

# Participatory Grantmaking



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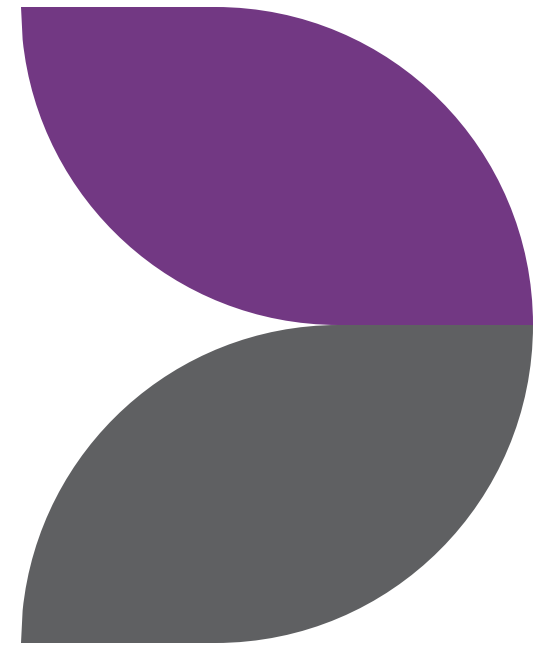
# What is Participatory Grantmaking?

“Participatory grantmaking cedes decision-making power about funding – including the strategy and criteria behind those decisions – to the very communities that funders aim to serve.”

*[participatorygrantmaking.org](http://participatorygrantmaking.org)*

# Thoughts

On Participatory Grantmaking



Thought

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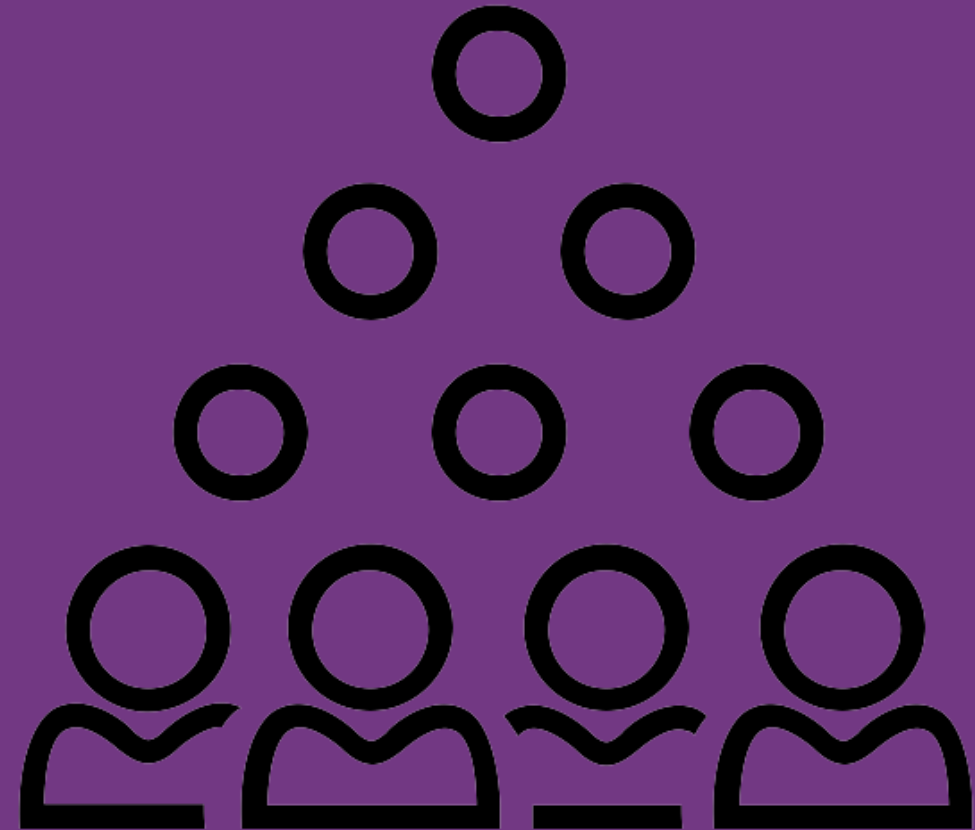
“

Participation is the  
*true* endowment.

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Janet Topalsky

# The Power Behind Community-Driven Practices



It is effective.

It encourages diversity.

It supports ownership.

It builds stronger relationships.

It shares in the JOY of impact.

Thought  
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# Participatory Grantmaking Promotes Growth

Growing your donor base



Growing your volunteer base

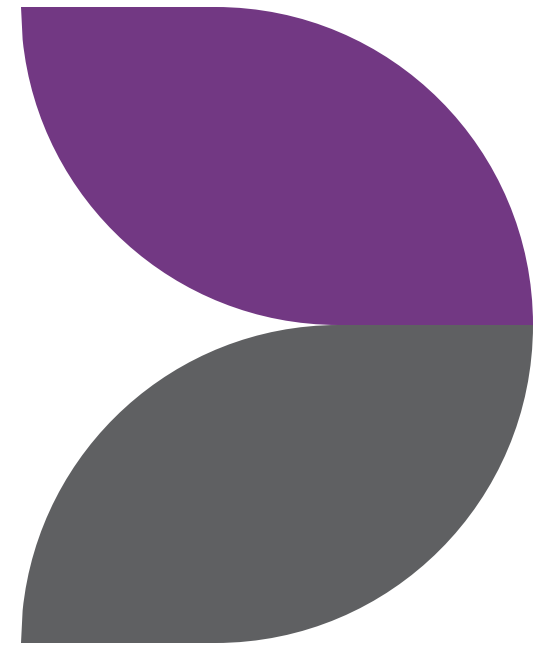
The more perpetual the mission



Increasing the # of people  
directly involved in your mission

# Examples

of Participatory Grantmaking





# Example 1:

Inviting community members into the grantmaking committee



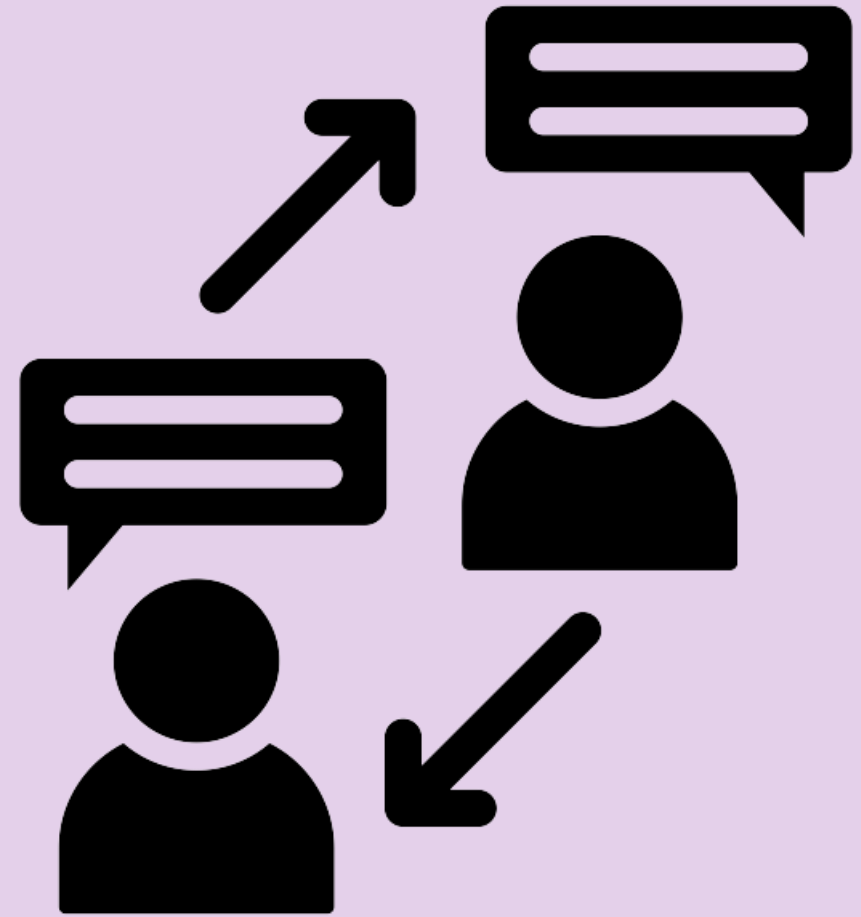
# Example 2:

Requesting previous applicant involvement in outlining grant cycle documents.



## Example 3:

Gathering input from community members & previous applicants to refine entire grantmaking process.



# Example 4:

# ACF Gardening Grant



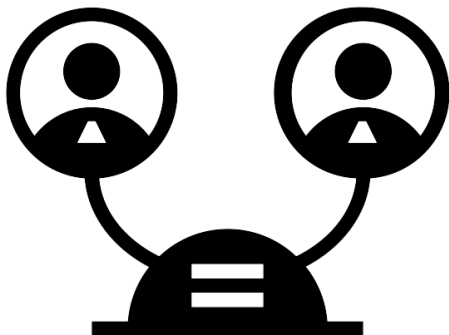
**Participatory  
Grantmaking VS  
Trust-Based  
Grantmaking**



# Working in Harmony



Giving power back to the community and grantee



Promoting equity between the grantee and grantor

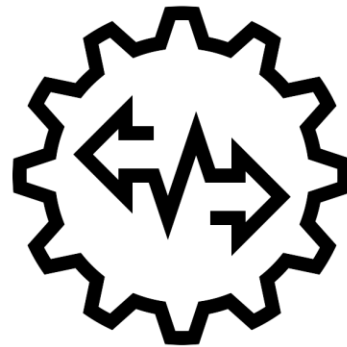


# Areas of Tension

## Trust-Based Grantmaking

- Shorter application form
- Minimal correspondence

- Shorter evaluation forms and reports, or even no reports



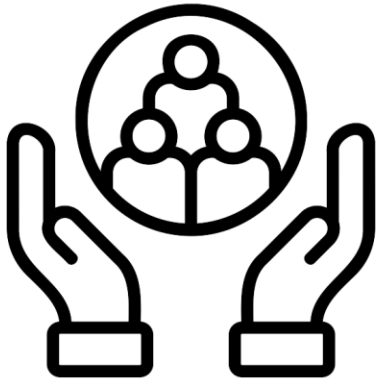
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- Reaching out to each applicant to provide requested feedback on application

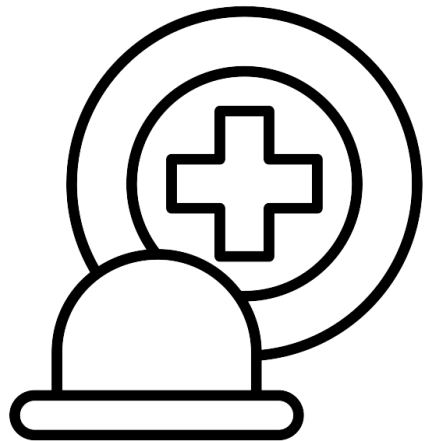
- More preparation, meeting time, and gathering feedback, leading to a longer evaluation process



# Examples



Social Justice Fund  
*Participatory Grantmaking*



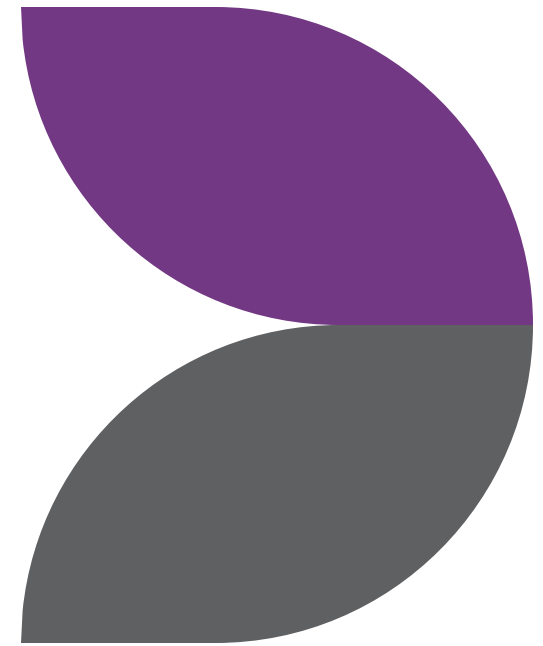
Western Alaska Disaster Fund  
*Trust-Based Grantmaking*



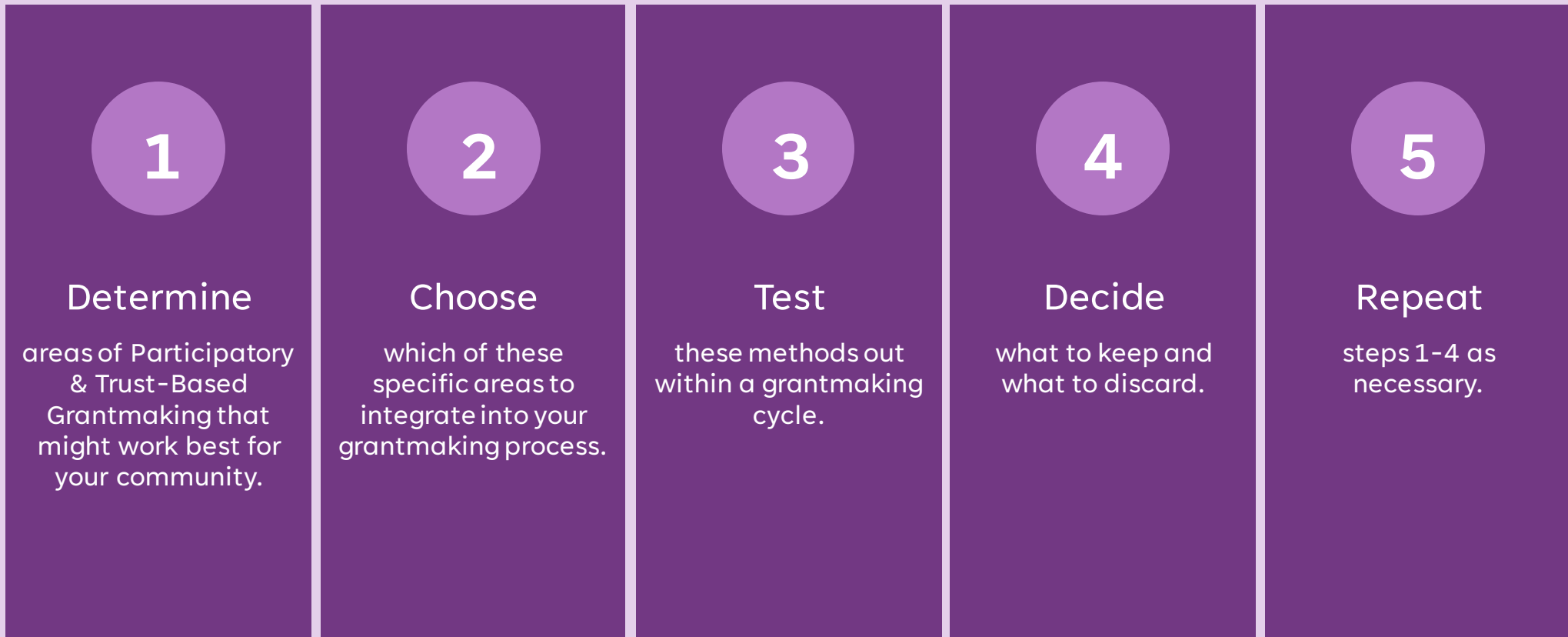
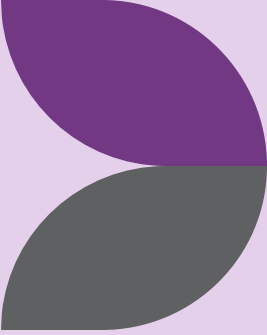


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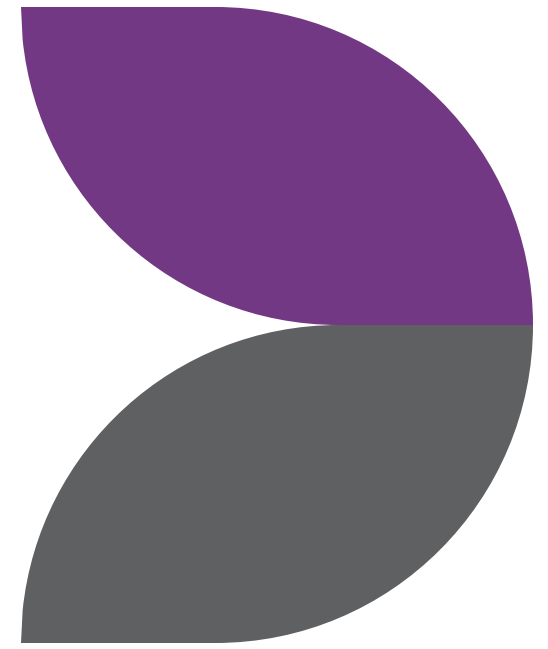
Innovation & Experimentation



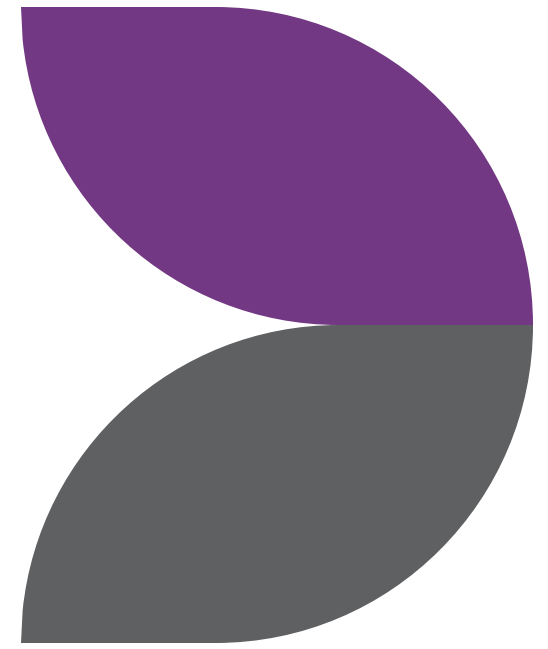
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# Break-Out Rooms



**Q&A**





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