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Fred Blackwell is a visionary leader working to ensure shared prosperity, innovation, and equity in the Bay Area. As CEO of The San Francisco Foundation, he leads one of the largest community foundations in the country, working hand-in-hand with donors, nonprofits, community leaders, business, and government partners in philanthropy to identify, influence, and leverage best practices and long-term solutions to make a greater impact in our community.

Mr. Blackwell currently serves on the board of the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Legacy Fund, on the advisory council for Berkeley's College of Environmental Design, and as an advisor for Google Impact Challenge: Bay Area. He previously served on the boards of the California Redevelopment Association, Urban Habitat Program, LeaderSpring, SPUR, and Leadership Excellence. He holds a master's degree in City Planning from U.C. Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Morehouse College.



Established in 1948, The San Francisco Foundation (TSFF) is committed to serving the people of the Bay Area. As an incubator for community investment, original ideas, and passionate leadership, TSFF has become one of the nation's largest community foundations in grantmaking and assets, giving millions of dollars a year to make the Bay Area the best place it can be.

Currently, TSFF is tackling widening inequality, increasing poverty, and declines in upward economic mobility despite historic levels of prosperity. Staying true to its commitment to serving the people of the Bay Area, TSFF recently launched an ambitious strategy to advance racial and economic equity across the Bay Area.