

# Mitchell Kapor Foundation

## Our Commitment to Funding Low-Income Communities of Color

We at the Mitchell Kapor Foundation believe that justice has many extensions – social, economic, racial, and environmental among them. From the beginning of our grantmaking and involvement in justice movements, we have actively worked to ensure fairness and equity for low-income communities of color. We provide financial resources and thought leadership to galvanize compelling forces for social change. Since 2007, nearly 75% of our grants have been made to organizations headed by people of color and focused on improving access and quality of life issues for marginalized populations in and beyond the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Kapor Foundation also embraces the ideal that “philanthropy at its best serves the public good, employs grantmaking practices that most effectively help nonprofits achieve their missions, and strengthens democracy by responding to the needs of those with the least wealth and opportunity” (NCRP Principles). We are happy to make this public pledge to continue providing, on an ongoing basis, the clear majority of our grant funds to benefit low-income communities of color through social justice-oriented grantmaking and support activities. We hope that this will serve as one of many examples and forms of encouragement to prompt other philanthropic institutions to establish appropriately similar grantmaking priorities.

In service,

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Cedric Brown

CEO

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