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CASE FOR SUPPORT

2027 Annual Conference
BOSTON, MA
November 17 - 19

Help lean funders think bigger about what's possible.

What if one investment could strengthen the work of hundreds of funders?

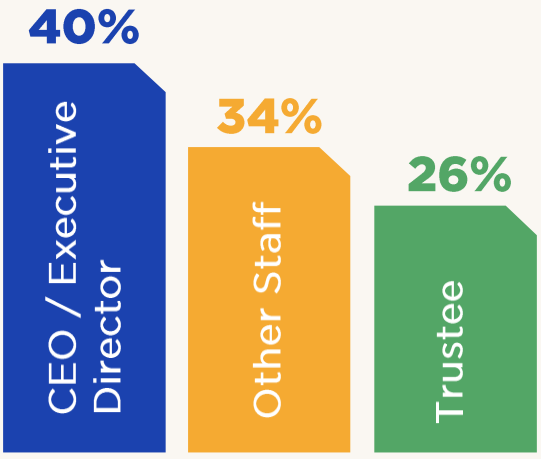
Each year, Exponent Philanthropy's Annual Conference brings together more than 500 philanthropic leaders who operate *lean* and think BIG.

They come to build relationships, strengthen their philanthropic practice, learn new ideas, and explore how to make greater use of all their assets – from their grants and endowments to their reputation, voice, and convening power.

Then…they take those ideas home.

That's the leverage of investing in Exponent's Annual Conference.

500+ attendees



Your support doesn't simply make an exceptional three-day gathering possible. It strengthens the people and institutions making philanthropic decisions in communities across the country.

Big impact doesn't require a big staff.

It requires the right resources, relationships, and expertise.

Exponent Philanthropy is the only membership network built for funders who operate *lean* and think BIG.

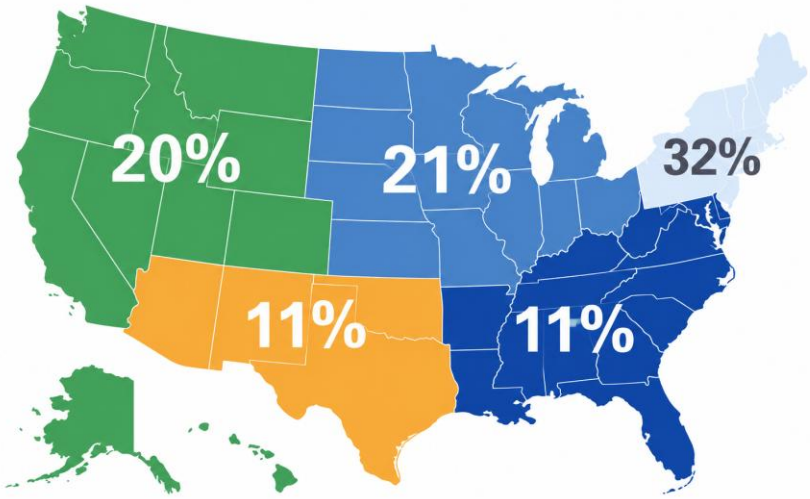
For more than 30 years, we have helped foundations, philanthropic families, and individual donors amplify their impact and transform their communities through informed giving.

With nearly 1,500 members nationwide and across the globe, Exponent Philanthropy connects lean funders with peers who understand their work, with practical knowledge they can put to use, and with expertise that helps them navigate the opportunities and challenges of philanthropy.

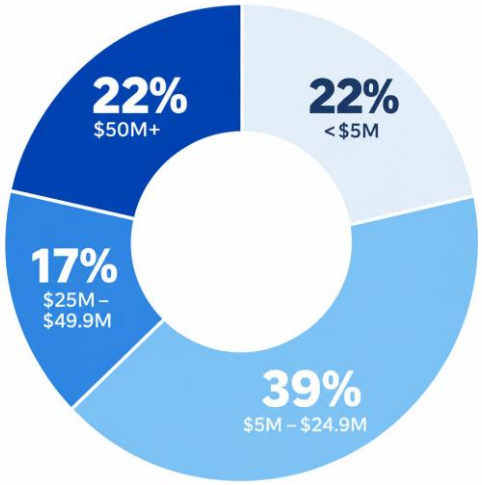
1,500

member organizations across the nation and globally

Members by Region



Members by Assets



Three days in Boston.
Impact that travels much farther.

Lean philanthropy can be deeply rewarding. It can also be isolating.

When you work with a small team, or no staff at all, there may not be colleagues down the hall for you to brainstorm with, bounce ideas off of, or from whom you can seek advice.

The most valuable conference experience may be the conversation that continues long after everyone goes home.

The Annual Conference changes that.

Designed for and by lean funders, the conference creates a rare space where philanthropic leaders can learn alongside peers who understand both the opportunities and realities of working lean.

Over three days, participants will:

BUILD KNOWLEDGE

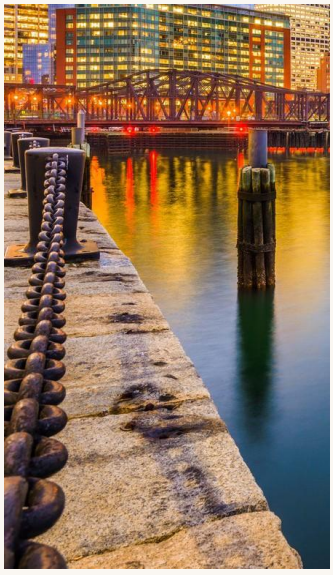
Gain practical ideas, tools, and expertise they can put to work immediately.

STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS

Build trusted connections with peers from across the country.

THINK BIGGER.

Explore new ideas and challenge assumptions about what's possible.



EXPERIENCE BOSTON

Learn from the people, organizations, ideas, and communities that make Boston's philanthropic landscape distinctive.

Help lean funders put ALL their assets to work.

An investment in the conference doesn't simply support three days in Boston. It equips hundreds of funders to create greater impact with the resources, relationships, influence, and assets they already have.

Your support makes more possible.

Registration fees cover only a portion of what it takes to create an exceptional national gathering of this size and impact.

Philanthropic support allows Exponent Philanthropy to go further: bringing ambitious ideas and exceptional voices to the conference, opening the experience to funders who otherwise could not participate, increasing accessibility, showcasing the host community, and creating spaces where meaningful relationships take root.

Your investment helps us:

EXPAND ACCESS

Provide scholarships and resources that reduce barriers to participation.

SHARE BIG IDEAS

Bring compelling voices, timely ideas, innovative formats, and exceptional learning experiences to Boston.

BUILD CONNECTION

Create intentional spaces for candid conversation, peer learning, and relationships that last.

BRING BOSTON INTO THE EXPERIENCE

Engage and fairly compensate local nonprofits, community leaders, artists, businesses, and partners.

Strengthen Lean Philanthropy

Send hundreds of participants home with new ideas, relationships, tools, and confidence they can immediately put to work for the causes and communities they serve.

Invest in the 2027 experience.

There lots of ways to help make the Annual Conference more accessible, connected, and impactful.

$50,000+ PRESENTING FUNDER

Make a leadership investment in the full conference experience, helping make possible the learning, connections, community experiences, and ambitious programming that distinguish Exponent Philanthropy's signature gathering.

$35,000+
BOSTON COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Help bring Boston into the conference with an unforgettable community experience that introduces attendees to local people, places, and ideas.

$25,000
PLENARY LEARNING & INSPIRATION

Bring compelling voices and big ideas to the main stage through plenary conversations that challenge, inform, and inspire.

$20,000
CONFERENCE ACCESS & INCLUSION

Help create an experience where more people can participate fully by supporting accessibility services, technology, accommodations, and other resources that reduce barriers.

$15,000+
SCHOLARSHIPS

Open the conference to lean funders for whom registration and travel costs would otherwise put participation out of reach.

$10,000+
PEER CONNECTION & GATHERING SPACES

Create intentional opportunities for participants to find their people through facilitated conversations and gathering spaces.

$10,000+
COMMUNITY SITE VISITS

Take learning beyond the hotel and introduce participants to local nonprofits, leaders, neighborhoods, and philanthropic initiatives.

$7,500+
LOCAL ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Feature and fairly compensate Boston-area artists, performers, makers, businesses, and community partners.

$5,000+
LEARNING SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

Support practical, high-quality learning experiences addressing the issues and opportunities facing lean funders.

$2,500+
CONFERENCE FUND

Provide flexible, general operating support that allows Exponent Philanthropy to direct resources where they can have the greatest impact on the conference experience.

Interested in something you don't see here?

We welcome exploratory conversations to align your philanthropic priorities with the needs of the conference and our community.

Your investment travels home with every participant.

A conference lasts three days.
What funders take home can influence their work for years.

THE GOAL ISN'T SIMPLY A BETTER CONFERENCE.

IT'S MORE IMPACT.

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