

Western Massachusetts Funders' Network

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Purpose Statement

The Western MA Funders' Network is a peer community of grantmakers with a shared commitment to the communities of Western Massachusetts within Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties. The Network comes together 2-3 times per year to learn together and, sometimes, to act together on topics pertaining to the trends and issues in the region, as well as the practice of philanthropy.

Criteria for Inclusion

We are an inclusive Network of grantmakers. Grantmakers who meet the following criteria are invited to join our network:

- You are based in the region, regardless of where you fund.
- You are based in the region AND fund in the region.
- You are based outside of the region, but you fund in the region.

Participants in the Western MA Funders' Network are organizations whose primary focus is funding. This includes, but is not limited to: corporate funders; family foundations; private, independent foundations; individual donors; community and public foundations; and United Ways.

There is a membership fee of \$250/annually to participate in the network, unless you are a current member of Philanthropy MA, in which case the fee is waived.

This is safe space for grantmakers in which confidentiality of conversations is respected.

Co-chairs

Matt Bannister, First Vice President for Marketing and Innovation, PeoplesBank

Katie Allan Zobel, President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

The Western MA Funders' Network is convened by Philanthropy Massachusetts. This role includes thought partnership, meeting logistics, outreach, and support to the Network Co-chairs.