Foundations give 4x more now than 10 years ago - but the movement's share of that funding has shrunk.

2013 - Foundations increase funding to pass federal immigration policy, then back away when the bill fails to pass.

2016 - President Trump is elected to office on an anti-immigrant platform

% change in total U.S. foundation funding vs. 2011

% change in share of U.S. foundation funding for the movement vs. 2011


9% 10% 35% 74% -38% -11%

All findings are based on NCRP analysis of Candid data; total US foundation funding figures are from Giving USA, which also sources its figures from Candid. The total foundation funding figures compiled by Giving USA do not include corporate foundations.
The South, Southwest and Mountain West are most underfunded. But no region has what it needs.

Source: NCRP analysis of Candid data
More funders supported the movement in recent years, but funding still relies on a small universe of funders.

The number of funders that make up 50% of movement funding doubled in the last decade.

- **2011-2015**
  - Ford Foundation, 23%
  - Top 7 funders, 50%

- **2016-2020**
  - Ford Foundation, 14%
  - Top 16 funders, 50%

**Foundations, 2016-2020:**
- **Bold = top funder in 2011-2015**
  - Ford Foundation
  - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service*
  - The JPB Foundation
  - NEO Philanthropy
  - Silicon Valley Community Foundation
  - The James Irvine Foundation
  - Carnegie Corporation of New York
  - The California Endowment
  - Chan Zuckerberg Advocacy
  - Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund
  - Oregon Community Foundation
  - Open Society Foundations
  - Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*
  - Unbound Philanthropy
  - W.K. Kellogg Foundation
  - NoVo Foundation

*both of these funders regrant to other organizations and receive a combination of government and private funding

Source: NCRP analysis of Candid data
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For every $100 awarded by foundations, the movement only received $0.40.

And within an already underfunded movement, Black, AAPI, indigenous, refugee, and LGBTQ migrant justice groups do groundbreaking work and yet receive only a small percentage of overall movement funding.

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Within an already underfunded movement, Black, AAPI, indigenous, refugee, and LGBTQ migrant justice groups do groundbreaking work.

Yet these groups received just a drop in the bucket of total funding for the movement.

These communities overlap, and funding should also reflect the intersectional identities of these communities.

REFUGEE MIGRANT GROUPS
continue to rebuild and re-organize after the Trump administration’s decimation of resettlement agencies.

Yet only received a drop in the bucket of funding from 2016-2020

15% of funding for the movement
A Ripple Not A Wave: Comparing the Last Decade of Foundation Funding for Migrant Communities and Movements

AAPI Migrant Groups
overcome persistent exclusion and push for wins that reflect dozens of communities’ distinct needs and honor the diversity of the diaspora while combatting anti-Asian violence.

Yet only received a drop in the bucket of funding from 2016-2020

5% of funding for the movement

Black Migrant Groups
centering Black communities moving across borders — especially Black women and Black trans folks — honor every person who is caught in the crosshairs of our broken immigration and criminal justice systems.

Yet only received a drop in the bucket of funding from 2016-2020

<2% of funding for the movement

LGBTQ Migrant Communities
deserve philanthropic allies ready to back up their words with action, especially as anti-immigrant and anti-trans attacks increase.

Yet only received a drop in the bucket of funding from 2016-2020

0.5% of funding for the movement

Indigenous Migrant Groups
led by and centering Indigenous migrants support Indigenous communities who cross the border and may have deeper familial roots to the land than the people who live there today.

Yet only received a drop in the bucket of funding from 2016-2020

0.4% of funding for the movement