

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS PLANNING CONTEXT

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Key Findings / Takeaways

- Existing non-profits and community organizations have created new partnerships to leverage resources and fund rebuilding efforts.
- Organizational silos could reduce the impact of donations.
- There are opportunities to leverage capacity if community organizations work with local government to coordinate projects.

Existing Plans, Policies, Projects, or Funding

Pre-Disaster

- **Detroit Lake Foundation** (<https://www.detroitlakefoundation.org/>) funds and organizes efforts to beautify the city and bring the community together. Recent projects include partnering with the Santiam Rebuild Coalition to build the Detroit Community Center which will provide 24,000 square feet of space for community activities. The Foundation existed before the 2020 fires but has since shifted focus to respond to new community needs.
- **Santiam Service Integration Program (SIT)** (<http://santiamhospital.org/s-i-t-2/>) was established in 2017 “to coordinate community providers and services to identify needs, find solutions, and avoid duplication of services.” The Program works with a variety of partners to meet community needs, including local and state governments, law enforcement, school districts, businesses, nonprofits, and more. They have standing meetings, many active service providers, and an established model for decision-making. In addition to their ongoing integration work, SIT is working with the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund to distribute aid to families in need. Examples of SIT recovery services includes assisting households with applying to FEMA, assisting with disaster case management, and connecting people to health and social services. Santiam SIT has established a website dedicated to **SIT’s wildfire relief** (<https://santiamcanyonwildfirerelieffund.org/santiam-sit/>) and provides information on other services and programs available to the community.

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SERVICE INTEGRATION'S PURPOSE



Santiam SIT serves as a safety net by facilitating resources and information for individuals and families. The program is designed to coordinate community providers and services to identify needs, find solutions, and avoid duplication of services. We are actively seeking our partners to include local school districts, law enforcement, local and state governments, faith communities, businesses, non-profits, early childhood providers, community volunteers, and other interested parties. Together, we can share resources and work efficiently and effectively to benefit those most in need.

Post-Disaster

- **Oregon Community Rebuilding Fund**
(<https://mmt.org/CommunityRebuildingFund>) was established by the Meyer Memorial Trust, Oregon Community Foundation, and The Ford Family Foundation to coordinate private and philanthropic donations for communities impacted by 2020 wildfires. Their organizational focus areas include: rural communities, equity, and infrastructure.
- **Santiam Canyon Long Term Recovery Group**
(<https://www.unitedwaymwv.org/news--updates>) is a collaborative effort between over 110 community partners to support long term recovery. The United Way has supported the effort with nearly \$1 million in funding and is facilitating structuring of the recovery group. United Way will serve as the fiscal agent for the Santiam Canyon Long Term Recovery Group to increase access to additional funding through private agencies, state and federal groups, and other national funding opportunities.
- **Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund (501c3)**
(<https://santiamcanyonwildfirerelieffund.org/>) was established in September 2020 to raise funds to support relief and cleanup efforts and assist with rebuilding. Recovery grants up to \$5,000 are available for property owners who lost their homes. This organization includes support for incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Santiam Canyon.

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- **Santiam Rebuild Coalition** (<https://santiamrebuildcoalition.org/>) is organized and managed by SEDCOR Construction Alliance, a group of licensed and insured construction industry members who have committed materials and labor to fast-track community rebuilding for Detroit.
- **The Ford Family Foundation** (<https://www.tfff.org/wildfire-2020-response>) hosts weekly calls and presentations on a variety of topics related to Oregon's wildfire recovery including resiliency, community building, and equity. The weekly meetings also provide a resource for networking opportunities for impacted communities with philanthropic organizations and other resources.

Opportunities for Recovery

Local, regional, and national recovery groups mobilized quickly following the 2020 wildfires. As local governments initiate visioning and rebuilding efforts, there are opportunities for engagement with community recovery organizations. These public-private or public-nonprofit partnerships have the capacity to generate renewed community interest and involvement in planning activities. For example, the Detroit Lake Foundation and Santiam Rebuild Coalition have already leveraged resources to begin construction on the Detroit Community Center. These catalytic projects can spur investment and provide hope in the communities impacted by the 2020 wildfires.

Recommendations

- Identify opportunities to further build upon existing public-private and public-nonprofit partnerships in order to leverage resources, reduce duplication, and support community visioning and rebuilding efforts.
- Maintain, expand, and use the Planning Resource Directory developed by OAPA and FEMA's Community Planning and Capacity Building staff to further engage with partner organizations in identifying projects, leveraging resources, and building problem-solving coalitions.