



PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING

We support donors who want to transform the traditional power dynamics that exist in philanthropy. We have over a decade of experience working with different democratizing grantmaking models, and there are several ways that you can get started with participatory grantmaking. RSF is committed to shifting the field of philanthropy by bringing collaboration, trust, transparency, and community wisdom into the grantmaking process.

RSF Collaboratives

We are committed to using participatory grantmaking methods such as Flow Funding and Shared Gifting to disburse grant funds from our thematic donor collaboratives.

WHO IT'S FOR

Donors who want to contribute to an existing thematic fund alongside other donors and learn about participatory grantmaking through written updates and reports.

TIMELINE

<1 week

MINIMUM

None

Flow Funding

Donors invite community leaders, nonprofit leaders, past grantees, and others to determine where they should flow grant money. This process hands over grantmaking power to leaders with lived experience in a particular field. By inviting others into the process of determining where grant money should flow into the world, the process of giving is democratized.

WHO IT'S FOR

Donors who want to move money quickly and expand their network of grantees.

TIMELINE

2 weeks - 2 months

MINIMUM

None

Shared Gifting

In a process that facilitates sharing of both financial and non-financial resources, participants of Shared Gifting Circles use their collective wisdom to determine the best use of grant funds. Through this process, nonprofit leaders become both the grant recipients and grant decision makers.

WHO IT'S FOR

Donors who may have a particular interest area for their granting, and want to turn complete control of the grantmaking process to leaders in that field.

TIMELINE

6 months

MINIMUM

\$100,000

Community-led funds

By making a commitment of ongoing financial support, donors provide sustained autonomy to community leaders by giving them full ownership of grantmaking decisions and fund stewardship. RSF can connect donors with community leaders working within their interest area(s) and provide the support and infrastructure needed for advisors to administer grants to their community.

WHO IT'S FOR

Donors who want to make a multi-year commitment to funding a particular interest area or overlapping interest areas.

TIMELINE

1 year +

MINIMUM

\$500,000 annually