## 3. WORKING ALONGSIDE PARTNERS ACROSS SECTORS, AND ELEVATING THE EXPERTISE AND SOLUTIONS HELD BY PEOPLE WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCES OF HEALTH INEQUITIES

from grassroots organizations to businesses, including and especially those that plan, govern, and finance communities. Building community power, voice, and participation, and ultimately achieving a Culture of Health, requires the leadership of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color; people with firsthand experience of health inequities; and those who are navigating resource-scarce environments. We encourage communities to show how they approach redistributing power, such as through visible and meaningfully compensated roles and leadership positions, and/or deep engagement with community organizers or other power-building organizations.

## 4. ENGAGING IN CULTURAL WORK THAT CELEBRATES COMMUNITY AND ENVISIONS AND ADVANCES A MORE JUST FUTURE

ged in cultivating and maintaining relevant cultural touchstones to celebrate and preserve community culture in ways that cultivate belonging and shared meaning. Creative, cultural practices that cultivate a sense of belonging and invite community members to experience their interconnectedness are the bedrock to healing and repair from structural racism and other forms of structural injustices that have created, and still perpetuate, health inequities. We encourage communities to show how they are inspiring others and sharing collective dreams for a future beyond structural racism and status quo power structures.

## 5. MAKING THE MOST OF AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND FOSTERING SUSTAINABILITY

making equitable decisions about how to invest resources. We encourage communities to demonstrate how they are centering sustainability through the generation, allocation, and alignment of diverse financial and nonfinancial resources, such as network-building and knowledge sharing to improve health equity in the community.

## 6. MEASURING AND SHARING QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS OF PROGRESS IN CULTURALLY RELEVANT WAYS

measurable indicators of progress that include process as well as outcomes; and continuously using data to improve processes, track outcomes, and change course when necessary. This criterion recognizes the rigor and validity of culturally relevant forms of qualitative measurement; that many communities have experienced a historical lack of investment, which has resulted in insufficient data infrastructure and capacity; and that meaningful progress takes steps that are complicated to measure, such as the development of trusted relationships. Measuring and sharing progress is a form of embracing community accountability and requires local and cultural context.