

Call for Papers FOR VOLUME 10, ISSUE 4

Themed issue on **Inclusive Community Change – deadline extended to Feb. 28, 2018**

Abstracts of up to 250 words are being solicited for Volume 10, Issue 4 of *The Foundation Review*. This issue, sponsored by the California Endowment and the Colorado Health Foundation, will focus on what has been learned about creating inclusive change in communities, with both the process and the outcomes reflecting the range of stakeholders in communities. Submit abstracts by Feb. 28, 2018 to submissions@foundationreview.org. The issue will be published in December 2018.

Some of the issues that might be addressed include:

- How do equity considerations influence strategy, including leadership of the work, identifying desired outcomes, and building power in communities?
- What do we know about what it takes to create long-term sustainability, especially around resident engagement and policy change and its implementation?
- What is the dosage of a concerted community-led intervention that is required to achieve population or community-wide impact? What do we know about how long it takes to achieve change?
- What different roles can foundations play in supporting community change and what commitments, mindsets, and capacities do they need to play these different roles effectively?
- Foundations typically design their own community change initiatives and then try to leverage other funders' investments in them. What are the advantages and disadvantages of alternative scenarios, such as building on other funders' existing investments or designing investments collaboratively with other funders and community partners?
- What are the pluses and minuses of a focus on a specific community issue -- education, economic development, etc. -- vs. a broad community development approach?
- Are different approaches needed in rural and urban communities?
- What are models for engaging the whole range of stakeholders, including residents, community leaders and policymakers?

Abstracts are solicited in four categories:

- **Results.** Papers in this category generally report on findings from evaluations of foundation-funded work. Papers should include a description of the theory of change (logic model, program theory), a description of the grant-making strategy, the evaluation methodology, the results, and discussion. The discussion should focus on what has been learned both about the programmatic content and about grantmaking and other foundation roles (convening, etc.).



- **Tools.** Papers in this category should describe tools useful for foundation staff or boards. By “tool” we mean a systematic, replicable method intended for a specific purpose. For example, a protocol to assess community readiness and standardized facilitation methods would be considered a tool. The actual tool should be included in the article where practical. The paper should describe the rationale for the tool, how it was developed, and available evidence of its usefulness.
- **Sector.** Papers in this category address issues that confront the philanthropic sector as whole, such as diversity, accountability, etc. These are typically empirically based; literature reviews are also considered.
- **Reflective Practice.** The reflective practice articles rely on the knowledge and experience of the authors, rather than on formal evaluation methods or designs. In these cases, it is because of their perspective about broader issues, rather than specific initiatives, that the article is valuable.

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