

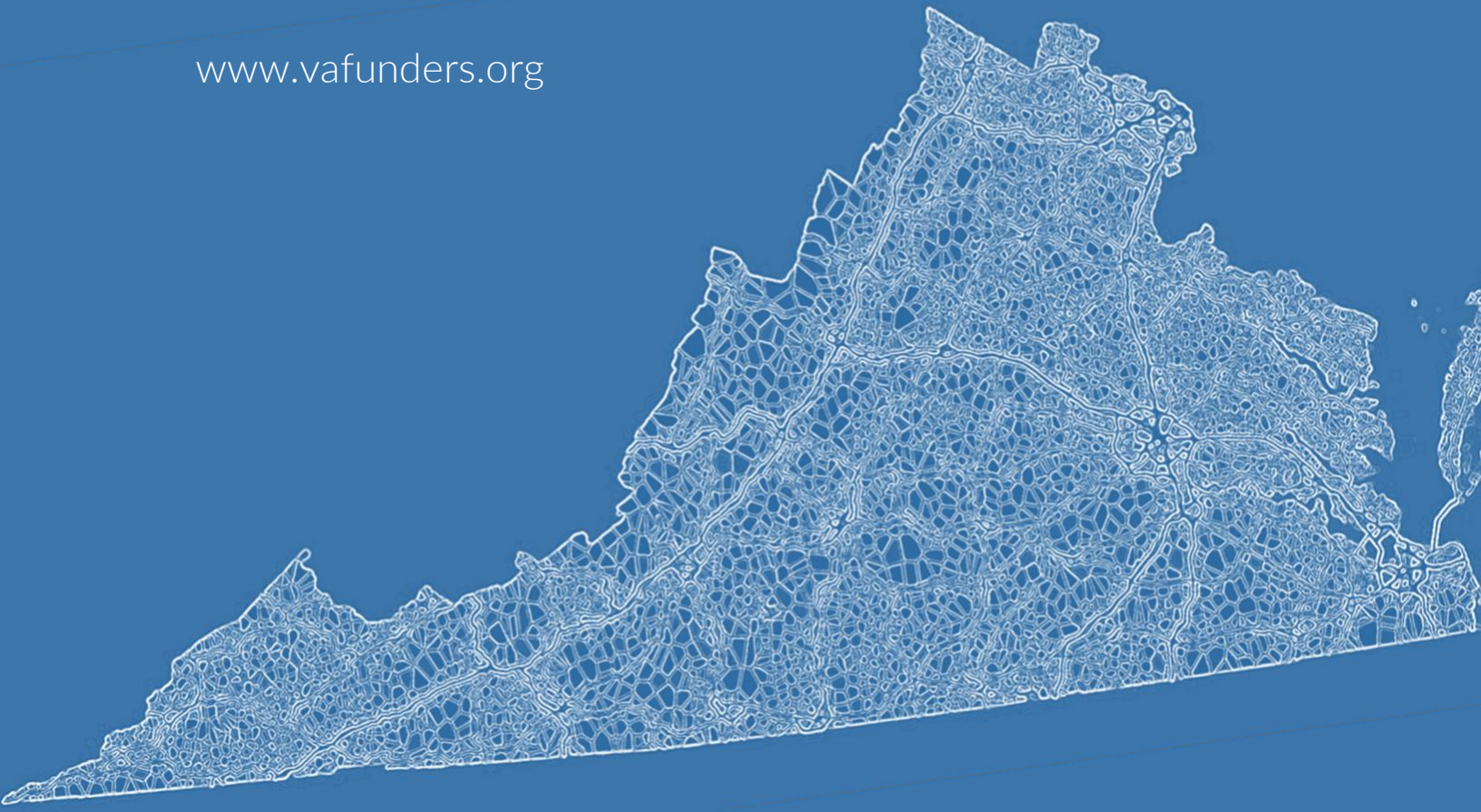


VIRGINIA FUNDERS
NETWORK

2022

Membership Information & Application

www.vafunders.org



Thanks for your interest in VFN!

Our History

In 2017, a small group of foundation leaders came together to advance an idea: Virginia's philanthropic community could reach an unprecedented level of effectiveness if we worked together to tackle the Commonwealth's most pressing needs and capitalize on opportunities. Since launching in 2020, more than 100 grantmaking organizations have joined VFN, indicating their commitment to learning together, collaborating on funding solutions, and leveraging their individual and collective efforts to improve quality of life across the Commonwealth.

Our Vision

We envision a Virginia where all communities and residents are valued and thriving.

Our Mission

To build a connected, collaborative philanthropic community that advances opportunities for all Virginians.

Our Values

While each of VFN's members has its own mission, board of directors, and strategic priorities, we share certain values that are core to our collective vision and work:

- ⇒ *We affirm the humanity of all Virginians.* In doing so, we stand against racism and discrimination of all kinds.
- ⇒ *We strive for equity across Virginia's communities,* bringing this focus to funders that address the many needs of our communities including food security, health, housing, civil liberties, and education.
- ⇒ *We practice neutrality across Virginia's regions,* providing equal opportunity and access through VFN's leadership, governance, programs, and practices.

Our Work

VFN works to support the effectiveness of Virginia's philanthropy community by:

- ⇒ *hosting dozens of learning and networking opportunities* each year to help funders learn from experts and each other.
- ⇒ *keeping members up to date* on what's happening across the field of philanthropy, across Virginia, and across the issue areas philanthropy cares about.
- ⇒ *leveraging members' collective knowledge* to create and curate useful tools and resources to help grantmaking organizations maximize their funding and impact.

Join us!

We invite you to [join the VFN community](#). Come learn with us, build community, and work in partnership as we strive to build a Commonwealth where all Virginians can thrive.

In partnership,



Katy Moore
CEO, Virginia
Funders Network



Mark D. Constantine
Chair, VFN
President & CEO, Richmond
Memorial Health Foundation



K. Lynn Tadlock
Chair, Membership Committee
Deputy Executive Director of Giving
Claude Moore Charitable Foundation

About the Virginia Funders Network

WHAT is VFN?

The [Virginia Funders Network](#) (VFN) is newly-formed statewide membership association composed of more than 100 philanthropic organizations working to build a connected, collaborative philanthropic community that advances opportunities for all Virginians. Each year, our members invest more than \$250 million to support Virginia's most pressing community needs in areas such as education, health, housing, economic vitality, and social justice. VFN enhances the effectiveness of our members' work through networking, collaboration, learning, and leverage.

WHO is part of VFN?

Our impressive [Advisory Board](#), dedicated volunteer leaders, dozens of [financial supporters](#), and [expert staff](#) lead VFN's work and strategic direction.

Our [100+ member organizations](#) include all types of grantmaking organizations investing in Virginia, including private, independent, and community foundations; corporate giving programs, donor advised funds; governmental grantmakers; United Ways, giving circles and other grantmaking public charities. While each of our members is an independent entity and each maintains its own diverse funding interests, collectively, we share a vision of a Commonwealth where all Virginians can thrive.



HOW does VFN work?

Each year, VFN hosts dozens of [learning and networking events](#) that help members identify and address the critical needs and exciting opportunities facing the Commonwealth and its residents. These events build community among the state's philanthropic leaders and provide a robust arena for idea exchange, collective problem-solving, and the development of collaborative solutions.

WHO is eligible for membership?

Membership is open to any funder who makes grants for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes in support of the residents of the Commonwealth and philanthropic advisors and/or consultants who provide services in support of grantmaking organizations as a majority of their business. Please visit www.vafunders.org/how-to-join for more details.



"We are so excited about this vibrant network of funders from all regions of Virginia. We began as an Advisory Board of 17, and we have already grown to nearly 100 members. Our Advisory Board has high aspirations to leverage the outcomes for Virginia's grantmakers."

- Christy Connelly, President & CEO, PATH Foundation

Why join the Virginia Funders Network?

VFN enhances the effectiveness of our members' work through networking, collaboration, learning, and leverage. As a member, your organization's staff and board members will:

- 1. Connect with the largest community of philanthropic funders investing in Virginia.** You'll join a diverse and creative group of philanthropy professionals dedicated to improving quality of life in the Commonwealth. Our experienced staff members intentionally weave the network, connecting members with each other as well as with local and national thought leaders and resources.
- 2. Learn from your philanthropy peers, issue experts, and community and state leaders.** VFN hosts dozens of learning and networking opportunities each year and curates and shares stories and information that elevate our members' understanding of the Commonwealth's most pressing needs, timely opportunities, and exciting philanthropic practices. Stay up-to-date on what's happening in Richmond that is affecting your local community. Hear what's working and what's not in communities across the state, and discover innovative philanthropic solutions to bring back to your own work.
- 3. Collaborate with your fellow funders and work together to affect positive change** in the communities and issues areas you care about most. VFN hosts a variety of Networking Groups to support our members' connection, learning, and collaboration around particular issue areas. Compare notes, align your giving, pool your resources, and/or form new partnerships to achieve elevated levels of impact.
- 4. Leverage your funding and help attract new philanthropic investments** to the Commonwealth and the issues you care about. As the statewide network for Virginia's philanthropic community, VFN is the go-to partner for national funders seeking to invest in the Commonwealth. Through VFN, national funders connect with local philanthropy leaders to inform their funding decisions and work together on shared interests and objectives.
- 5. Advocate for the issues philanthropy cares about most.** Each year, VFN hosts opportunities for members to meet with and hear from elected officials, policy makers, and state leaders to help you and your colleagues understand legislative action, unpack policy agendas, and, where appropriate, advocate for policy solutions. With more than 100 member organizations collectively investing hundreds of millions of dollars each year into the Commonwealth, VFN serves as a powerful voice for social change.
- 6. Lead and help drive VFN's vision, mission, and programming** as an Advisory Board member, Networking Group co-chair, Annual Conference Committee member, speaker, panelist, event moderator, and more. VFN offers dozens of leadership and professional development opportunities. Get engaged and shape the future of the organization!



It's clear that foundations, corporations, and individual philanthropists can each make a difference. But when they come together to learn, share best practices, and align their efforts, philanthropy becomes a powerful force that can improve the quality of life for all Virginians.

- Katy Moore, CEO, Virginia Funders Network



Organization's Contact Information

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Physical Address (if different than above)

City

State

Zip

Main Phone

Main Email

Website

Twitter

Instagram

Facebook

Key Contacts

Please provide the following contact information for your organization. A single person can fill multiple roles. Please also attach contact information for any staff members, board members, and/or consultants you'd like to include as part of your organization's membership.

Primary Contact: VFN's primary point of contact for your organization.

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Email

Billing Contact: The person who should receive (or be cc'd) on VFN invoices.

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Email

Administrative Contact: The staff member VFN can work with to keep your organization's information up to date in our online member directory.

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Email

Organizational Profile

Please complete the following information which we will use to construct your organization's profile in our members-only online directory. Please choose all boxes that apply.

Organization Type

Staff Size (FTEs)

Board Size

Previous Year's Total Grantmaking (\$)

Previous Year's Grantmaking in Virginia (\$)

Where in Virginia do you fund? ([regional map](#))

- Central
- Eastern
- Hampton Roads
- Northern
- Southside
- Southwest
- Valley
- West Central
- Statewide
- Other

What types of support do you provide?

- Advocacy/Voice
- Capacity Building
- Capital (campaigns)
- General Operating
- Grants to Individuals
- Impact Investing
- Meeting/Office Space
- Program Specific
- Research/Data
- Scholarships
- Sponsorships
- Other

What are your giving priorities/primary interest areas?

- Advocacy/Public Policy
- Aging
- Agriculture
- Arts/Culture
- Broadband
- Children/Youth
- Civic Engagement
- Civil Rights/Liberties
- Community Organizing/Grassroots
- Criminal Justice/Legal
- Democracy/Civil Discourse
- Disability/Special Needs
- Disaster Response/Relief
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Domestic Violence
- Economic Development
- Education
 - Early Childhood
 - K-12
 - Post-Secondary
 - Adult Education
 - Vocational
 - STEM/STEAM
 - Literacy
- Environment
 - Agriculture
 - Climate & Energy
 - Conservation/Wildlife
 - Parks/Greenspace
- Faith-Based
- Health
 - Access
 - Addiction Prevention/Treatment
 - Care/Services
 - Dental
 - Mental
 - Public Safety
 - Reproductive/Family Planning
 - Research
 - Social Determinants
- Housing
 - Affordable Home Ownership
 - Eviction Prevention
 - Homelessness Prevention/Services
 - Supportive Housing/Wraparound services
 - Tenant Rights/Legal
- Hunger/Food Security
- Historic Preservation
- Human Rights
- Immigrants/Refugees
- International
- Journalism/Media
- Leadership Development
- LGBTQ+
- Peace/Security
- Philanthropy
- Poverty
- Racial Equity
- Recreation/Sports
- Rural Affairs
- Science/Technology
- Social Services/Welfare
- Urban Affairs
- Veterans/Military
- Volunteerism
- Voting Rights
- Women/Girls
- Workforce Development
- Youth Development
- Other

Member Agreement

The power of the VFN community is the strength of our network. As such, we encourage members – new and long-standing – to participate to the fullest extent that they are able.

By signing below, I affirm that my organization is committed to fully participating in the VFN community and agrees to, at a minimum:

- ⇒ Attend at least one learning and/or networking event per quarter.
- ⇒ Sign up to receive the newsletter and follow VFN on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening across the network and around the Commonwealth.
- ⇒ Meet one-on-one with a VFN staff member, advisory board member, and/or volunteer leader. The more we know about you and your organization, the better able we are to connect you with your colleagues, share resources, and support your work!

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Payment Information

The minimum annual membership investment is \$1,000, though nearly half of VFN's members invest in the organization at higher levels, often with multi-year commitments, to support our work, mission, and capacity. Membership in VFN runs on a calendar year (January-December). Members who join later in the year may prorate dues if desired.

Investment Level (\$)

Multi-Year Commitment?

If yes, years?

Payment method:

- Check enclosed.
- Pledge to pay by (date):
- Please invoice me.

Please make checks payable to: "PATH Partnerships for support of VFN". VFN is a fiscally sponsored project of PATH Partnerships, a 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 85-1911943).

Please mail checks to: PATH Partnerships | ATTN: VFN
321 Walker Dr #301 | Warrenton, VA 20186

Questions?

If you have any questions about VFN or membership, please contact Katy Moore, CEO, at Katy@VAFunders.org or (571) 207-9893 or Lynn Tadlock, Membership Committee Chair, at LTadlock@ClaudeMoore.org or (703) 934-1147.