



MISSION

The Sequoia Foundation is committed to strengthening and enriching the quality of life in Tacoma and Pierce County. The Foundation pursues its mission by supporting well-managed nonprofit organizations and citizen initiatives that achieve measurable, high-quality results.

VALUES

The Foundation strives to honor the following while carrying out its mission:

- We value honesty, integrity, and respect in all our relationships.
- We value the power of community-based leadership.
- We value community-strengthening brought about by individuals who have a strong connection and commitment to where they live.
- We value investing Foundation resources in organizations that:
 - Demonstrate programmatic and fiscal accountability, transparency, and strength.
 - Develop and implement innovative and effective solutions meaningfully influenced by those with lived experience.
 - Regularly engage in planning and evaluation.
 - Develop and maintain strategic alliances that support the mission.
 - Are governed by diverse leaders whose expertise and experience are well-matched to the nature, needs, and purpose of the organizations they serve.

PROGRAM AREAS

Children and Youth Development

The Foundation believes that supporting the healthy development of children and youth is an essential investment in our community, promotes a more just society, and helps promote a more secure future for us all. We support efforts that:

- Promote the positive development of children and youth
- Maintain or increase the physical and emotional health, safety, and security of youth
- Maintain the availability of high-quality youth-serving programs and organizations

Community Building and Development

The Foundation envisions communities that are dynamic, diverse, and benefit from active and engaged citizens. We support efforts that:

- Promote and build collaborations and improve community systems
- Spur community and economic development
- Result in the physical improvement of neighborhoods or community-based public spaces
- Encourage volunteerism and service

Culture and the Arts

The Foundation believes that a robust cultural and art infrastructure is essential for creating vibrant, healthy communities.

We support efforts that:

- Promote the fiscally responsible management of cultural arts organizations
- Increase connections between community, economic development, and the arts
- Enhance the accessibility of cultural and artistic experiences and expressions
- Promote the artistic and cultural development of young people

Self Sufficiency

The Foundation believes that people in need deserve help, and that the highest form of help is assisting individuals and families to achieve greater levels of self-reliance and independence. We support efforts that:

- Increase or maintain the availability of food, clothing, shelter, housing, or other basic needs for people
- Maintain the availability and enhance the quality of service providers that help meet people's basic needs
- Help individuals or families become increasingly stable, self-sufficient, and successful

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The Foundation supports organizations and efforts based in and serving Pierce County and its residents.

CAPITAL PROJECT RESTRICTIONS

The Foundation does not currently accept unsolicited capital requests for facilities acquisition or construction. Proposals seeking support for smaller capital items used to support ongoing operations and/or efforts to improve organizational effectiveness will be considered.

Visit www.sequoiafound.org for more detailed guidelines and access to proposal submission links.