



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Climate Justice Impact Strategy

VISION: All Greater Seattle residents benefit from a healthy climate and a just environment.

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INVESTING IN SOLUTIONS THAT SUPPORT THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE.

The strongest environmental solutions are built from the ground up. And while political will to act on climate change is growing, low-income communities and communities of color are already experiencing pollution and a changing climate first and worst.

Yet these frontline communities are often left out of the conversations about climate change and how to create a healthy, sustainable future. It's time to amplify their voices and ensure that the communities most affected by climate change lead the way to solutions.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, climate change is bringing rising seas, extreme heat and wetter winters. Already, we see lower-income families living in more vulnerable places, less able to adapt to damage from severe weather, flooding, wildfires and more. But these threats and vulnerabilities also present opportunities for transformative change.

OUR APPROACH

Seattle Foundation develops long-term strategies and partnerships to support the communities most impacted by climate change.

Through our Climate Justice Impact Strategy, we will help realize climate justice alongside communities of color and low-income communities.

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We are applying community-based research, building strong, diverse coalitions and strengthening the capacity of nonprofits to advance local solutions to this global challenge.

CLIMATE JUSTICE IMPACT STRATEGY GOALS

Collective Action

Support an inclusive movement toward community-led solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Leadership

Use our leadership to raise awareness of the disproportionate impact of climate change on communities of color.

Accountability

Ensure that efforts, systems and policies to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change benefit communities of color and low-income communities.

The moment is ripe for bold investment in community solutions to the climate crisis. As the federal government retreats from its position on climate action, city and state efforts are more important than ever. Greater Seattle can fill the leadership gap — with grassroots solutions that target root causes and

support the communities disproportionately experiencing the effects of a changing climate.

Through thoughtful, inclusive leadership and respectful partnership, we will help realize climate justice with communities of color and low-income communities.