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Our 2019 Tapestries center on the International District and the Innovation District – and explore ways we can bridge together the populations and resources in these two highly diverse districts. To do this effectively, Foundation staff has been on a listening tour with dozens of nonprofits and community leaders in both Districts. These conversations are informing our funding focus and will allow us to respond to the immediate needs and long-term goals identified directly by the communities served.

In both the International District and Innovation District, Tapestry will focus on pooling multiple resources – financial, in-kind and volunteer – for a multi-layered impact. Grants made in these areas will span all fields of funding including: education, homelessness, human services, health, economic development/entrepreneurship, environmental preservation and the arts. With 2019 barely underway, we’ve already made three Tapestry grants: funding for the International District Healthy Communities Coalition to support their business cooperative program and job skills training for immigrants and refugees; the Enhance Fund to provide funding for low-income entrepreneurs (from the International District and beyond) to have access to entrepreneurial services at FatPipeABQ, in the heart of the Innovation District; and to Anel de la Sangre for students at Cesar Chavez Community School in the International District to paint a public mural and beautify the exterior walls of 999 Seafood Market near Gibson and San Mateo.

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