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## Advancing Racial Equity by Investing in the Power of Community

# **Reimaging Community Philanthropy**

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) is a key program of Seattle Foundation, playing a critical role in advancing the Foundation's mission: to ignite impactful philanthropy to make Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

N2N is part of Seattle Foundation's Core Grantmaking Programs – all of which advance towards the Blueprint for Impact. For more than 30 years, N2N has advanced racial equity by investing in the power of place and community. As the grassroots grantmaking program of Seattle Foundation, N2N is committed to addressing a historic lack of investment in communities of color.

# N2N SUPPORTS A WIDE BREADTH OF EFFORTS, INCLUDING:

- 1. Bilingual parents who want to gather and learn about the American school system and how to better advocate for their children
- **2. Healing circles and the sharing of resources** for those coming out of the prison system with similar lived experiences
- **3.** Youth leaders of color who are advocating for mental health resources for their peers and friends in schools
- 4. Elders, adults, and youth exchanging cultural practice and ancestral knowledge to build stronger identities and a sense of community

And more!



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#### **Eligibility Requirements**

N2N grantees generally have an operating budget of less than \$200,000 and are led by the communities they serve that are most impacted by racial and economic inequity. Our target neighborhoods are South Seattle, White Center, Kent, and SeaTac/Tukwila. Applicants must show authentic connections and impact in one of these neighborhoods.

Successful applicants must also have a 501(c)(3) Federal Tax Status or be fiscally sponsored by one.

## **Application Cycle**

The N2N Advisory Committee reviews grants on a quarterly basis. The due dates are 11:59 P.M. on January 30 (Winter), April 30 (Spring), July 30 (Summer), and October 30 (Fall). Grant awards are up to \$7,500. Grantees can apply once per year and are encouraged to participate in a range of N2N activities aimed at building a well-networked grantee community.

Prior to submitting, applicants are asked to contact the N2N Program Consultant Aileen Balahadia to ensure they meet the program's grant criteria. She can provide guidance and technical assistance as well. Email her at <u>a.balahadia@seattlefoundation.org</u> or call 206-622-2294.

## Read more about N2N and apply:

https://www.seattlefoundation.org/N2N



# **Our Grassroots Grantees**

N2N addresses racial and economic inequities by supporting locally led efforts that increase community engagement, capacity, and power of those most affected by those inequities. Organizations and/or projects receive N2N grants that are focused on community building, organizing, coalition building, leadership, advocacy and/or policy change.

Initially, N2N's efforts centered on supporting grassroots community organizing in Central and Southeast Seattle. As low-income, people of color were displaced, N2N expanded geographically to include all South Seattle, White Center, Kent and SeaTac/Tukwila area.

Since its founding in 1991, N2N has granted close to \$3.7 million to more than 430 grassroots organizations.