

South King County Fund Highline Forum Group Discussion

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About the Fund

- \$10 Million to be distributed between now and 2023
- Commission goal to spend \$750,000 on Pilot Projects in 2019
- Robust outreach and equitable community engagement process
- Commission passed eight principles to guide project selection

Eight Guiding Principles

The SKCF will:

- be used to fund projects in the South King County area;
- prioritize community input to inform Port decision making;
- support Port equity policies and practices;
- provide added benefit;
- prioritize projects that are ready to proceed;
- build on established programs and commitments to fulfill current obligations;
- promote innovation;
- encourage matching funds where possible.

Outreach Conducted Thus Far

- Presentations to all six Highline City Councils
- StART
- Highline School District
- Grass Top community leaders

Preliminary Results (1 of 3)

Questions

- What kinds of projects are eligible?
- What are the limits of the Port's spending authority?
- What prompted the creation of the fund?
- What is the process for applying?
- How will you ensure fairness in the distribution of the funds?
- Which cities and communities are considered "near airport"?

Preliminary Results (2 of 3)

Comments

- Interest in seeing the money distributed equitably between cities in terms of geographic proximity to airport affects.
- Concern about the money being spent outside of the near airport communities
- Strong support for equity outreach to under-represented communities.

Preliminary Results (3 of 3)

Project Ideas

- Playground equipment, parks, and open spaces.
- Insulation for public buildings and private dwellings
- Scholarships for youth
- Support for minority-owned small business development
- Funding for studies (UW UFP, DOC Impacts)
- Support for Census
- Equitable infrastructure investments (sidewalks, etc.)

Exercise

- Identify priority projects that extend outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of each city.
- Unique opportunity to collaborate to advance community development for the region.
- Discussion: Possible projects and areas where our priorities are aligned.

Group Discussion Questions

- Which of the Fund Principles resonate with your city's priorities? Why?
- How do you plan to engage with your constituents to understand their priorities?
- What are some examples of issues that cross city boundaries?
- What regional initiatives are in the works, or are under way but are currently under-funded?

Wrap-Up

- Thank you!
- Early stages of the Formative Engagement Phase.
- Many more opportunities to weigh in.
- Launching a webpage with information about the Fund including FAQ.
- Email SKCFund@PortSeattle.org with ideas or questions.