than \$450 million; (2) uncovering and spotlighting vital issues – women's funds are at the forefront of identifying and challenging critical issues from human trafficking to domestic violence; (3) measurable change – from securing women's property rights in Tanzania to creating family-sustaining jobs for low-wage workers in the U.S., women's funds are investing in projects that will create lasting change for women and communities; (4) boosting donations; (5) supporting and empowering the membership – The Women's Funding Network has developed tools to develop member women's funds, measure impact and propel success.

Geographic area: National, based in San Francisco

Membership criteria: The Women's Funding Network offers partner membership to public or private women's and/or girls' grantmaking foundations; or women's and/or girls' grantmaking programs within a larger organization, that meet the following criteria: (1) endorses the mission and affirms the purposes of Women's Funding Network; (2) supports and funds women's and girls' programs that work toward equity; (3) distributes at least 75% of grantmaking allocations to programs specifically for women and girls, and (4) commits to diversity within its own organization, and maintains at least 51% female representation on its board of directors or allocations decision-making body.

Membership: Open

Collaborative funding: Yes



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