



# RISE With Us

## *Partnership Opportunities*

The Consumer Health Foundation envisions a world in which Black people and people of the global majority live powerfully, abundantly and beautifully in healthy, self-determined communities free of social, economic and ideological violence.

We achieve our vision by centering the leadership and expertise of Black people and people of the global majority in the Washington, DC region who live at the sharpest intersection of systems of oppression, in particular race, class and gender identity, to:

- **Build relationships to transform** how philanthropic, nonprofit and government resources are deployed to disrupt institutions and structures that perpetuate anti-black racism and other intersectional discriminatory harms.
- **Share power and decision-making** and we support organizations that build the people's power to demand and achieve justice.
- **Take risks** that others are not willing to take and we are comfortable seeding bold ideas and sparking innovation.
- **Speak our truth** and support platforms for communities to tell their own truths
- **Heal ourselves and facilitate healing** in our communities.

***We actively seek funding and thought partners who are aligned with our vision and values and are ready to build, share and wield power—including moving financial resources—to RISE with us.***

## How We RISE

### Reparations & Economic Justice

*Supporting economic justice movements, including the movement to pay reparations to Black people who are owed a debt as a result of historic and contemporary racial harms.*

#### Active Projects Ready for Partners:

- ***DMV Endowed Foundations Research for Reparations***  
Working in partnership with the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, we will create a public account of the harm done to Black people in the generation of wealth that endowed foundations in the DC metro area. This public account will create a political space for those foundations to acknowledge and repair the harm caused by centuries of discriminatory anti-Black policies, practices and programs by re-investing in Black communities on those communities' terms.  
  
Critical interest areas: racial justice, reparations, decolonizing philanthropy, affordable housing (if we focus on endowments built from real estate)
- ***Hospitality Worker UBI Pilot in the Washington, DC Region: A Double-Bottom Line Strategy***  
A partnership of CHF, Greater Washington Community Foundation, Glenda Rodriguez (displaced worker), ROC-DC, Venorica Tucker (displaced worker) and Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers. The pilot will: 1) Rally local and national foundations to raise and disburse capital over a 5-year period for local impact investment in affordable housing; 2) Use the interest earned on the local impact investment to provide universal basic income (UBI) to hospitality

workers who lost jobs due to COVID-19; and 3) Evaluate the impact of UBI on social outcomes for these workers, in particular rate of eviction, compared to hospitality workers who lost their jobs due to COVID-19 and did not receive UBI, using this information to make the case for local government-supported UBI.

Critical interest areas: racial justice, economic justice, affordable housing, workforce, UBI/direct cash transfers, impact investing, policy advocacy, COVID recovery

## Institutions & Structures

*Disrupting institutions and structures that perpetuate anti-black racism and other intersectional discriminatory harms.*

### Active Projects Ready for Partners:

- **Washington, DC Policy Tracker and Antiracist Policy Initiative**

Working in partnership with Ibram Kendi at The Boston University Center for Antiracist Research, we will pilot a Washington, DC Racial Policy Tracker. The pilot version of the tracker will focus on a sample of DC housing and policing policies and rate them as RACIST or ANTI-RACIST. Based on this analysis, we will develop tools to support the implementation of antiracist policies and programs, including policies that are likely to increase racial equity; a publicly accessible platform with the data and analysis for activists, policymakers, and others to use; and a public messaging and communications strategy in support of antiracist policies.

Critical interest areas: racial justice, government accountability, government partnership, housing policy, policing, data and research, antiracist policy advocacy, narrative change

- **Local Coalitions Pushing Local Governments to Adopt a Racial Equity Approach**

- The **MORE Network** seeks to ensure that Montgomery County, Maryland develops policies that make concrete, tangible, and measurable changes to eliminate racial inequities and injustices in our communities. The Network is made up of local community organizations and activists.
- The **DC Initiative on Racial Equity and Local Government** seeks to raise awareness about the role of the DC government in advancing racial equity in partnership with community members, nonprofit organizations, foundations, and businesses. This Initiative supports and adapts lessons from specific DC agencies and other cities and counties across the country that use a racial equity lens in their work.

Critical interest areas: racial equity, government accountability, policy advocacy, multi-issue organizing, civic engagement

- **Resourcing Radical Justice**

Resourcing Radical Justice is a funders collective that centers Black liberation as the path to a thriving Greater Washington region. The work of the collective: 1) Advocate for philanthropic sector transformation through opportunities for change, both inside and outside of philanthropy; 2) Coordinate capacity building for and funding to Black- and POC-led grassroots organizers; and 3) Build by lifting up and learning from radical organizers.

Critical interest areas: racial justice, decolonizing philanthropy, funder collectives, healing justice, capacity building

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