

ROADMAP *for* CHANGE

The Meyer Foundation pursues and invests in solutions that build an equitable Greater Washington community in which economically vulnerable people thrive.

CHALLENGE

The Greater Washington region leads the country in income and educational attainment, yet too many of our neighbors are struggling just to get by. Growing disparities in income and opportunity challenge the social fabric and economic vitality of our region. Among the most significant, interrelated challenges facing economically vulnerable people are stable and affordable housing, educational attainment, employment, and financial stability. These challenges disproportionately impact communities of color, and are rooted in a long history of inequality.



ASSUMPTIONS

Capacity-building investments are effective at helping organizations increase their impact.

Meaningful progress on challenges will require multiple organizations and institutions across all sectors working in partnership.

Solutions should reflect the changing context for economically vulnerable people throughout the region.

Meyer is well positioned to serve as a convener, catalyst, and voice around community challenges.

STRATEGIES

Grantmaking

- Provide general operating support to highly effective nonprofits working toward long-term goals
- Provide program support when needed to test approaches, expand programs with scalable results
 - Support advocacy that advances solutions

Collective Action

- Support and participate in efforts to align the work of multiple organizations and sectors working toward shared goals
- Promote collaborative approaches and work to attract additional capital to those efforts

Capacity Building

- Provide capacity-building grants to help organizations strengthen management and leadership; assess and increase impact; expand resources; and align and partner with others
- Partner with leading capacity-building providers to offer targeted, high-impact programs that address areas of greatest need

Convening and Advocacy

- Leverage Meyer's knowledge and social capital to convene around issues that require bold leadership and action
- Serve as a leading regional voice on the barriers that prevent economically vulnerable people from thriving

LONG-TERM GOALS

Measurable improvements in the lives of people who are economically vulnerable and systemic changes that promote equity in the region



The region provides an adequate supply of housing that low-income individuals and families can afford, and individuals and families remain stably housed.

Individuals and families in the bottom quartile of income build assets and increase financial security

Youth and adults are prepared for the workforce, obtain family-sustaining jobs, and remain employed