Why are you doing a new strategic framework?
With all of the change underway across Metro Denver and our region, it’s important to reflect on how we can serve the community most effectively. We’ve been working off an existing plan for the past 10 years; the plan sunsets in 2021. Our goal is to make sure we’re being responsive to community needs. It’s a chance for us to listen to the community and set a refreshed agenda based on what we hear. We hope everyone will participate by attending an input session, hosting an input session with their constituencies in partnership with the Foundation, or completing the online survey.

What is the timeline for the Strategic Framework process?
Framework development is underway. We began informal listening sessions in Q4 2019. We are currently focused on collecting data from the community. The strategic framework will roll out in early 2021, once approved by The Denver Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

What period of time will be covered by the Strategic Framework?
The framework will guide us for the next ten years. The strategies for achieving the framework’s goals will be reviewed every few years.

What kinds of things will the included in the new Strategic Framework?
In building a new strategic framework, The Denver Foundation will look at all aspects of the Foundation’s work to make sure we’re operating effectively and sustainably in the future. We’ll be looking at core purpose, business model, and broad activities that will help us achieve our core purpose.

Will the Foundation’s grantmaking priorities shift as a result of the Framework?
The Foundation’s grantmaking priorities will take shape after the Framework is developed and approved. We will take into account community input about today’s most pressing issues, as well as quantitative data about the region, in refining grantmaking priorities.

Can the community provide input into the Strategic Framework?
Absolutely! Our goal is to collect 10,000 points of input from a diverse range of people across the region. To do this, we are connecting with a broad range of representatives, including those we currently work with and serve and those who are outside of our current funding and focus areas, reach, and existing networks.

How can I give input?
There are many ways to participate, including attending input sessions and town halls and/or completing our online survey. Visit denverfoundation.org/framethefuture to engage.
Can people outside of Metro Denver area participate?
Yes! Everyone in Colorado is welcome to attend a session and/or complete the survey.

How will community input be used?
The input will used in a number of ways:

- It will be consolidated into information that will be considered by the Board of Trustees as they develop the stakeholder framework.
- It will be shared with The Denver Foundation staff.
- It will be shared back with the community and those who participated.
- It will inform the development of an operational plan.

Can someone choose to give input anonymously?
Absolutely. All responses to the online survey will be collected via a Google form that does not require any personal or identifying information. We will not collect the names or any information on those who attend community input sessions, unless a participant wishes to attach their name. All information collected will be confidential.

Is The Denver Foundation working with a consultant?
Yes. After a thorough selection process that generated interest from local and national firms, we engaged Ekstrom Alley Clontz & Associates (EAC), which has worked with more than 100 community foundation across the country. EAC will work with a Guiding Committee comprised of staff and members of the Board of Trustees. EAC will support the development of the Strategic Framework through data aggregation and presentations for the Board of Trustees and external stakeholders.

Can I host an input session?
Yes! When you complete the online survey, you’ll have the option to sign up to host an input session. We’ll provide you with a guide to make it a simple process. You’re also welcome to email framethefuture@denverfoundation.org.

How can I stay informed of your progress?
We will share frequent updates on our progress via email and through our social media channels, @TDFcommunity #FrameTheFuture.

What if I have more questions?
Please email framethefuture@denverfoundation.org.