RESILIENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND (RCIFund)

The RCIFund is an investment tool, bringing together public and private partners, to secure a resilient future in the cities we live in. With more than half of the world’s population living in urban areas and expected to reach 70 percent by 2050, urgent action is required to ensure our cities can withstand the effects of multiple shocks and stresses.

The RCIFund will provide cities with the connections and resources to secure a resilient future. The fund is the first of its kind to focus on building holistic resilience that generates measurable reductions in vulnerability around the world.

When a city is resilient, it has the capacity to ensure its infrastructure, businesses, institutions, communities and individuals survive and thrive, no matter what chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

Business-as-usual models of siloed and reactive planning do not provide cities with the means to thrive in the face of the acute shocks and chronic stresses of the 21st century. Acute shocks are sudden, intense events that threaten a community, such as natural disasters, cyberattacks or civil unrest. The impact of these shocks are often exacerbated by chronic stresses that can weaken cities over time, such as recurrent flooding and high unemployment.

Resilient Cities Network and partners will raise funds for the RCIFund, targeting a minimum $10 million USD by end of year 2024. Resources will be targeted toward resilience projects that can further leverage funding from local stakeholders and align with city priorities. Solutions developed through a resilience lens allow cities to enjoy multiple benefits, or resilience dividends – maximizing the value of every dollar spent, and ultimately, improving overall quality of life.

MODEL & MANAGEMENT

Layer One: Global Fund

R-Cities Network Members

Resilience Strategies

R-Cities Programs

Resilience Projects

Layer Two: Local Level

RCIFund Grants

Matching Funds

TIMING

The fund was launched in 2022. A global call for co-funding was issued at the time of the launch with initial seed funding committed. The minimum donor contribution is set at $250,000 USD. First round grants to cities will be awarded by the end of 2022.

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