Community Vibrancy

Goal: Community members enjoy good quality of life, with inclusive access to and an appreciation for the arts, cultural opportunities and natural assets.

Together, we want to ensure that:

- Residents are enriched and educated through a diverse offering of arts and cultural activities in their communities and schools.
- The region’s historic, cultural and natural assets are supported to enrich current and future generations.

Our Investment Approach

The Community Foundation’s grantmaking will focus on activities that are directly tied to increasing opportunity for low-wealth residents. We will approach our grantmaking decisions through a priority of requirements that include:

- Access and equity for all residents
- High quality strengths-based programming
- Policy and advocacy support
- Collaboration with public, private, and other nonprofit partners.

We support local nonprofit organizations in providing effective programming and operations, advocacy and systems change, and capacity building. Our partners help ensure regional community vibrancy through the following strategies and activities listed on this page.

Arts & Culture

Strategies

- Providing access to arts & cultural programs for low to modest-wealth residents and school-aged youth
- Offering education & events that appeal to diverse and multi-generational audiences

Measurements

- # of student visitors from Title I Schools
- # and location of events offered
- # of attendees at cultural events
- # and % of people living in under-resourced communities reached by events & programming
- # of arts & cultural programs in schools
- Reports of audience satisfaction

Natural Resources

Strategies

- Providing access to natural resources for low to modest-wealth residents and school-aged youth
- Sustaining our environment through education, preservation & restoration

Measurements

- # of programs in Title I Schools
- # of students participating in outdoor activities & programs
- # of environmental programs conducted in schools
- Visitation rates

Community Inclusion

Strategies

- Fostering community inclusion & connectivity
- Engaging residents to self-advocate
- Facilitating volunteer & civic engagement opportunities

Measurements

- # of people engaged in volunteering or civic engagement activities

*The measures above are examples only; this list is not intended to be all-inclusive*