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
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.