



## Grants Funded 2022

### Winter 2022 Grants

1. **African Community Alliance\*\***: To support the structure of a burgeoning African Community Alliance, a 16+ coalition of community organizations largely anchored in South King County, united to empower and appropriately serve their cultural communities, while also understanding the power of a larger African collective.
2. **Global Wisdom Collective\*\***: To pilot an intergenerational knowledge sharing program in partnership with Khmer Community of Seattle King County and others looking to document their elders and traditional ecological wisdom of their community.
3. **Griot Girlz\***: To curate a series of intergenerational gatherings of South Seattle area Black Womxn and Gxrlz incorporating ritual poetic drama within the African continuum to foster relationships, cultural connection and empower the collective with the power of storytelling towards liberation.
4. **Haida Roots**: To support online Haida language classes, and usage of the newly created Haida home immersion curriculum, for Seattle area Alaskan Native families in order to protect indigenous language from extinction, promote healing, and strengthen community bonds.
5. **Inside White Center\*\***: To support skills building and further develop the Inside White Center podcast, a communities of color driven storytelling and media effort meant to celebrate community successes, inspire listeners as they hear about great work happening in White Center, and empower people with information so they can be part of moving our community continually forward.
6. **People of the Confluence\***: To support indigenous youth in South Seattle and White Center with Planting Roots & 13 Moons of Medicine teachings to instill cultural competency, a spirit of potlatch, and the skills necessary to understand the culturally, scientifically and legally effective ways to protect our water, air, earth and spirit.
7. **Pro Se Potential\*\***: To engage BIPOC youth from Kent and surrounding areas with social-emotional learning circles and team building activities to create connections and build community.
8. **Red De Apoyo Comunitario (REDACO)\***: To expand the existing Burien community network by establishing and growing membership of a White Center group led by those impacted, facilitating "Know Your Rights" trainings for immigrant and undocumented people, and developing outreach and communication plans to build the base.
9. **Rooted Reentry\***: To support formerly incarcerated Black Indigenous and people of color, and their loved ones, largely in South Seattle and surrounding areas, with community centered reentry, peer support and leadership development so they can remain in the community.
10. **The UpNUP\***: To support a multimedia Podcast centered around cultivating Black and communities of color culture through storytelling and representation, inspiring and empowering listeners in the greater South Seattle towards community engagement and breaking down systemic barriers.
11. **WA State Coalition of African Community Leaders**: To support a partnership with the Rainier Valley Leadership Academy to offer a new Afro Cultural Stamp program targeting Black/African youth to empower, teach culture and history, and to deepen relationships between African born and African American communities.

### Spring 2022 Grants

1. **ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop\***: To support "Rites of Passage" for young girls of color in South Seattle, a program that emphasizes the study of West African culture, music, song, and dance; teaches key

socio-emotional skills; and develops deep relationships as young women are mentored by elders from the community.

2. **Braided Seeds\***: To support Kent BIPOC children and families experience nature through culturally competent activities that foster justice, environmental stewardship, self-empowerment, community building, and hopeful long-term connection with our local lands.
3. **Casa Surya Healings**: To continue support of South Seattle/White Center and area Latinx, indigenous and often undocumented communities through cultural and ancestral healing. Community healing is holistic (mental, emotional, ancestral) and deeply connected to our roots, to the land, to mother earth using teachers and practices from Mexico and Latin America.
4. **Filthy Rags Outreach\***: To support weekly peer-to-peer mentoring groups of South Seattle area BIPOC, formerly incarcerated youth and young adults with the goal of exposing the false narratives of the street and gang lifestyles and equipping them with skills, knowledge, and connections to break the cycle of violence and recidivism. Formerly incarcerated mentors coach and support participants through this process.
5. **Gifts of Hope\***: To support Black, South Seattle area 16–24-year old's experiencing homelessness to gather with mentors, receive support and build community through African traditions and markers of rites of passages from youth to adulthood that have been historically lost. Participants commit to returning as mentors for the next group.
6. **Immigrant Seniors and Youth United\***: To support African immigrant communities in Kent and South King County through multi-generational gatherings, where seniors and youth have an opportunity to engage in culturally specific activities and discussions focused especially on physical activity and mental health.
7. **Inspire Family Institute\*\***: To support formalization of a White Center area BIPOC parents advocacy group, a peer-driven space to connect, share experiences, and build skills to advocate for racial equity systems changes in early learning education.
8. **It Takes a Village\***: To increase civic engagement of the Black community in South Seattle through several topical, educational gatherings focused on mental health, affordable housing, climate change, youth violence, and small business support. This work builds off several successful years of community activation via the annual Juneteenth Celebration at Othello Park.
9. **New Connections of South King County**: To support the "Fresh Start" program focused on Kent and South King County Latino youth to address social, economic and educational disparities specifically with a photo V.P.R. (Violence, Peace, and Restoration) project using photography to document their experiences and channel their collective voice to serve the community.
10. **Queens Project**: To support "The Giving Tree"- a wisdom circle for adults of color, primarily in South Seattle, built to inspire, foster health/wellness and create deep community connections through critical conversations and tools for healing and growth.
11. **Resilient in Sustaining Empowerment RISE\***: To support family healing community circles that gather BIPOC mothers (and their children) who have lost a loved one to gun violence in South Seattle and the greater area for community, trauma informed grief counseling, financial assistance, leadership development, and life skills training.
12. **Salsa de la Vida**: To continue support of a Latinx led cooperative to address food security and food access in the South Park community through leadership development, growing/producing organic foods for distribution, and community education and partnerships.
13. **Seattle Rideshare Drivers Association**: To provide support to a majority BIPOC and immigrant/refugee rideshare drivers' association through drivers support services such as technical permitting and compliance help, access to family support resources, and driver advocacy on issues such as wages, deactivations, and the Fair Share initiative.
14. **Seattle Urban Book Expo\*\***: To support a BIPOC book author podcast series and in-person dialogue sessions, in partnership with BUILD 206 media, to connect with South Seattle area creatives to widely share their talents, encourage collaboration, foster economic arts stability and deepen community bonds.

### Summer 2022 Grants

1. **Adult Youth Learning Center\*\*:** To support education outcomes for a strong Somali and immigrant refugee community in South Seattle through intergenerational workshops focused on parents and their children learning and practicing Somali and English.
2. **Burien Youth Cooperative Project\*\*:** To support Burien/White Center area BIPOC high school leaders to increase economic development and entrepreneurship through the design of a worker-owned cooperative project.
3. **East African Senior Meal Program:** To provide continued support for East African seniors in Rainier Beach to meet weekly at the Farm, providing physical and social benefits, food access and access to safe outdoor spaces, while fostering engagement and leadership around food and the environment.
4. **Enlightened Era\*\*:** To support South Seattle area BIPOC youth and those coming out of the justice system with community resources, workshops, juvenile justice advocacy and mentorships with those from similar lived experiences.
5. **MyAdvocate\*:** To pilot court support and organized actions in Kent for BIPOC families whose loved one was killed by police, building a movement to support each other, mobilize community, and take action to change policing culture.
6. **Native Daily Network\*:** To amplify Indigenous voices in King County and traditional lands of the Coast Salish tribes by deepening relationships with a network of urban Native Americans to host an Indigenous Community Empowerment event focused on culture sharing, dance, song, storytelling, and environmental awareness.
7. **Panama Folklore:** To support diverse Latinx communities in South Seattle to increase civic engagement and build community with the annual Oratory event focused on expression, public speaking and elevating the importance of the power of giving back to community.
8. **Praxis Institute for Early Childhood Education\*:** To support a community-based "teacher certification" institute, and a Community Panel (made up of South Seattle area Black parents, students) who will certify them, to uplift local expertise and participation of the Black community with Black students' educational excellence.
9. **The Feels Foundation\*:** To support a South Seattle area vendor market to support Black and brown artists, small business owners and youth leaders in the South Seattle area to encourage entrepreneurship, build community and develop local leadership.
10. **The Giving Room Project\*:** To support South Seattle BIPOC neighbors to reduce waste, share resources, and build community by sharing gently used clothing, household staples, and repairing textile and other items for free at local pop-up events.
11. **The Liberian Association of WA\*:** To provide focused training for Kent area Liberian and African community members, including the board, volunteers and youth, to increase leadership skills and ensure the organization is well represented, meets community needs and can grow over time effectively.
12. **Why Not Us Foundation\*:** To support a partnership with South Seattle majority BIPOC families enrolled at Tiny Tots Development Center to promote healing eating, sustainable food production and exercise through projects focused on growing foods locally and refurbishing bicycles.

### Fall 2022 Grants

1. **ALA Garifuna Womens Group\*:** Requests support to implement a program in South Seattle/South King County that would preserve and educate about the culture and language of the Garifuna people so that we can maintain a strong cultural identity while organizing on domestic worker and immigrant rights.
2. **Amigos de Seattle:** Requests support to further develop the Latinx Spanish radio station, rooted in South Seattle, by providing leadership opportunities for diverse cultural groups to engage their community through radio workshops focused on topics of interest, like Latino folklore, the environment, and health.

3. **Eagles Nest Community Kitchen:** Requests support to educate and empower BIPOC youth in Kent/South King County to advocate for Food Justice in school lunch programs, which also encourages communities to grow, sell, and eat healthy food.
4. **Fatherhood Accountability Movement\*:** Requests support for “Soufend Sunday Check-Ins” at Rainier Beach Community Center dedicated to the healing of Black males through healing circles and safe space activities where healing from trauma can begin to create healthier families and communities.
5. **Latina Network for Healing, Leadership, and Transformation\*\*:** Requests support to work with Latina women based in Kent to co-develop a program that focuses on community healing by uplifting ancestral, cultural, and effective existing tools for liberation in the Latino/a/x community. The Network also includes other individuals, groups currently engaged in cultural healing work.
6. **Movimiento AfroLatino Seattle:** Requests support for MÁS Conversations for MÁS Pride, virtual diasporic community organizing spaces in South Seattle/South King County. that promote AfroLatinx diaspora identity, art, self and community love, wellness and pride in order to advance racial and social justice movements.
7. **No More Under\*:** Requests support to organize and educate members of South Seattle’s Black community, in partnership with the Holgate St. Church, to then join a wider constituency to build an advocacy campaign in support of water safety legislation at the State.
8. **Nehemiah Initiative Seattle\*:** Requests support to empower the African American community through leadership development, mentorship, and outreach in support of developing community-owned property of Black faith-based institutions in South Seattle and Central District.
9. **One Vibe Africa:** Requests support for African Dinner Experiences that bring together S. Seattle African diaspora community to enjoy the talents of musicians, artists, chefs, and leaders. Youth are trained to produce the dinners, create digital content, promote local businesses and get engaged in community initiatives with attendees.
10. **Shared Spaces Foundation\*:** Requests support of Heron’s Nest education and ecological programs and facilities, in relationship with the Duwamish Tribe, created to serve Indigenous Native communities and beyond, advance Land Back efforts, and strengthen youth, educators, artists and others.
11. **Somali Reconciliation Institute\*\*:** Requests support for a groundbreaking series of Islamic Trauma Healing & Reconciliation workshops focused on the Muslim community, in partnership with a mosque in Kent, to raise awareness of health and encourage positive connections within the community.
12. **Strippers are Workers\*:** Requests support for worker-led leadership to outreach with other workers, engage in popular education, build coalitions and work together to fight for better industry conditions for dancers of Washington, the majority of whom are BIPOC, women, trans, non-binary and LGBTQ+ in S. Sea/S. King County.
13. **The Seattle Griot Project\*:** Requests support to conduct conversations in South Seattle and beyond based on a theatrical presentation of the “Maafa Experience” highlighting its impact and legacy in the Black Community that will foster generational healing and a foundation for growth.
14. **Washington Ethnic Studies Now\*:** Requests support to work with Concord International Elementary school in South Park to develop a Family Engagement Framework to help education professionals be more responsive to the needs of their community, including appropriate ethnic studies curriculum.

\*First time grantee of N2N

\*\*Also, the first grant ever received by the organization

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