WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE:
Community-Based Nonprofits Confront Crises

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Effects of COVID-19

- Trauma and mental health needs
- Health risks for LGBTQIA communities
- Barriers to care for disabled community members
- People detained and imprisoned
- Higher rates of illness and death for communities of color
- Access to stimulus packages
- Rights of essential workers
- Increased rates of unemployment
- Monitoring and surveillance
- Disparities in enforcing shutdown orders
- Anti-Black violence
- Anti-Asian Racism
- Gender-based violence
- #COVIDInOurCommunities
“In order to see where we are going, we not only must remember where we have been, but we must understand where we have been.”

- Ella Baker
Civil rights organizer, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
GOALS

• To understand the similarities and differences from past crises and COVID-19.
• To understand how nonprofits led by people of color have responded to public crises and what they require in order to be sustainable.
• To understand what various sectors should be doing now to ensure a more equitable future.
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2001: September 11
2005: Hurricane Katrina
2008: Great Recession
2019/2020: COVID-19
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Praying while Muslim is NOT a Crime!

BANK OWNED/FORECLOSURE
PROPERTY FOR SALE

Emergency Only

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CRISIS CYCLES & NONPROFITS

REIMAGINE, REBUILD

RELIEF

RECOVERY

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NONPROFITS

COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND WELL-BEING

LEAD WITH A COMMUNITY-CENTERED, EQUITY FRAMEWORK

HOLD PHILANTHROPY, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHILANTHROPY

- Practice **accountability** through an anti-oppression and racial equity lens
- **Scale up investments** to match the depth and scale of the crisis
- **Take risks** with new organizations that are embedded within affected communities
- **Balance** emergency response funds with long-term power building investments

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT

Put People First
Focus crisis response on people, not corporations and profit

Plan
Have holistic, thoroughly developed crisis management plans in place before a crisis

Consult
Plans should be informed by community needs

Implement
Implement systems change to advance racial equity

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