



2024 Seattle Foundation Grant Programs Overview

Seattle Foundation’s vision focuses on ensuring a joyful region of shared prosperity, belonging, and justice for all. To advance this vision, the Foundation makes investments in community-led strategies and movements that sustain the capacity of nonprofits, coalitions, and leaders to do their best work and transform systems through power-building and policy change. We invest in communities most impacted by racism and poverty, to bring about change that benefits everyone.

Website: <https://www.seattlefoundation.org/what-we-do/>

Seattle Foundation Core Grant Programs Overview

Program	Communities Of Opportunity Systems & Policy (COO)	Voter Education Fund	Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N)	Fund for Inclusive Recovery
Program Overview	As part of Communities of Opportunity Partnership with King County, this program invests in community-driven priorities that center public policy as a lever for systems change.	In partnership with King County Elections, we support efforts to increase voter participation and civic engagement with historically low-voter turnout communities in King County.	Supports grassroots efforts that increase community capacity, power, and influence of community members affected by poverty and racial disparities. Open to groups with annual budgets of \$200K/less and focused in South Seattle, White Center, Kent or SeaTac/Tukwila.	Supports community power and base building approaches that create the necessary foundation for meaningful systems and policy change with a focus on BIPOC-led and rooted strategies aimed at transforming systems that perpetuate inequities.
Funding Period	2 years	2 years as well as seed funding for 1-year efforts	1 year	2-3 years
Application	Open RFP in 2025	Open RFP in 2025	Open RFP quarterly Jan 30, April 30, July 30, Oct 30	Open RFP in Fall 2024
Typical Grant Amount	\$125K-\$200K annual grants	\$5K-\$25K annual grants	\$7,500	\$200K annual grants
More information	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/blu-eprint-for-impact/center-for-community-partnerships/communities-of-opportunity/	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/what-we-do/core-programs/voter-education/	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/neighbor-to-neighbor/	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/blu-eprint-for-impact/civic-leadership/fund-for-inclusive-recovery/

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Other Programs Under Seattle Foundation Management

Program	Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation	Whitehorse Foundation	Medical Funds	Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund
Program Overview	Provides funding for capital and equipment projects to organizations working to improve the quality of life and benefit residents in Northwest Washington. At this time, they are prioritizing projects outside of King County.	Funds organizations working to improve the quality of life for residents of Snohomish County, Washington. The Foundation focuses on programs that address prevention of problems and community challenges rather than later interventions—comprehensive services that respond to the full range of child, youth, and family needs.	Grants are available in the fields of cancer, cardio-pulmonary disease, multiple sclerosis, auto-immune, and diabetes to support purchase of equipment. Grants are also available to support the healthcare needs of low-income children for equipment and support for capital campaigns or facility renovation projects.	Grants are awarded to a broad range of charitable organizations serving Clallam County.
Funding Period	1 year	Multi year	1 year	1 year
Application	Open RFP	Open LOI, invited applications submit in May and November	Annual grantmaking period in Summer	Open LOI opens every April, grants are submitted every May
Typical Grant Amount	\$3,000 - \$7,000	\$25K - \$200K	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$50,000
More Information	https://archibaldfoundation.org/	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SeaFdn-Whitehorse-Foundation.pdf	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/current-grant-opportunities/	https://www.seattlefoundation.org/current-grant-opportunities/



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Blueprint for Impact

The Blueprint for Impact is Seattle Foundation’s guiding framework that charts a pathway for advancing racial and economic equity. Informed by decades of partnership with local nonprofit organizations, it is our approach to grantmaking and civic leadership, built on Seattle Foundation’s relationships with diverse communities, candid feedback, and our partners’ deep expertise.

Our region has undergone unprecedented economic growth while racial and wealth disparities have increased, and the compounding crises of 2020 – from the COVID-19 pandemic to our nation’s racial reckoning – have only accelerated inequities. The Blueprint for Impact is informed by lessons from our past, bolstered by data revealing stark racial inequities among Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and under-resourced communities, and encouraged by the belief that centering equity in our work will lead to a better future for all.

The three pillars of a thriving region are:

- **A Just Democracy:** Ensures individuals and communities are fairly represented and hold political power such that policies and processes center those most impacted by inequities.
- **Equitable Economy:** Ensures inclusive growth and fundamental financial security for individuals and communities.
- **Resilient Environment:** Ensures that individuals and communities thrive in a healthy built and natural environment.

Fund for Inclusive Recovery

The COVID-19 Response Fund evolved into the Fund for Inclusive Recovery, a pooled fund investing in BIPOC leaders, organizations, and communities most impacted by the pandemic and systemic racism. These targeted resources will help our community emerge from this crisis as a stronger, more unified region. We are working with a Community Advisory Group of 20 local, mostly BIPOC leaders to identify investments that will build organizations’ capacity. These investments provide flexible, sustained funding for organizations, boost grassroots organizations and leaders, and offer working capital for chronically under-resourced organizations. Our goal is to raise and deploy \$50 million for the Fund for Inclusive Recovery over five years (2022-2027). In April 2022, we made Phase 1 investments of \$12.6M supporting community power and base building approaches that create the necessary foundation for meaningful systems and policy change. Phase 2 investments in Summer 2024 include \$4.2M to extend funding to the original set of grantees, understanding the need for multiyear operational support, and \$3M to fund a new subset of additional grantees to fill gaps based on population or issues areas not currently represented. Phase 3 includes \$3M to support new cross racial and cross-cultural partnership and organizing efforts slated for the Fall of 2024.

REPAIR – Racially Equitable Philanthropy Aimed at Initiating Reparations

REPAIR is a framework aimed at advancing and supporting Black-led community leadership. Through REPAIR, Seattle Foundation is committing to a minimum investment of \$25 million to Black-led organizations in the Seattle region over a five-year period, beginning in 2021. REPAIR represents a comprehensive approach to a sustained shift in how we partner with and support the Black community across all organizational functions—engagement of donors and fundholders, grantmaking priorities, and development of internal accounting and operational practices.

Weaving Wealth

Seattle Foundation launched Weaving Wealth, an Indigenous framework in 2023, that leverages funding and advocacy to amplify the work of Native-led nonprofits and community movements in King County. Weaving Wealth will prioritize a general operating support approach that allows Native-led groups and Tribes to self-determine where resources are most needed to drive future systems change.