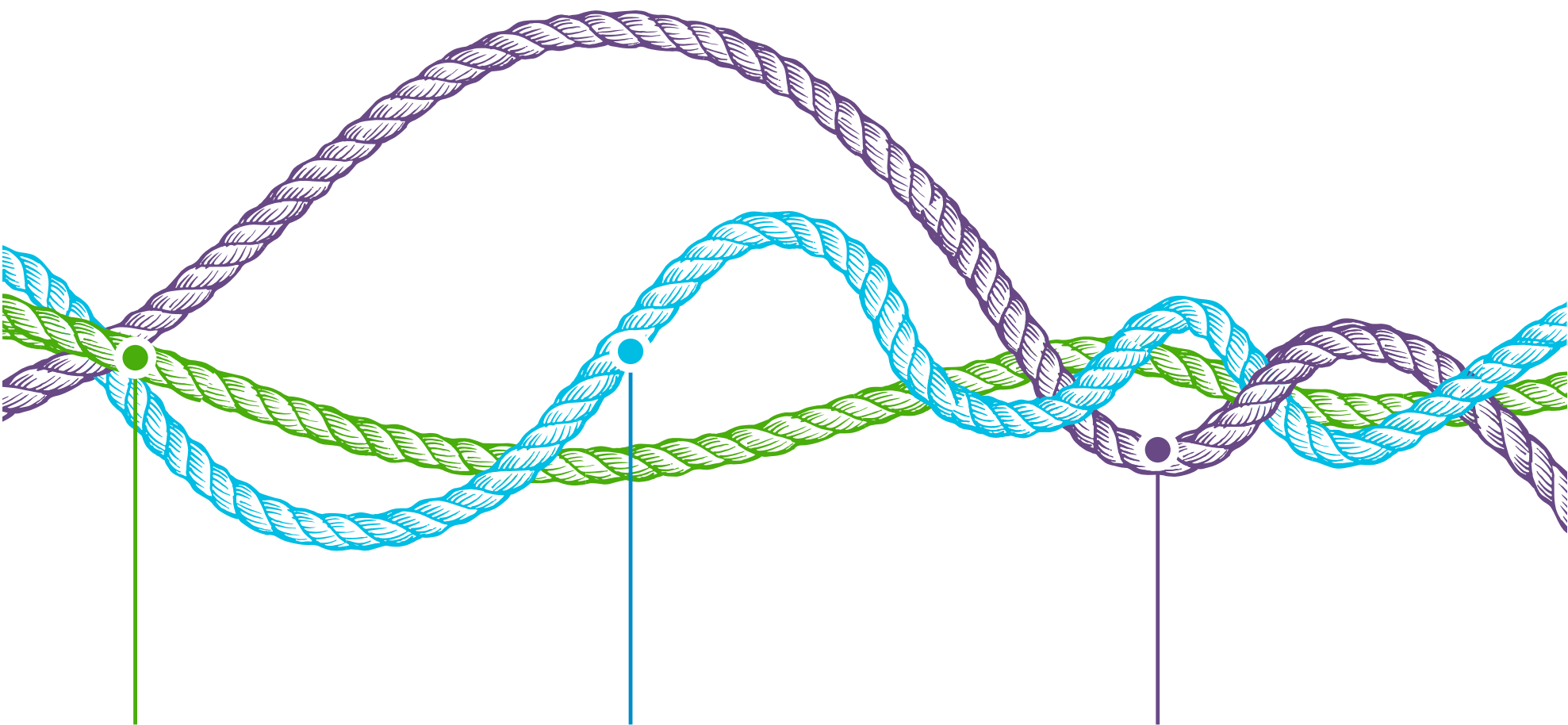


# Questions to Navigate Field Building Across Multiple Timescales

In times of urgent need, what’s needed now can crowd out thinking about the future. But field-building funders operate with both the “now” and “then” in mind. They unlock impact across near-, medium-, and long-term periods and navigate these overlapping timescales by answering animating questions that inform their work.



## Near-term field building efforts

What, if left unaddressed right now, would prevent us collectively from being able to move forward?

To meet the moment, funders can:

- Shore up key actors
- Coordinate a rapid response
- Act opportunistically as windows open

## Medium-term field building efforts

What would strengthen the foundation on which the field sits and the relationships among field actors?

To unlock the next stages of progress, funders can:

- Build infrastructure and power
- Deepen the knowledge base
- Crowd in resources
- Partner with the public sector

## Long-term field building efforts

How should the system work in the future and how can we, as philanthropy, partner to articulate the vision and chart the path?

To support envisioning a different future, funders can:

- Create space for field-wide reflection and agenda setting