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**AARP 2023 Purpose Prize® Fellows Announced; Recognizing 10 Outstanding Non-Profit Founders with \$10K Awarded to Each Winner's Organization**

**Montana's Purpose Prize Fellow is Judith Heilman, Founder and Executive Director of The Montana Racial Equity Project**

**WHAT:** AARP announced its 10 2023 **Purpose Prize fellows, all nonprofit founders, who will receive \$10,000** for their organization which includes Montana-based Founder and Executive Director of [The Montana Racial Equity Project](#), Judith Heilman.

In addition, **five AARP Purpose Prize winners and their organizations will be recognized with an award of \$50,000**. All award recipients will receive a year of technical support from AARP to help broaden the scope of their organization's work. Alongside the winners and fellows, AARP will present critically acclaimed filmmaker, screenwriter, actor and philanthropist **Tyler Perry with an honorary Purpose Prize Award** for his work through [The Perry Foundation](#).

**About AARP Purpose Prize:**

Launched in 2005, the national Purpose Prize award honors extraordinary people ages 50 and over who tap into the power of life experiences to build a better future for society. Purpose Prize recipients have proven they are using their life's knowledge and experiences to make a meaningful impact in people's lives by, tackling some of the greatest societal challenges and also by helping to build a better future for us all.

A full press release with the complete list of winners and fellows can be found [here](#).

More on the AARP Purpose Prize can be found [here](#).

**WHO:** Judith Heilman, founder and executive director of The Montana Racial Equity Project is one of 10 fellows and is **available for interviews** to talk about her organization's work in Montana. **Please reach out to the press contact above for an interview with Judith.**

About Judith and [The Montana Racial Equity Project](#): Judith Heilman, 69, of Bozeman, Montana, is the founder and executive director of The Montana Racial Equity Project. A nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, the project advocates equity and justice for historically marginalized, disenfranchised, and oppressed peoples in Montana. During a career including 13 years on the Palo Alto, California, police force, political and advocacy campaigns, and work in affordable housing, Judith became determined to work toward the prevention of racially motivated violence and fight for a more equitable world.

**WHERE:** All honorees will be recognized at the AARP Purpose Prize celebration event in Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** October 25, 2022