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John D. And Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Goes On Wild Endowment Binge

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CHICAGO—The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation went on a wild endowment binge last weekend, recklessly giving away more than \$170 million in grants and fellowships in a 48-hour span.



The Funder's Environment

- Need/Response
- Opportunity to create change
- Timely
- Sustainability
- Build the case for public funding/policy change
- Leverage (financial and relationships)

How do funders create this environment for grantees?

- Create an environment where grantees can learn from each other's strengths, weaknesses, challenges and successes to enhance their own leadership development and organizational capacity
- Be flexible
- Share power and responsibility (grantees are the experts, not the funders)
- Strong connectivity and relationship-building

In a perfect world, funders would:

- Catalyze, but not force relationships
- Offer core support and flexible, long-term funding
- Provide necessary resources to support and enable collaboration
- Make it easy! Streamline applications and reporting
- Invest in “beyond the check” activities” TA, grantwriting, communications, to free up more funding for the actual work and build skills of the organizations
- Welcome feedback