

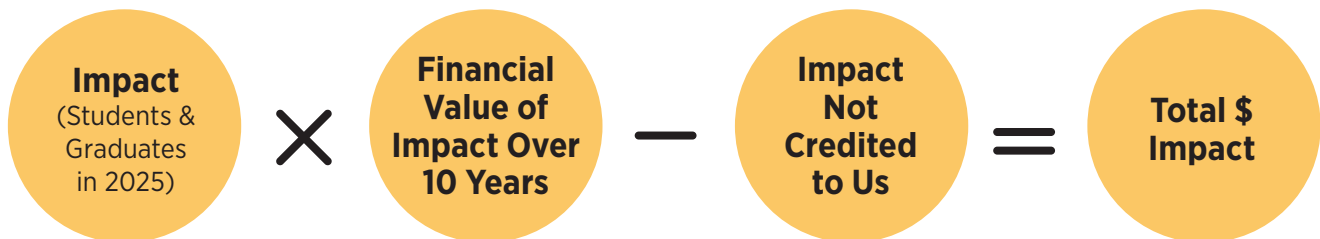
# FARESTART'S COMMUNITY IMPACT



FareStart helps people gain job skills to secure meaningful employment and lasting stability. **Every graduate's success fuels a stronger, healthier community.** Our social return on investment model shows just how far that impact reaches.

## What is social return on investment (SROI)?

SROI is a framework to understand, evaluate and quantify an organization's contribution—economic, social, and environmental value—towards strengthening its communities. FareStart used Social Value International's SROI model and combined our internal data with reputable published government and nonprofit data\* to calculate our social value impact.



## Financial Investment in 2025

For donors and partners, SROI provides a clearer understanding of how contributions translate into long-term impact. A single investment can support increased earnings, greater housing stability, and stronger communities. SROI also guides our work, highlighting where the greatest impact is created so resources can be used effectively.

\*Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington State Department of Corrections, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, Harvard Political Review, and more.

## FareStart's SROI

In 2025, FareStart invested **\$11.4 million in its programs**. Over the next 10 years, that investment is projected to generate **more than \$45 million in community value** through increased wages, tax contributions, and reduced public resource and food benefit costs.

In other words, every **\$1 invested in FareStart returns \$4 in local impact**.

**\$19.1M**

By helping young people and adults find employment after graduating from our job training programs, we **generate \$19.1M in wages**.

**\$7.7M**

When FareStart graduates have jobs, they can access stable housing, which **saves the community \$7.7M** in homeless and housing services.

**\$6.4M**

FareStart's consulting services help like-minded organizations increase their graduation rates, **generating an additional \$6.4M** in wages.

**\$5.2M**

By providing opportunities to justice-involved individuals, we reduce the likelihood of recidivism, **saving the public \$5.2M**.

**\$3.3M**

When FareStart graduates gain employment, they **contribute \$3.3M in taxes**, which benefits the entire community.



Learn more about FareStart's SROI.



**“At FareStart, they understood I had a past, but they said, ‘We’re not going to judge you for your past. We want to help you with your future.’ Once you can get people not focused on when they’ve tripped up, they can start to take steps in the right direction.”**

— FareStart Graduate

