



HSD Guiding Principles

In addition to the investment outcomes stated in a funding opportunity, investments will reflect the Seattle Human Services Department's vision, mission, values, and support the department's theory of change.

Vision – Healthy Communities, Healthy Families

The vision of the Seattle Human Services Department is that all basic needs in our communities are met through innovative and collaborative approaches. Greater Seattle is a place where the richness of our diversity is valued, all of our communities thrive, and people grow up and grow old with opportunity and dignity.

Mission

The mission of the Seattle Human Services Department is to connect people with resources and solutions during times of need so we can all live, learn, work and take part in strong, healthy communities.

Values

We accomplish our mission by adhering to core values and funding programs whose work supports them:

- **Results and Racial Equity** – our resources are devoted to addressing and eliminating racial, social, economic, and health disparities in our community.
- **Stewardship** – we fund and administer programs that are accountable, cost-effective, and research-based, ensuring people receive high-quality services.
- **Innovation** – we foster an environment where creativity and new approaches are valued, tested, refined, and implemented.
- **Collaboration** – we share the collective wisdom of our colleagues and community to develop and implement programs.

Through the lens of equity, HSD supports programs, initiatives, and policies that address six key impact areas:

Preparing Youth for Success
Supporting Affordability and Livability
Addressing Homelessness
Promoting Public Health
Supporting Safe Communities, Safe Lives
Promoting Healthy Aging