

# Research & Experimentation Working Group



FUNDERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION

If funders and field organizations are to make the data-informed decisions needed to move civic engagement beyond election-cycle work, we must cultivate a shared understanding of research and develop a set of best practices for conducting experiments. To this end, in 2015 the Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP) created a Research and Experimentation Working Group with goals to:

- **Build a network** of researchers interested in civic engagement.
- **Foster collaboration** between researchers and practitioners to create a common agenda, identify research priorities and develop a better understanding of field organization needs.
- **Support creation of a clearinghouse** accessible to grantmakers and grantees for key research findings.
- **Ensure support for "translating" research results** into materials funders can use.
- **Create a forum for funders** to share research priorities and funding strategies and align them when possible to create greater impact.

## ABOUT THE RESEARCH

Employing strategies like empirical and qualitative studies, public opinion research and legal and policy analysis, the research will cover a broad spectrum of subjects including:

- **Electoral issues** such as campaign finance; election administration and protection; redistricting; and voter registration, education and turnout.
- **Non-election activities** such as civic education and leadership, organizing and engaging around the policymaking process, mobilizing and advocacy around specific issues or constituencies.
- **Good-government policies, tools and strategies** pertaining to immigration reform, budgeting, civil rights, rule of law, open government and government performance.

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