



*Strengthening and promoting philanthropy
for community benefit*

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VISION: *Grantmakers Forum of New York* is a resource and catalyst for effective philanthropy, engaging funders throughout our region.

1. MISSION

A regional association of grantmakers, the Grantmakers Forum of New York unites and educates funders, their advisors, policymakers, and the nonprofit sector to strengthen and promote philanthropy for community benefit. Through the Grantmakers Forum, funders share and increase their knowledge, improve their practices, and address issues of local, statewide and national importance to philanthropy.

2. GOALS

- A. Increase knowledge and skills of grantmakers;
- B. Strengthen communication, cooperation and effectiveness among grantmakers;
- C. Enable grantmakers and grantseekers to work as effective partners;
- D. Build leadership around philanthropic issues and opportunities;
- E. Promote philanthropy throughout the region.

3. MEMBERSHIP and SUPPORT

The *Grantmakers Forum of New York* is supported by member dues, grants and earned income. Philanthropic organizations (family and independent foundations, public charities and community foundations, corporate foundations and business giving programs, federated funds, government agencies distributing public funds, and families/individuals) are eligible for dues-paying membership if they support multiple nonprofit organizations or nonprofit collaboratives in New York State. The *Grantmakers Forum* currently has members from Lake Placid to Jamestown.

4. GOVERNANCE

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