

We have been encouraging grantmakers to deliberately think about who benefits - and should benefit - from their grants given their specific issue(s) of interest and missions. We also have been urging them to consider how funding policy and civic engagement might help them address the root causes of s



ocial problems they care about.

Research have shown that addressing the specific needs of underserved communities and supporting policy and civic engagement are two high impact strategies that make philanthropic dollars more effective. The High Impact Strategies for Philanthropy report series looks at four major issue areas that many funders focus on: education, health, arts and culture, and environment and climate. These reports illustrate how the two recommended strategies can help foundations maximize the impact of their grant dollars.

## High Impact Strategies for Philanthropy Reports



[Real Results: Why Strategic Philanthropy is Social Justice Philanthropy](#)

By Niki Jagpal and Kevin Laskowski  
January 2013

In this report, NCRP contends that strategic philanthropy is limited by its top-down, technocratic approach and recommends the use of approaches familiar to social justice philanthropy to address these limitations. The authors draw on common themes seen in the High Impact Strategies for Philanthropy report series to demonstrate how a social justice approach produces concrete results and society-wide benefits regardless of issue focus. [Learn more](#)



### [Cultivating the Grassroots: A Winning Approach for Environment and Climate Funders](#)

By Sarah Hansen  
February 2012

This report argues that more money needs to go towards grassroots organizing and advocacy for the environment and climate change movements to regain momentum and win important legislative and regulatory battles. Environment and climate funders can become effective resources of a strong and successful movement for change by decreasing their reliance on national advocacy groups and increasing funding for grassroots communities that are directly impacted by environmental harms. [Learn more](#)



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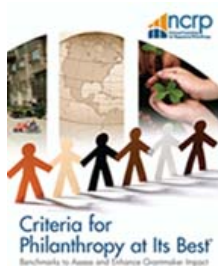
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