

# IECF SIGNATURE FUNDS

IECF is proud to announce a slate of **Signature Funds**, each of which is dedicated to addressing different pressing issues within the IE. Based on the critical needs of our residents in this region, these Signature Funds are supporting solutions that will make a meaningful difference now and in the future.

## IECF's SIGNATURE FUNDS ARE:



**Black Equity Fund**, established in 2020 as a regional pooled fund to advance racial equity and combat anti-Black racism, and support long-term investments in Black-led organizations. This fund is held in partnership with the Inland Empire Black Equity Initiative and the Inland Empire Funders Alliance.



**Here for Good Fund**, chaired by our CEO Michelle Decker and partner Randall Lewis, was established in 1992 to provide annual support and community leadership on multiple issues, including advancing regional innovation and nonprofit capacity-building through regional fundraising and advocacy programs.



**CIELO Fund for Latino Empowerment**, led by Board Member Jesse Melgar and the CIELO Leadership and Grant Committee, was established to empower the lives and futures of Latinos in the Inland Empire through community philanthropy, investment in educational excellence, leadership development, program and project support, and capacity building.



**Journalism and Media Fund**, is chaired by our Immediate Past Board President, Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, the fund was established to support IE journalism and media outlets and build the pipeline of talent for the sector.



**FRIeNDS of Veterans Fund**, benefiting veterans residing in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties whose needs include but are not limited to legal aid services, post-military education and skills-building, housing, basic needs, as well as physical and mental health.



**Salton Sea Community, Economic, and Environment Fund (SSCEEF)**, is chaired by our Board Vice President Jeremy Hobbs, to support the social, economic, and environmental resilience of the Salton Sea and surrounding communities.



**Fund for a Creative IE**, chaired by Board Member Ann Sheffer, was established to enable arts organizations to advocate locally and statewide in an equitable way, and to create partnerships with businesses and government to increase access to the arts for vulnerable and underserved populations.



**Women's Giving Fund (WGF)**, is chaired by our Board President Nefertiti Long in concert with the Women's Giving Fund Committee, educates women about philanthropy and provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the Inland Empire that address critical quality of life issues for women and children.



The Inland Empire Community Foundation is the oldest and largest foundation in the Inland Empire. For over 80 years, IECF has grown from a small scholarship distribution committee in Riverside to a nationally accredited institution that serves Riverside and San Bernardino counties and its many donors and nonprofits. Through the power of philanthropy, we're helping communities build the assets and resources they need to take care of themselves over time.

**Giving to IECF's Signature Funds is easy**, and we welcome gifts of any amount that strike a chord with you! You can donate online by scanning the QR code below; simply select the fund(s) of your choice and make an online contribution with a credit card. Or, mail a check with the fund name(s) in the memo line to: IECF Attn: Brie Griseth Smith, 3700 Sixth Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501. Be sure to include your contact information as well. In addition to cash-giving options, we are also delighted to help you give complex assets or start your own fund with IECF.

"IECF's Signature Funds are an important step towards a larger vision to build a Culture of Philanthropy here, growing the resources of our nonprofits, communities, and institutions needed to meet our future and unite many efforts."

**Michelle Decker**, IECF CEO & President, Co-chair Here for Good Fund

**Randall Lewis**, Senior Executive VP Lewis Management Corporation,  
Co-chair Here for Good Fund



To learn more about IECF's Signature Funds and other opportunities to make a difference, please contact Brie Griseth Smith, Senior Vice President of Charitable Giving, at [bgrisethsmith@iegives.org](mailto:bgrisethsmith@iegives.org).

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