

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE &
FOOD SYSTEMS FUNDERS



Every Great Turn of History Requires a Revolution

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- Food system transformations needed
 - o Movement building
- Nature of revolution: what should change way sectors work

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- Philanthropic revolution—social change
- Activist grant making
- Regional modeling

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- Analysis of food systems: funding
- Larger than local—bring leadership into situations
- Diversity in funding
- Organizing in communities of color
- Organizational change
- Greater collaboration within funder groups/networks
- Who are we funding?
- Asking deeper questions—where our money is going
- Economic justice
- Big change: big policies moved forward
- Theory of change—funding affected people
- Opportunities with grantees/funders

Open discussion & follow-up ideas

- Create a SAFSF Working Group on movement building (Andrew Kang Bartlett)
- Focus on how to scale up grassroots organizations through capacity building
- Develop set of tools for funders, including: video of Angela Park's presentation from last year; North Star Fund's tool on *Inclusive Leadership*; link to Grant Craft's tool on

funding with a racial equity lens; sample LOI forms, sample proposal questions and sample reporting forms that address movement building capacities; explanation about when to do General Operating support v. Project or Program; information about Power Analysis; research about movement building...

- Engage more with other sectors, as we do through Common Ground and Convergence (but going beyond the Health sector) to explore intersectionality – everyone says food connects with everything else so let's reach out and see how.
- Specific actions to build leadership at the board level. What does board readiness look and feel like and how do you get there?
- Provide examples of program staff playing effective storytelling roles—e.g. 11th Hour's *Month in the Field*.
- Highlight the Food Sovereignty Alliance and other international work and extrapolate what we learn from using an international lens to examine grassroots movement building and food system change
- Connect with next generation trustees who may be more open to movement building. Look to Resource Generation as a starting point.
- Share information about organizing training programs or tools for food system organizers (urban agriculture, family farmers, food justice, youth organizing etc.)
- How to develop skills to do this? Ask deeper questions!
- Create spaces within food system—see possibility within social movement
- Places—food transformation
- Taking things to the next levels
- Prioritizing and supporting leadership
- Reality of food system built on immigrants
- Commit to farm-to-table, school, prison, etc.
- Broaden horizons (so to speak)
- Experience the ground work
- Bring in more organization
- Powerful stories starting the change
- Bring communities together that have a stake in what is actually happening
- Seed the change and execute what is generated!