

TAX EQUITY | Funders Network

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

A Timeline

2004

Launch

February 5, 2004- 1st meeting of the EITC Funders Network. Hosted by Annie E. Casey Foundation and C.S. Mott. Held in Baltimore with 17 participants.

20 members

18 states have state EITC

2006

New Annual Programming

Created our first Network brochure and held our first state policy conference call (which soon became an annual event).

19 states have state EITC

2007

Public Funding for VITA

Members of the EITC Funders Network reach out to policymakers and urged them to launch the IRS VITA grant program. It started with an \$8 million appropriation - requiring a 100% match which is met in large part by philanthropy.

100 Members

2008

Technology

First website and first eNewsletter was published. Hosted first webinar.

2009

Sharing Lessons

Produced a two-part brief outlining strategies used by community foundations in support of EITC outreach and free tax preparation campaigns. Administered first EITC Funders Network survey of members

250 members

2012

The Pooled Fund

Launch of the EITC Pooled Fund (co-housed with Economic Opportunity Funders)

260 members

2014

A New Look

Website Overhaul
25 states and DC have state EITCs

2016

More Growth

301 members

2018

A Focus on Equity

Began our shift in focus to equity and the tax code.

2019

Spotlight on Health

Incorporated a year-long focus on links between tax code and health outcomes.

2020

A Pandemic

With the outbreak of COVID, we hosted funder sessions on retooling grantmaking and building momentum to transform and modernize free tax preparation.

2021

Seizing Opportunity

Launched the CO-OP Fund (in response to ARPA)

2022

Pooled Fund Anniversary

10-year anniversary of the EITC Pooled Fund. Over the 10 years, we awarded \$9 million to organizations in 36 states and 11 national networks.

2023

Network Refresh

Name change to Tax Equity Funders Network. Launch of new website, expanded focus areas.

2024

Success in States

31 states, DC and PR have state EITCs

15 states have state CTCs

Publications

- **2015**- *Two-generation Approaches to Poverty Reduction and the EITC*
- **2017**- *Through the Funder Lens: Public Sector Philanthropic and Practitioner Collaborations that Strengthen the Impact of EITC and VITA*
- **2021**
 - *Collaboration and Capacity-building for Implementing the Washington State EITC*
 - *Increasing Economic Security Through the Tax Code: Strategies Charitable Funders Can Use to Help More Individuals and Families Access the Improved Federal CTC and EITC*
 - *Partnerships Key to Inclusive EITC Expansion in New Mexico*
 - *Seizing the Moment: Strategies for Community Foundations to Ensure Families Access the Improved Federal CTC and EITC*
- **2022**- *California Tax Credits Ecosystem Summary Brief*
- **2023**
 - *Shaping the Future: Innovations to Improve Access & Build a More Equitable Tax System*
 - *Funding Social Change Worksheet*



236
MEMBERS



220
ORGANIZATIONS



46
STATES

In-person Sessions

- **2004** - First meeting of EITC Funders Network in conjunction with the National Community Tax Coalition (NCTC, precursor to Taxpayer Opportunity Network), held in Chicago
- **2005** - Meeting in DC focusing on the role of employers in EITC outreach and participation
- **2006** - Hosted leadership reception at NCTC national meeting in LA & held a meeting on links between EITC and education tax credits in DC
- **2007** - Meeting in Charlotte with a focus on rural issues
- **2008** - Joint meeting of Microenterprise Development Funders, Asset Development Funders Network, and EITC Funders Network in NYC; held a meeting in Houston in conjunction NCTC; and hosted a funder briefing in DC
- **2009** - Meeting in San Antonio and leadership reception as part of NCTC meeting
- **2011** - Meeting in Chicago in conjunction with NCTC meeting
- **2013** - Meeting in conjunction with NCTC in New Orleans 2
- **2016** - Meeting on Savings, Financial Coaching and the EITC & in-person meeting in Columbia, South Carolina
- **2017** - Meeting in New Orleans, "Leading from the South: Funders Identify and Share Proven Strategies that Increase Economic Opportunity"
- **2018** - Meeting at Prosperity Summit in DC "Advancing Racial and Gender Equity Through the Tax Code: Tax Credits and Beyond"
- **2019** - Meeting at Grantmakers in Health annual conference "Health Equity and the Earned Income Tax Credit: Lessons from the States"
- **2022** - Meeting at Prosperity Summit in Atlanta "Addressing Equity Through Taxes"
- **2023** - Hosted Shaping the Future Forum in DC

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