

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDERS FOR BIRTH JUSTICE AND EQUITY

A Summit that can think together.

Facilitation, harvesting, and live sensemaking for the 2026 Birth Equity Summit. Measure builds the connective infrastructure that lets dozens of conversations become coherent, usable ecosystem intelligence.

EVENT

2026 Birth Equity Summit

WHERE & WHEN

Detroit, Michigan · Oct 20–22, 2026

SCALE

~150 participants · 3 Measure staff onsite

THE SHIFT THE SUMMIT IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE

Birth justice is not a collection of programs or organizations to fund. It is an ecosystem and an infrastructure that must be intentionally built, resourced, coordinated, and sustained.

Ecosystem

from individual organizations

Infrastructure

from projects

Durability

from scarcity and survival

Capital strategy

from funding transactions

Shared responsibility for the conditions of the field

from separate funder / community roles

THE PROGRESSION

01

Conversation

02

Insight

03

Coordination

04

Action

APPROACH · HARVESTING · INTELLIGENCE

How the intelligence is made

Every session is harvested through one common framework so a pattern in one room can inform a conversation in another — and so nothing consequential is lost between them.

EIGHT HARVEST LENSES

Signals What are we noticing or learning?	Conditions What is producing or constraining what we see?
Connections How does this relate to other systems or capital?	Possibilities Where is there an opening to act differently?
People Who or what needs to be sustained?	Power Who can change these conditions?
Tensions Where do perspectives diverge?	Carry-Forward What belongs in later sensemaking?

WHAT WE PROTECT FROM BEING LOST

The belief gap Contradictions between funder belief and CBO experience are logged as findings, not smoothed into one narrative.	The informal room Roving harvesters, anonymous contribution cards, and an end-of-day informal-intelligence pass.	Dissent Minority positions carry equal weight and are never averaged into consensus.
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STRUCTURED INTELLIGENCE FOR THE ECOSYSTEM FELLOW

Observations	Patterns	Coordination opportunities
Tensions	Signals	Structural conditions
Needs & gaps	Assets	Questions & hypotheses

Responsive, not improvisational: the Summit's arc, session ownership, and architecture stay intact. What sharpens is the questions inside them as the Summit teaches us something.

SCOPE · INVESTMENT

Scope, effort, and investment

FOUR PHASES

0.5	Focused Alignment	8 hrs	One 90-minute alignment session, agenda and role review, success criteria and protocols.
1	Shared Architecture & Preparation	50 hrs	Facilitation toolkit, common harvesting system, rapid carry-forward harvest, facilitator orientation.
2	Summit Delivery & Live Sensemaking	84 hrs	Three-person onsite team, anchor facilitation, cross-session harvest, rapid synthesis, coordination session.
3	Structured Harvest Handoff	28 hrs	Consolidated harvests, preliminary observations, and a 60–90 minute strategic handoff.

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEE · FIXED

\$37,500

Three-person onsite team · Live qualitative sensemaking · Structured Summit harvest · Strategic handoff · 182 estimated hours across all four phases. Travel and lodging billed separately at cost.

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Community participants recognize their knowledge in what was captured.
- Differences remain visible where genuine differences exist.
- FBJE and its Ecosystem Fellow receive structured, usable intelligence.
- Funders understand the conditions, power, and capital shaping the ecosystem.
- Existing community leadership and infrastructure do not disappear beneath new ideas.

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