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Dear Impact100 Garden State community,

Over the past several months, we have shared the journey of developing our next Strategic Direction Framework. We began by gathering your feedback through our Strategic Framework Survey and then reflected on the accomplishments of our 2024–2026 Strategic Plan.

Today, we are pleased to share our 2026–2029 Strategic Direction Framework.

This framework reflects the feedback we received from members, nonprofit partners, and past members, while building on the strong foundation established through our previous strategic plan. It outlines the priorities that will guide our work over the next three years and our continued commitment to strengthening the member experience, supporting nonprofit partners, and positioning Impact100 Garden State for long-term success.

Over the next three years, our work will focus on:

Membership Engagement & Optimal Size

Strengthening member connection while growing thoughtfully and preserving the sense of community that defines Impact100 Garden State.

Grant Size & Merit Awards

Maintaining our signature $100,000 grants while implementing a more structured approach to merit awards.

Grant Process & Timeline

Continuing to streamline the grant process to improve the experience for nonprofit partners and members while maintaining the rigor and integrity of our grantmaking.

Funding Priorities

Continuing to support our five focus areas while creating opportunities to elevate underfunded needs through education and strategic storytelling.

Organizational Structure

Evaluating the organizational structure that best positions Impact100 Garden State for long-term sustainability.

As shared in our previous update, some of this work is already underway. We have implemented SurveyMonkey Apply to streamline our grant process and established a $10,000 minimum merit award for finalists who do not receive a $100,000 grant. These early actions reflect our commitment to turning member feedback into meaningful progress.

View the 2026–2029 Strategic Direction Framework

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Strategic Framework Survey and to all who continue to support our mission. We look forward to working alongside you as we bring this framework to life over the next three years.

With appreciation,

Impact100 Garden State Leadership Team