

Shaping the Future of Urban South Africa: Community Foundations for Strong Civil Society: The Role of Local Government

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Abstract

Politically and administratively, South Africa is undergoing important transformations. In his study, Xolani Zungu makes three proposals to invigorate the local government-civil society relationship. Local government should promote the democratic involvement of citizens, community responsibility, and mechanisms that enable communities to raise and manage resources, and community foundations are one means of achieving these changes. He goes on to write, "Community foundations, characterized by their focus on local asset development, local control and local decision making are uniquely suited for South African urban areas."

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