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THE BELLWETHER DISTRICT LAUNCHES COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND; INVITES ORGANIZATIONS SERVING SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UP TO \$25,000

*Community-led grant program will invest in local solutions advancing
workforce development, public health, and neighborhood resilience*

PHILADELPHIA – May 1, 2026 – Applications are now open for The Bellwether District Community Investment Fund, a new grant program designed to support community-driven initiatives across South and Southwest Philadelphia.

Now through Friday, June 26, eligible organizations can apply for funding through multiple grant types based on need, including:

- Community Transformation Grants (up to \$25,000)
- Mini Grants (up to \$1,000), and
- Micro Grants (up to \$500)

Organizations must be based in or primarily serve residents within the following zip codes: 19142, 19143, 19145, 19146, and 19153. Priority will be given to projects focused on workforce development and job training, violence prevention, environmental initiatives, youth programming, health initiatives, and hunger relief. Grants will be announced in fall of 2026 and distributed before the end of the year.

The Community Investment Fund was established as part of The Bellwether District's [Community Benefits Commitment](#), a community-led plan released in 2024 to support sustainability, job creation, and local investment throughout the site's development.

The commitment was shaped through more than 18 months of engagement with the project's Community Advisory Panel (CAP) - 16 member organizations representing residents of South and Southwest Philadelphia and interests across community development, public safety, transportation, education, faith, and the environment - along with broader community stakeholders.



Rooted in the [Community Benefits Commitment's "Community First" priority](#), the Bellwether District Community Investment Fund is designed to deliver community-steered investments directly to organizations working on the ground. An Advisory Board composed of members of the CAP will review applications and select grantees using a scoring rubric that prioritizes equitable distribution of grant funds. During the fund's inaugural year, \$100,000 will be distributed.

“The Bellwether District Community Investment Fund reflects our commitment to investing in the ideas, leadership, and priorities of South and Southwest Philadelphia communities,” said Mia Fioravanti, Executive Director of the HRP Impact Foundation. “By supporting grassroots efforts, this fund will strengthen neighborhood resilience, expand opportunity, and improve quality of life across South and Southwest Philadelphia. And by placing decision-making in the hands of community leaders, we ensure that we are supporting solutions that are locally driven, responsive, and built to create lasting impact.”

Organizations interested in applying can learn more and access the application at www.thebellwetherdistrict.com/community under the community tab. Additional information about eligibility, funding categories, and the review process is also available online.