Economic leaders want to see increased prosperity and opportunity for every person in their region. Intentional strategies and approaches that advance economic mobility, especially in communities that have faced underinvestment and historic discrimination, can help create wealth and change the generational trajectory of lower and middle income (LMI) individuals. Economic mobility includes not only access to better paying jobs, training, and assets that appreciate in value over time, but also the ability to make choices for yourself and influence others. New Growth Innovation Network (NGIN) is launching the Advancing Economic Mobility (AEM) initiative to support local economic leaders adopt data, tools, and knowledge resources to advance economic mobility in their communities for LMI workers and residents. AEM intends to advance the dialog on economic mobility through Practitioner Roundtables as well as offer direct support to leaders in five cities to implement select economic mobility strategies. This project is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Opportunities to Advance Economic Mobility in your Community

Economic practitioners can get involved in two ways:

- **Technical Assistance or Subgrants for Place Based Support.** NGIN will support five locations where local economic practitioners would like deep engagement on economic mobility to support the implementation of select economic mobility strategies in the community. Geared towards identifying how economic mobility resources could be better leveraged in local government and community funding sources to support implementation, NGIN will provide up to $30,000 for each community, through a direct subgrant or through technical assistance, for the implementation of economic mobility strategies.

- **Practitioner Roundtables.** In preparation for the technical assistance, NGIN will host virtual workshops and invite practitioners to examine select strategies from Results for America’s Economic Mobility Catalog, how these can help advance economic mobility in their community, identify topics or knowledge areas where additional resources are required from a local economic practitioner perspective, and highlight ways in which resources can be framed to drive greater action. Modest stipends will be provided to participants for their time and insights.

**Timeline**

- The Practitioner Roundtables will be held virtually in March and April 2023
- Community selection for place-based support will take place in May 2023
- Place based implementation support will begin in June 2023

**What to Expect**

- Increased understanding of economic mobility and its relation to an individual’s income, assets, training, and employment as well as to more intangibles like power and social inclusion.
- Engaging and insightful peer conversations on challenges, opportunities, and approaches to advancing economic mobility locally and regionally.
- Opportunity to implement insights and strategies in your community with support from NGIN and the peer communities in the initiative.

If you are interested in participating in the AEM initiative, please review the Results for America Economic Mobility Catalog and complete the Advancing Economic Mobility Interest Form by March 14th. For more information or questions, please contact Cuevas Peacock at cuevas@newgrowth.org.