



**ABFE**

A Philanthropic Partnership for  
Black Communities



## NETWORKING AND CONVENING

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### BLACK PHILANTHROPIC NETWORK (BPN)

#### Program Overview

The Black Philanthropic Network is a group of eleven regional associations of Blacks in philanthropy with a shared focus of supporting philanthropy in Black communities. ABFE maintains the network through coordinated activities, sharing data and information, and supporting regular communications and/or convening among the regional groups.

#### Program Objectives

To serve as a convener, support system and resource for the Black Philanthropic Network.

#### Program Audience

Regional groups with a shared focus of supporting philanthropy in Black communities.

#### Key Activities

Networking  
Partnering Strategies, Activities, Convening and Communications  
Resources

#### Program Point-of-Contact

Edward M. Jones, Director of Programs



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### **BLACK MALE FUNDERS LEARNING & ACTION NETWORK (LAN):**

#### **Program Overview**

The Black Male Funders Learning & Action Network (LAN) is a network of funders that are currently directing resources to initiatives to improve life outcomes for Black males. ABFE maintains the network to: connect foundations focused on the ongoing investments in Black male initiatives; lay the groundwork for a formal learning network to discuss strategies, lessons learned, and to gain access to research in the field; document the changes in grantmaking strategies and investments in Black male initiatives.

#### **Program Objectives**

To serve as a convener, strategic organizer, support system, documenter and resource for the LAN.

#### **Program Audience**

Black male initiatives led by funders

#### **Key Activities**

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### ABFE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

#### Program Overview

ABFE's Annual Conference is a gathering of over 250 philanthropic and nonprofit professionals for networking and engagement around shared interests in supporting Black communities through philanthropy.

#### Program Objectives

To increase opportunities for engagement, networking, awareness, lessons learned, education, strategic investments in innovative ideas, programs, and practices to support the well-being of the Black community.

#### Program Audience

ABFE Members: foundation trustees, executive staff and program officers

Partners: grantmaking entities, including private foundations, community foundations, corporate giving programs, donor-advised funds and giving circles

Former Members

#### Key Activities

Networking

Professional Development

Education

Resources

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