Together We Transform

Philanthropy Northwest’s vision for collective possibility
Envision philanthropy as a transformative space where resources and power are redistributed to the communities too long overlooked by our sector.

Philanthropy Northwest commits to a future of equity and racial justice for all, grounded in the power of collective possibility.

We define equity as systems and practices that support just outcomes for people regardless of race, ethnicity and intersectional identities, including gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability, religion and immigration status.

For nearly five decades, Philanthropy Northwest has been more than an organization; we’ve been a community, a trusted partner and a peer collective that is committed to transforming ourselves and our sector.

As we approach our mid-century milestone anniversary in 2026, we have a mission beyond our first 50 years: to be stewards of change towards moving resources and power to communities that we’ve historically overlooked as a philanthropic sector.

Philanthropy Northwest occupies a pivotal and unique role in accelerating the momentum of equity-centered philanthropy and embracing the transformative potential that the sector holds.

As we look towards our next chapter, we’re not only celebrating our past but inviting you to join us in activating transformative change. With your partnership, we’re poised to surface the collective wisdom of our region, cultivate a culture of continuous learning, test and iterate innovative practices, and utilize our influence to champion philanthropic and policy-based approaches grounded in equity.
Our mission, values and vision are anchored in the belief that meaningful impact emerges when philanthropy supports grantee partners to self-determine and drive change for their communities.

Yet, a stark reality compels us to act. Despite our deep commitment, the philanthropic sector at large falls short on a national scale, overlooking communities that live and thrive within our region.

In 2021, foundation funding was distributed as follows*:

- **0.4%** to Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander populations
- **1.5%** to Black populations
- **0.8%** to Latinx populations
- **LESS THAN 0.9%** to Indigenous populations
- **0.5%** to LGBTQ+ populations
- **2.5%** to populations living with disabilities

*Source: Candid, 2021
Our Vision for Collective Commitment

Embarking on a three-year, $7.5 million campaign, we are dedicated to realizing the collective commitment of philanthropy to work toward a future where equity is not just a shared value but also a lived reality for every community in our region.

Your support signals a shared belief in the pivotal role of Philanthropy Northwest in leading meaningful change and reimagining the landscape of philanthropy. This is more than a vision; it’s a collective call to action.

Our Approach

We cultivate the conditions for philanthropy to best serve our communities. Through the synergy of people, organizations and our ecosystem, Philanthropy Northwest catalyzes positive transformations that endure and resonate far beyond the scope of individual initiatives.

- **People**: Transformation starts from within, and it doesn’t happen in isolation. We create opportunities for personal reflection, learning and growth strengthened by the power of peer support.

- **Organizations**: The daily actions, interactions and structures within which we operate matter. We build organizational capabilities to adopt equity-centered cultures, practices and policies across all levels of philanthropic organizations.

- **Ecosystem**: Our greatest potential as philanthropy lies within our interconnectedness and ability to move sector and structural societal progress together. We nurture collaboration and leverage the power of the collective to advocate for and create a resilient ecosystem capable of driving sustainable solutions.

Our Work

Guided by a relationship-first approach and an intersectional lens, our core services and programs supporting these three levels of transformation include:

- **Peer Learning Networks**
- **Cohorts and Affinity Groups**
- **Convenings**
- **Learning and Skill-Building Programs**
- **Knowledge Assets**
- **Tailored Support**
- **Consulting and Coaching**
- **Evaluation**
- **Strategy Development**
- **Customized Training**
- **Collective Advocacy & Action**
- **Policy and Advocacy**
- **Collaborative Funding**
- **Intermediary Grantmaking**
Join us in bringing this bold vision to life.

Say yes to the collective possibility of a philanthropic ecosystem that is creative, joyful and transformative by becoming a Visionary Partner.

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We grow philanthropy’s capacity to do transformative work toward redistributing resources and power to underinvested communities in the Northwest and beyond.