Contemporary racial disparities are well documented through the disproportionate relationship between Black communities and the criminal justice system. Undeniably, over the last 3 years the issues of Black communities, social justice and policing have been headline news throughout the nation generating polarizing political debates.

Historically, issues of police accountability are not new, but current social justice movements, technology and social media have amplified and elevated these concerns to the forefront. The recent tragedies in Baton Rouge, Dallas, Ferguson, Chicago, Milwaukee, and many other cities further illustrate the need for a philanthropic conversation and intervention on justice, policing and Black communities. As a recent Pew Research Center report illustrates, our nation has growing concern over racial progress and the issue of Black communities and policing remains a significant backdrop towards defining progress, justice and fairness.

Join ABFE, as we discuss Black communities and criminal justice. What are the effective ways for funders to engage? How do we ensure that safety and human rights co-exist without the false sense of them mutually exclusive? This informative session will explore strategies across various foundations to address policing and Black communities and share new ways to engage in constructive grantmaking towards criminal justice and community engagement.

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