About the Yesler Terrace redevelopment

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create an equitable and sustainable urban neighborhood.

30 acres of prime property in the heart of the city.

Seattle Housing Authority is creating a diverse, mixed-income neighborhood with parks and green space, retail and services, offices, and connections to neighboring communities.

New affordable housing for low-income families, including all residents who choose to return.

Nearly $4.5 million earmarked to support education, enhanced job opportunities, and access to health care for Yesler area residents.

Yesler collaborative (YCC)

Formed in June 2014 to support efforts of Seattle Housing Authority and other community partners.

The Seattle Foundation, Boeing and Bullitt Foundation were early contributors.

Multiyear grant provided by JPMorgan Chase for ongoing operating support.

Opportunities

- Address needs in surrounding communities.
- Create partnerships and incentives for community-based organizations and local institutions to work together for the benefit of residents and local businesses.
- Leverage public investment and secure additional funding to strengthen and preserve surrounding neighborhoods.

YCC roles

- Coordinate, connect, and convene communities and partners to agree on and implement a shared vision and goals.
- Support community partners to align and integrate efforts in six areas: education, health and well-being, economic opportunity, housing, environment and creative place-making.

Our work ahead in 2016

YCC will deepen support for community partners and the Seattle Housing Authority by:

- Convening partners and supporting their collective activity across issue areas and neighborhoods.
- Identifying metrics and tracking success against goals.
- Identifying and facilitating opportunities to advance strategic priorities.
- Serving as a clearinghouse for partnership and funding opportunities.

What success looks like

- All communities within and around the Yesler neighborhood will have an influential voice.
- YCC partners will have achieved their shared goals and will continue to work together.
- Pilot projects launched by partners will have secured additional funding to go to scale.
- Yesler Terrace and adjacent neighborhoods will be seamlessly connected, while each community maintains its unique character.
- Yesler neighborhood residents, and those in surrounding communities, will benefit from the myriad health care, educational, arts and culture, and employment resources available to them.
- The redeveloped Yesler Terrace will have met partners’ highest expectations for an equitable, inclusive, sustainable urban neighborhood.