

Media & Storytelling - Example 1

The Field Foundation supported a Black-owned, digital media platform that produces news stories, short docu-films, and hosts live events that all seek to challenge racial and ageist stereotypes. The content produced centers on Chicago communities, neighborhoods and residents that have been historically overlooked by the mainstream media. The organization focuses on shaping and grooming new voices by offering them training, mentoring and an opportunity to have their work shared widely. In addition, the website offers its content to the public freely, without enforcing paid subscriptions, so that the information is accessible.

The funding helped support public screenings of the organization's documentaries and the enhancement of their web platform.

The organization aligns with our funding because it elevates African, Latinx, Asian, Arab and Native American (ALAANA) journalists, photojournalists, filmmakers and storytellers to support narratives by, for and about ALAANA communities.

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Media & Storytelling - Example 2

The Field Foundation supported a newly developed, nonprofit, community news organization that is dedicated to writing and producing hyper-local stories about Chicago neighborhoods. This online news organization focuses on ground-level, grassroots news produced by reporters and writers embedded in the neighborhoods they cover. Rather than focus on stories of violence and despair, this digital news organization balances the narrative by providing stories about the full communities - stories with a broad and inclusive perspective and scope.

The funding supported making the management of the news organization's staff more reflective of the communities it serves by covering part of the salary of a decision-making editor who identifies as African, Latinx, Asian, Arab and Native American (ALAANA).

The organization aligns with our funding because it is dedicated to telling stories about ALAANA communities and is seeking to promote inclusion and equity in its hiring and promotions.