

PROGRESSIVE MASSACHUSETTS FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

Who are you?

- We are a group of individual funders who have come together to build **a more progressive** Massachusetts. We envision a nonpartisan plan **for justice and a higher quality of life for all in Massachusetts.**
- We are crafting a **long-term strategy** that will increase the influence of community based and statewide groups across the state, elect progressive representatives and provide an atmosphere for elected officials to vote their progressive ideals and be successful.
- We believe in short term **electoral victories** while also building an **integrated, permanent progressive political infrastructure** designed for the long-term.

What do you mean by “progressive Massachusetts?”

By *progressive*, we refer to values and public policy, not partisanship. **Progressive** means strengthening **participatory democracy**, building the common good, and protecting everyone’s quality of life against the abuses of special interests. A guiding principle of progressive values and policies is to **build the power of and leadership from women and people of color** particularly. By **power**, we mean the capacity of ordinary people acting together to engage, influence and shape the decisions affecting their daily lives.

Describe one of your lead funding initiatives?

- We are supporting the development of a strategic statewide non-partisan **Voter Engagement Table**. This Table (modeled after successful efforts in other states) brings together community based and statewide organizations in coalition, to coordinate access to the latest voting database technology, strategic targeting and integrated voter-turn out plans to ensure smart and effective electoral victories.
- The Table assures leadership and inclusion of traditionally disenfranchised constituencies in **organizing, communications, electoral, policy and leadership development.**
- We are also raising funds toward partisan electoral activities with an eye toward the US Senate race and open congressional seats. We are committed to funding an infrastructure that will **elect progressives on election day and hold them accountable once they are in office.**

Why should I get involved?

We gather as funders to learn from another, hear presentations, share research and make funding decisions together. We will have access to the latest information on political and philanthropic trends. We hope to transform progressive power in Massachusetts by coming together as cutting edge philanthropists and **leveraging the power of our individual giving by acting together.** We invite you to join us!

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