

10TH ANNUAL LEARNING & ACTION FORUM

May 19-20, 2026 * Pittsburgh, PA

Monday May 18

5:30-7pm * Hotel Monaco, Rialto Suite

Drop-in Welcome Reception. Join us on the rooftop for beverages and light appetizers. Dinner is on your own, and we'll have some nearby restaurant recommendations for you.

Tuesday May 19

7:30am-5:00pm * Hotel Monaco, Sofia Ballroom

- 7:30am [Registration and Full Breakfast Buffet](#)
- 8:30am **Welcome & Introductions**
- 9:15am **Anchoring Communities: Community Foundation Strategies and Support Amid Federal Policy Shifts**
Immigration Focus
- Minnesota & St. Paul Foundation, Alfonso Wenkler
 - Vermont Community Foundation, Jess Schmidt
- 10:15am [Break](#)
- 10:30am **Federal Funding Gaps** – Moderated by Frank Fernandez, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
- Marin Community Foundation, Jason Blau
 - Hawaii Community Foundation, Justina Acevedo-Cross
 - St. Louis Community Foundation, Marissa Cohen
 - San Diego Foundation, Pamela Gray Payton
- 12:00pm [Lunch – Rialto Suite \(Rooftop\)](#)
- 1:15pm **CFON Housing Cohort – Learning & Insights** – Moderated by AJ Herrmann, Accelerator for America
- Chicago Community Trust, Matt Shomo
 - Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Kaela Hammond
 - New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Ben Amsden
- 2:30 [Break](#)
- 2:45pm **Authentic Community & Neighborhood Building**
- **Araba Sapara- Grant**, Weave: The Social Fabric Project, with Sandi Hansen and Tyrell Ross, Lincoln Community Foundation
 - **DeAmon Harges** and **Januarie York**, The Learning Tree, with Leigh Riley Evans, The Indianapolis Foundation
- 4:45pm **Wrap Up & Evening Plans**
- 6:30pm **Offsite Dinner: [Café Momentum](#)** (268 Forbes Ave, 10-minute walk from hotel)



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

Wednesday May 20
8:00am-3:30pm * The Pittsburgh Foundation
912 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, 10th Floor

(10-minute walk from hotel)

- 8:00 am **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 am **Welcome & Introduction**
Community Foundations and Civic Health
- **Amy McIsaac**, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE)
 - **Mary Thomas** and **Sarah Aguirre Origer**, CFLeads
- 10:00am **Interest Area Roundtable Breakouts**
- *Climate & Environment*: Cait Botschner, CF Climate Collaborative
 - *Donor Engagement & Alignment*: Malia Peters, Hawaii Community Foundation
 - *Early Childhood*: Chirstina D’Allesandro, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
 - *Operations & Administration*: Sarah Alexander, Connecticut Community Foundation
- 11:00am **Break**
- 11:15am **Economic Mobility in Pittsburgh** – Moderated by *Joshua Devine, The Pittsburgh Foundation*
- **Sarah Dieleman Perry**, Neighborhood Allies
 - **Tammy Thompson**, Catapult
 - **Jennie Zeman**, Allegheny County Housing Authority
- 12:45pm **Conference Close + Box Lunches**
- 1:30 pm **Site Visit to [Catapult](#)** (215 North Highland Avenue)
- Bus transportation to Catapult; meet in downstairs lobby at 1:30 for prompt departure (*bring your luggage if returning to the airport*)
 - Bus departs from Catapult for airport drop-off at 3:30pm

