

Jackson Leadership Fellows • Larry Phillips Fund for Climate Change and the Environment



Background

Larry Phillips has been one of the most engaged and effective public servants in King County and the State of Washington for the last three decades (1988-2015). His dedication to the people of the Northwest has been demonstrated

through his leadership on growth management, natural resource protection, water quality, transportation, and climate change. As a representative in the Washington State Legislature, Larry was an author of the state's growth management act to protect natural resource lands and prevent sprawl. Later elected to the King County Council, he served a record-setting five terms as Council Chair, where he is credited with preserving over 165,000 acres of forests, farmlands, and salmon habitat. Through his service on the board of Sound Transit, as a transportation advocate Larry worked to deliver the region's first light rail line and ensuing expansions. In his final years in elected office, Larry penned King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan, a nationally significant policy cited by many as one of the most comprehensive and visionary blueprints for local governments to confront climate change.

Larry has often said, "The beauty of our region and our great natural resources are only surpassed by the energy and creativity of the people who live here." While a champion for the environment, Larry is equally passionate about developing the leaders of tomorrow who will tackle our most pressing challenges. For these reasons, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation has created the Jackson Leadership Fellows • Larry Phillips Fund for Climate Change and the Environment to assist emerging

leaders in the fields of climate change and environmental protection. Larry started his career in public service as a legislative assistant to the late Senator Jackson whose leadership values Larry has emulated in his own career and continues to promote as a long-standing, active member of the foundation's Board of Governors. The Henry M. Jackson Foundation, established over 30 years ago to honor the legacy of its namesake, is a well-respected local and national institution and offers the ideal holding place for this new Jackson Leadership Fellows • Larry Phillips Fund.

Program purpose

The Jackson Leadership Fellows • Larry Phillips Fund for Climate Change and the Environment is intended to support participants in the Henry M. Jackson Leadership Fellows Program who are interested in fostering bipartisan solutions in the fields of climate change and the environment, reflecting issues of significance that defined Larry Phillips' career in public service. These funds are envisioned to provide annual support to one or more Fellows who focus their project on issues related to climate change and other environmental concerns.

Program funding and distribution

Monies for this Fund will be held and distributed by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. The Foundation's Executive Director will decide annually on the appropriate amount of funds for distribution and the Jackson Leadership Fellow(s) to whom the funds will be provided. Larry Phillips, in his capacity as a Jackson Foundation Board member, will be consulted by the Executive Director regarding the use of the funds. The amount distributed will be at the sole discretion of the Jackson Foundation.