



### 2023 Grants Funded Cumulative

- 57 total grants made
- 37% return N2N grantees (21)
- 63% first time N2N grantees (36), with 14% (8) writing and receiving their first grant ever as an organization.
- \$448,500 TOTAL funds awarded (includes additional capacity building support for return grantees)

### 2023 Grants Funded by Quarter

1. **Africa Now Association\*\***: Support to host a pan-African Black Dialogue Series focused on engaging young adult Black American and African immigrants from South Seattle and beyond to learn from our differences, celebrate our commonalities, and share resources around issues such as mental health, Afrofuturism, and Black-led movements for change.
2. **Cultures United**: Support to empower BIPOC youth and their families at White Center Heights Elementary through free physical activity/soccer, socio-emotional support, and mental health resources.
3. **Elmi Foundation\*\***: Support the Somali community in South King County to preserve their home language and raise children with health self-identity and culture by organizing regular Somali children's book fairs and resources at the Tukwila library and nearby.
4. **Iraqi/Arab Health Board\***: Support Arab and Iraqi youth and young adults in South King County with wellness, mental well being, resources and social support.
5. **Kent Black Action Commission**: Support the leadership and development of "The More You Know Matters" a new civic engagement project focused on the Black community in Kent, as well as to support upcoming candidates' forums and voter registration efforts.
6. **Mothers Impacting Lives Everyday (MILE)\*\***: Support to facilitate an intensive cohort for black and brown girls ages 14-22 in Kent focused on developing leadership and advocacy through intergenerational support and healing centered practices.
7. **Olu Productions\***: Support the "Never 2 Early 2 Create & Innovate" project– a learning community led by and for young Black business/community builders in South Seattle and South King County focused on learning and sharing business skills, piloting a collective pop-up shop and building a supportive community.
8. **Still Waters\***: Support to engage Tukwila BIPOC students and families in engagement efforts aimed at overcoming food insecurity and housing instability through co-designed listening sessions, educational opportunities, creation of a community wellness hub and advocacy.
9. **The UpnUp**: Support to curate community driven podcasts to uplift the stories, inspire listeners, and create a positive narrative of BIPOC community organizers/leaders, especially focused on the SeaTac/Tukwila community.
10. **Women United\***: Support Black, African America grandmothers in South Seattle/Skyway who are raising grandchildren with kinship groups to support each other, share resources and volunteer together on community projects.
11. **Youth Centered Solutions\***: Support to unite and provide business education to SeaTac/Tukwila and South Seattle area African and other refugee business owners to ensure their economic success and prevent displacement.

### Spring 2023 Grants

1. **ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop:** To support the Rites of Passage program for South Seattle area Black girls to engage in activities that emphasize the study of West African culture, music, song and dance; learn key socio-emotional skills; and receive mentorship from the community.
2. **Bridging Wisdom:** To support a student-led intergenerational program of immigrant and students of color from Franklin High School and low-income Elders from Esperanza House Apartments in South Seattle to reduce isolation and increase connection, community, and joy.
3. **Church of Justice\*\*:** To develop a "Community of Justice Black Collective" focused on community-led advocacy addressing gentrification, education, police violence, and other issues with an initial focus on reclaiming a faith-based center in South Seattle as a center of activity.
4. **Concord International Elementary Native Indigenous Students Club\*:** To support the leadership and develop a strong community for the Native/Indigenous Students Club (and their families) at Concord International Elementary School in South Park.
5. **Deconstructing the Mental Health System Inc\*:** To address systemic challenges for BIPOC communities accessing mental health services by developing a pipeline of BIPOC students and associated therapists in King County trained to support the community's diverse needs and partnering with local nonprofits and providing education to the broader South Seattle community.
6. **Djibouti Community of America:** To support the Djibouti and African community's youth leadership project, engaging their families and the larger communities in South Seattle and SeaTac/Tukwila through intergenerational dialogue and activities focused on improving relationships and educational outcomes.
7. **Got Your Back\*\*:** To support East African/Somali youth in the SeaTac/Tukwila area through community events focused on the connection between physical and mental health, attacking the stigmas placed on seeking help, and forming a youth advisory council.
8. **Integration Family Services:** To support the Somali Mothers Community Advocacy Group, primarily from Kent and SeaTac/Tukwila, as well as to gather, share stories, experiences, and co-create strategies and solutions for social and economic issues identified by the group.
9. **KVRU 105.7FM:** To pilot a relaunch of the KVRU News Circle and community "beat reporters" to create a fuller broadcast schedule of community-created content amplifying BIPOC voices from Southeast Seattle and the organizations that serve them.
10. **Nepantla Cultural Arts Center:** To support free, culturally relevant arts programming and educational workshops to BIPOC communities in the greater White Center area to build community and promote sustainable art skills or forms of healing thru art.
11. **People of the Confluence:** To support indigenous ecology, cultural, and medicinal curriculum in South Seattle and the surrounding area utilizing the knowledge and wisdom of Ancestors to rebuild the connection between youth and elders.
12. **Perihelion Community Solutions\*:** To support a senior advocacy project providing training and support to aging Black seniors in Kent, SeaTac/Tukwila, and South King County to develop advocacy skills and improve health outcomes.
13. **Team Redeemed Life Center:** To develop relationships with at-risk BIPOC youth in Kent using trained Peer Mentors and credible messengers who have lived through adversity and gang violence and hope to prevent the same with youth.
14. **Washington Family Advocacy Board (WAFAB)\*:** To organize families and create a family engagement and advocacy monthly meeting planner to be used by SeaTac/Tukwila and South Seattle charter school parent leaders to build community, knowledge, and power.

15. **West Hill Community Association\***: To develop BIPOC leaders and increase access to information and event engagement in unincorporated Skyway-West Hill through a dedicated staff organizer with expertise in outreach, program delivery, nonprofit organizations, and community leadership.

### Summer 2023 Grants

1. **Casa Surya Healings**: To continue deepening Latinx White Center/Burien area families healing practices through provision of community programs and traditional and indigenous medicine practices that are opportunities to build stronger community.
2. **Enlightened Era**: To empower Black and BIPOC youth in Kent/South King County, and those experiencing the legal system, by providing workshops, advocacy, and mentorship that aims to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline and help to turn their lives around and use their voices to push for change.
3. **Fanikia Foundation\***: To address health disparities among Africa refugees and immigrants, especially those from Tanzania and Zanzibar centered in SeaTac/Tukwila, by addressing factors such as access to health care, cultural and language barriers, and systemic changes.
4. **Haida Roots**: To support Haida people in South Seattle and beyond via the development of the "Haida Náan'alang (Grandmothers) Early Learning Language Nest" project with preschoolers and their families in partnership with an indigenous daycare/preschool Native Family Learning Lodge.
5. **Immigrant Youth and Seniors United**: To support Somali and African diaspora communities through multi-generational gatherings, where Kent, SeaTac/Tukwila, and South King County seniors and youth have an opportunity to engage in culturally specific activities and discussions to build community.
6. **It Takes A Village**: To support BIPOC community members of Southeast Seattle in civic engagement activities such as voter education, participating in town hall meetings, and organizing community events focused on culture, art and mental health.
7. **Lao Senior Outreach\*\***: To vulnerable Lao-Southeast Asian seniors, in South Seattle, Kent and beyond, by organizing activities that are both culturally familiar and encourage social, physical, mental and emotional well-being.
8. **Outreach and Transform Lives\***: To pilot a youth mentoring program in Kent to improve health/wellness of African youth at the Kenyan Community International Church who experienced trauma by providing culturally centered classes and match youth with mentors to foster identity and belonging.
9. **Quality STEM\***: To fund East African/BIPOC high school student primarily in SeaTac/Tukwila to develop leadership skills and build a stronger community to advocate for more STEM and mental health resources for their peers.
10. **Queens Project**: To deepen community care work amongst the Black community in South Seattle and beyond with free Community Day retreats/ healing circles with self-directed topics such as: self-care, body/movement work, healthy eating and access to community resources.
11. **Seattle MLK Day Organizing Coalition\***: To enhance a youth internship program by recruiting BIPOC South Seattle high school students to lead and co-design youth events in support of the annual MLK day event.
12. **Serve Ethiopians WA\***: To empower Ethiopian/East African immigrant communities in SeaTac/Tukwila to address systemic environmental injustices through community outreach, education and hands on projects like the restoration of Angle Lake Park.
13. **Somali Child Care Provider Association\***: To support Somali child care providers and members in White Center and South Seattle through provider-driven small business and professional development workshops and opportunities to advocate for language equity within the child care system.
14. **Somali Cultural Center\***: To uplift Somali artists, creatives, and writers in SeaTac/Tukwila and SKC to showcase their artistry in a series of 4 curated events and workshops while encouraging civic engagement through the fusion of art and activism.

15. **Why Not Us Foundation:** To empower South Seattle BIPOC families served by the Tiny Tots Development Center to make healthy choices by educating them about personal and community benefits of healthy eating, sustainable food production, and regular exercise.

### Fall 2023 Grants

1. **ALA Garifuna Womens Group:** To support continued workshops in South Seattle/South KC that educate and preserve culture, language and identity amongst Garifuna immigrants and their children, which then serves as a foundation for Garifuna organizing on domestic worker and immigrant rights.
2. **Ase Theater\*:** To produce an event series for youth and adult artists using the power of empowered storytelling to support intergenerational relationships and cultural connections of Black Womxn and Gxrlz across South Seattle.
3. **Ball for Life\*:** To support East African youth health and leadership project in SeaTac/Tukwila that aims to bring awareness to diabetes and other diseases that can be prevented through knowledge, community, and physical activities.
4. **Black Equality Coalition\*:** To support Black leaders and members largely in SeaTac/Tukwila to develop their leadership around the issue of criminal justice reform by partnering with Look2Justice and expanding a current pilot project "Unstoppable", an elementary mentoring project, to SeaTac/Tukwila.
5. **Burien Youth Cooperative Project:** To support work with BIPOC White Center/Burien youth to progress their vision of a cooperatively owned specialty coffee business by piloting monthly pop-up shops and developing brand recognition.
6. **Choose to Win Transitional Housing\*:** To support and mentor Kent area Black males ages 13-18 on mental health, empowering them to recognize their own mental health challenges as well as those in their community, through the use of a culturally competent, credible messenger model tailored to support Black males led by Black Males.
7. **Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association\*:** To support and co-design with Latinx and BIPOC youth from South Seattle/Duwamish Valley a community engagement approach that centers community needs and finds community solutions for sustainability based on the current South Park biodigester project.
8. **E&F Youth Sports\*:** To support Black and African Muslim youth in SeaTac/Tukwila who are facing declining physical well-being and rising mental health challenges with a series of educational, mentorship, and activity-based gatherings destigmatizing drug and mental health.
9. **Highly Hated Foundation\*\*:** To support efforts to build community with and develop the leadership of BIPOC low income youth in White Center through fun activities, sports, mentorship and the sharing of talents that keeps youth out of trouble and motivates them to help others.
10. **Liberian Community of WA:** To engage Liberian community members, primarily in Kent, through direct outreach, youth leadership and resource referrals in order to sustain the organization and build momentum for a Liberian community center in the near future.
11. **No More Under:** To support water safety advocacy efforts centering Black and brown children that address racial disparities in childhood drowning by piloting water safety and drowning curriculum in partnerships with schools in South Seattle and beyond.
12. **Rhapsody Project\*:** To support BIPOC South Seattle & Kent adults + youth apprentice pairs in a heritage project series that allows them to share their cultures, ultimately contributing to stronger mental health, more confidence and less isolation.
13. **Seattle Griot Project:** To support the development of their new building, the Washington State Black Legacy Institute, and its anchor project focused on developing Black generational wealth and inclusive leadership for South Seattle area members, particularly through cultural preservation and addressing the digital divide.



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14. **Somali Independent Business Alliance\***: To support Somali small businesses in South Seattle by conducting surveys and hosting workshops to address their unique business challenges and provide tailored resources for economic growth and community strengthening.
15. **Writers Development Program\*\***: To support BIPOC incarcerated, aspiring writers at the Washington Corrections Center publish in Seattle and the surrounding areas through mentorship inside and outside. This work reduces recidivism, builds supportive communities, and highlights injustices that mainstream communities can act upon.
16. **Zola Experience\***: To support a two-part healing experience designed to provide support, promote resilience, and foster collective healing for the Black community in the Rainier Valley, especially given recent public traumas and spikes in violence.

\*Indicates first time N2N applicant

\*\*Also indicates first grant written ever for organization

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