

National Symposium for State and Local Reparations Resources to Cover Travel for Symposium Attendance

FirstRepair recognizes that securing resources for travel and accommodation costs can be a burden when attending conferences. If you are seeking financial assistance to attend, consider exploring the following sources of support:

Government: If you are a government employee, elected official, or appointed leader, check with your department or office. Government bodies often have budgets allocated for professional development and may offer support for events like this Symposium.

Community Foundations: Community foundations often offer financial support for community development initiatives. Contact your local community foundation to inquire about available funding opportunities. [The Council on Foundations offers a Community Foundation locator and directory.](#)

Local Faith-Based Institutions: Many religious organizations provide financial support for community development and educational opportunities. Contact your local church, synagogue, mosque, or other faith-based institutions to inquire about potential funding or sponsorships.

Nonprofit Organizations: Many nonprofits provide financial support for educational and professional development of community members. Identify organizations related to your mission that might be interested in sponsoring your attendance.

Academic, Educational, and Research Institutions: Many universities and colleges offer grants or scholarships for professional development activities.

Tips for Requesting Financial Support

Craft a clear case for why attending the Symposium is beneficial and detail how you will apply the insights gained to advance reparations in your community. Mention speakers you are interested in, attendees and communities that you plan to connect with, and the steps you will take to share the information and inspiration you gain at the Symposium with your home community.

Include specific details about the Symposium, including dates, location, and its relevance to your work and/or professional development – you can share the event flyer or other details available on the Whova app or the [FirstRepair website](#).

Contact potential sponsors or funders as early as possible to allow time for processing and approvals.

For additional information or questions about the Symposium, please contact us at info@firstrepair.org.

We are happy to provide an agenda or other documentation to support your request for financial assistance.