PROJECT OVERVIEW:
# America's Healthy Democracy Ecosystem

## BACKGROUND

A growing number of initiatives from across the ideological spectrum have emerged in recent years to fight threats of illiberalism, promote patriotism, and protect, reform, strengthen, and champion American democracy. For the most part, this ecosystem of healthy democracy networks, practitioners, and funders is quite diffuse. Those working in the space often lack a shared vision for the future, a collective understanding of resource availability and distribution, and a common definition of what efforts fall within the bounds of "healthy democracy" work.

## MISSION

Identify, categorize, and quantify existing organizations, networks, and funding streams within the American democracy space.

Build the foundation for pioneering work to strengthen democratic practices and civic infrastructure in five to ten diverse communities across the country.

## AUDIENCES

- Practitioners
- Funders
- Community Leaders
- General Public

## DELIVERABLES

### INTERACTIVE HEALTHY DEMOCRACY ECOSYSTEM "MAP"

Graphic, compelling website empowering users to explore the ecosystem of organizations, coalitions, networks, and funders promoting healthy democracy.

### COMMUNITY STRATEGY MEMORANDUM

Developing a blueprint to identify five to ten pilot communities to receive intensive and sustained investment in civic infrastructure beginning in 2024.

### PROJECT TEAM

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## TIMELINE

**APRIL**
Project Launch

**MAY-JULY**
Data Collection

**AUG-SEPT**
Production

**OCT-NOV**
Presentation

**STRATEGY SESSION**
One-day convening of field leaders to inform and refine project scope

**EXPERT INTERVIEWS**
Gather info from 50-60 healthy democracy practitioners & funders

**DESK RESEARCH**
Collect quantitative data to fill out ecosystem

**ECOSYSTEM MAP**
Interactive, attractive, user-friendly website

**COMMUNITY MEMO**
Outlining strategy for undertaking intensive community work

**DISTRIBUTION**
Discussions and feedback sessions on project findings

**NCoC GATHERING**
Dedicated conference track to present results