

# Community Heart & Soul®

## Community Foundation of South Puget Sound Is Excited to Partner with Community Heart & Soul

### A Proven Community Development Model for Small Cities & Towns

Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that engages residents across an entire town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it.

When adopted by small cities and towns to guide planning and decision-making, Community Heart & Soul delivers a different way to approach engagement that is positive and inclusive. Community Heart & Soul gives municipal leaders a true representation of what matters most to their constituents, and the information gathered through the process guides decision-making and priorities for the long-term.

### Supported by a National Organization

Community Heart & Soul, a nonprofit operating foundation, builds stronger, healthier, and more economically vibrant small cities and towns across the United States. In addition to promoting the Community Heart & Soul model, they train and support a nationwide network of Certified Coaches who provide training and guidance to local communities.

### Heart & Soul communities experience a range of benefits including:

- **Strengthened relationships** with residents and increased resident participation in local government.
- **Increased volunteerism** and resident-driven community actions.
- **Deepened understanding** by municipal officials of community needs to inform long range plans.
- **Measurable impact** toward community and economic development goals.
- **Increased investment** from grants and the private sector to implement community projects.
- **Increased community pride.**



The best part of Community Heart & Soul is how it brings folks together to share what matters most. It builds pride, connection, and a shared sense of direction by making sure everyone has a voice in shaping our town's future."

—COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL PARTICIPANT/COORDINATOR

### Learn more at:

[thecommunityfoundation.com/connect/  
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## Great achievements happen when we work together!

You will receive the following support when your community joins over 140 small cities and towns across the country that have embraced Community Heart & Soul.

- **Community Heart & Soul Coaching:** Coaches play a vital role in supporting a community's Heart & Soul effort by serving as trainer, facilitator, consultant, and advocate throughout the process.
- **Proven Model & Tools:** Our step-by-step curriculum is designed for resident volunteers partnering with municipal leaders to strengthen their community. It provides proven tools and methods for engaging residents, developing guiding principles, prioritizing actions, and ensuring lasting change.
- **National Network:** Through Community Heart & Soul you are connected to a national network of municipal leaders who want to make decisions based on what matters most to residents. You will develop relationships with other local leaders who share the same goals: building stronger and more vibrant communities.

### Funding to Get Started

Community Foundation of South Puget Sound's Community Heart & Soul program awards up to \$40K in funding over two years for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10K cash match.

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We're excited to partner with Community Heart & Soul because this partnership helps us support the relationships, trust, and local leadership that allow neighbors to solve problems and address opportunities together—especially in the rural communities we serve."

—MINDIE REULE, PRESIDENT & CEO

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