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A number of institutions have secured commitments to offer funding to facilitate partnerships between faculty and community partners. At UC Davis, the institution-wide Public Impact Research Initiative was developed in 2020. This program was developed after an extensive internal study process to understand barriers to faculty in pursuing community engagement, and an institutional working group to address improving university public scholarship. This panel, which will include researchers, community partners, and program leaders, will discuss the goals, approaches, and outcomes of this research seed grant program. Outcomes from the first three years of this program have included newly developed community-university partnerships, externally supported grants and contracts, community-driven expansion and funding of research avenues, scholarly research presentations and manuscripts, and increased national recognition of community engaged research programs at UC Davis. The panel will feature examples from different perspectives about the impact of this program.