

December 2020

Dear Regional Community Foundation Colleagues,

We are excited to celebrate our inaugural year as the Regional Community Foundation Network! We hope you will continue to work with us as we move this network forward with the support of Philanthropy Northwest. The application and dues process are all online this year. See the [renewal instructions](#) on our website. Please fill out your information no later than February 28, 2021.

This work would not be possible without your commitment to ensuring a vibrant network for our community foundations (CFs) across the region.

During the first full year of our Regional CF Network, we:

- Facilitated 14 COVID-19 related calls specifically for CFs
- Obtained legal services through Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
- Had 142 people from CFs attend Philanthropy Northwest's 2020 Annual Conference
- Created and published quarterly CF E-Newsletters
- Offered opportunities for deep cohort learning on Trust-Based Philanthropy and hosted cohorts specifically for CEOs as the pandemic persisted

Our governance committee, made up of Regional CF Network members, is guiding the network alongside Maddy Metzger-Utt, a former CF CEO. In 2021, we will focus on three priority areas:

1. **Communication and Information Sharing:** We will launch a new virtual platform for CFs using Salesforce Communities. Communities is a powerful and secure social network platform that Regional CF Network members can use to share information with each other.
2. **Learning Together:** We will continue to offer monthly virtual networking opportunities, quarterly webinars on topics relevant to CFs and CF specific sessions at the Philanthropy Northwest Annual Conference.
3. **Shared Action:** We will create a COVID-19 data report showing the impact CFs have had in our region during the pandemic and continue to look for opportunities



### 2021 Governance Committee Co-Chairs

Karen Bilowith  
Idaho Community Foundation (ID)

Michelle DeWitt  
Bethel Community Services Foundation (AK)

Kol Medina  
Blue Mountain Community Foundation (WA)

### Committee Members

Tom Kelly  
Hawai'i Community Foundation (HI)

Vickery Hall  
Wyoming Community Foundation (WY)

Jessica Stewart-Kuntz  
Montana Community Foundation (MT)

### Philanthropy Northwest Staff

Maddy Metzger-Utt  
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where our network can work on together to strengthen our communities.

Each priority area is driven by a volunteer committee. If you or your team are searching for leadership opportunities among CF peers, joining a committee is an effective way to influence the region and sector. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on a committee. The Regional CF Network will only be successful if people are engaged and willing to move the work forward.

Please see the attached packet for benefits you will receive by becoming a member of the Regional CF Network. ***Joining the network also includes membership in Philanthropy Northwest and the programming and services that it offers.***

Dues will cover only a portion of our budget. Any additional grants beyond your dues will help us reach our goal and are highly encouraged.

We look forward to our future work together. Please feel free to reach out to [Maddy Metzger-Utt](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Regional CF Network Governance Committee