

# South King County Community Impact Fund

Highline Forum

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# Overview

- Program Background
- Fund Financials to Date
- Community Projects
- Partner Highlight
- Success and Challenges
- Community Capacity Building
- Next Steps



# Program Background

- Launched in 2020 to build equity-based partnerships with near-port communities
- Three primary programs:
  - Economic Recovery
  - Environmental Grants
  - WMBE Small Business
- Deep community engagement and capacity building especially with BIPOC communities
- Multi-Year Funding options launched in Round II



# SKCCIF Snapshot – Investment to Date:

Programs	Projects Awarded	Amount Funded
Economic Recovery	22 Projects To Date (12 Multi-Year from 2022-25)	\$4,000,000
Environmental Grants	32 Projects To Date (10 Multi-Year from 2022-25)	\$910,000
WMBE Support	3 Initiatives/Training Programs	\$500,000
Community Capacity Bldg.	Siliana Consulting 100% WMBE Firm	\$400,000
Cycle III (open now!)	To be executed in 2023	\$3,250,000
Total	(\$940,000 balance remaining)	\$9,060,000

# WMBE Support Programs

- Interlocal Agreement Small Business Development Center (SBDC) - Highline Community College
  - Small & WMBE business resiliency support through a down economy
  - WMBE & micro-business mentorship & trainings
- Business Accelerator Mentorship Program
  - 10-week training program providing selected cohort group with robust curriculum and one-on-one mentorship
- Advanced PortGen Workshop Series
  - 6-week program focusing on government contracting fundamentals and connections to technical assistance resources

# Economic Recovery Cycle 2 Projects

Funded at approximately \$250,000 each over 2-3 years

<b>African Community Housing &amp; Development</b>	<b>Business Ending Slavery &amp; Trafficking (BEST)</b>
<b>CARES of Washington</b>	<b>El Centro de la Raza</b>
<b>Partner in Employment</b>	<b>Washington Maritime Blue</b>
<b>Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC)</b>	<b>Latino Civic Alliance</b>
<b>Neighborhood House- Aviation Tech Pathways</b>	<b>Evergreen Goodwill of Northwest WA</b>
<b>World Relief Seattle</b>	<b>Key Tech Labs</b>





Trains opportunity youth via hybrid model (e-learning and in-person) that will help them gain the necessary exposure, knowledge, and skills for a green job career



- Stormwater management
- Installation of rain gutter systems
- Invasive plant removal/urban gardens
- Green house construction
- Solar panel installation & maintenance
- Green construction projects

# Measuring progress towards an equitable Economic Recovery

- Funded Organizations: 22
- BIPOC Led Organizations: 18

State reporting requirements

Key milestones

Unique journeys





# Environmental Program Cycle 2 Projects

<b>Burien</b>	<b>Des Moines</b>
<b>Weed Warriors - \$14,600</b>	<b>Friends of Saltwater State Park - \$3,310</b>
<b>Earth Corps - \$20,000</b>	<b>Tukwila</b>
<b>Dirt Corps - \$60,000</b>	<b>Bhutanese Community Resource Center - \$16,000</b>
<b>Amigos Latinos de Burien - \$19,850</b>	<b>The Service Board - \$60,000</b>
<b>Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust - \$60,000</b>	<b>SeaTac</b>
<b>Toros Cycling Club - \$19,184</b>	<b>Serve Ethiopians Washington - \$60,000</b>
<b>Environmental Science Center - \$60,000</b>	<b>Multiple Cities</b>
<b>Normandy Park</b>	<b>Partner In Employment - \$60,000</b>
<b>Friends of Normandy Park - \$15,682</b>	<b>Tilth Alliance - \$45,000</b>
<b>Federal Way</b>	<b>EarthGen- \$60,000</b>
<b>African Young Dreamers Empowerment - \$60,000</b>	<b>Des Moines Memorial Drive Preservation Assoc.- \$8,000</b>
<b>Federal Way Korean American Association - \$60,000</b>	

# Environmental Program Project Examples

- **African Young Dreamers Empowerment Program (\$60,000 funding over three years)**
  - Working with Black and African immigrant youth to steward and restore parks in Federal Way. Conducting park clean up and invasive plant removal, as well as planting native trees.
- **EarthGen (\$60,000 funding over three years)**
  - Working with Highline School District students, teachers, and families to develop and installing Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) such as rain gardens, native plant gardens, and bioswales. Projects will take place in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines.





# Environmental Grants Program Cycle 1 Outputs

- Funded Organizations: 14
- BIPOC Led Organizations: 6
- Trees Planted: 654
- Volunteer Hours: 2,935
- Educational and Training Hours: 3,176





# Program Successes

- Community Liaison Program and Community Advisors
- Increase in equity and accessibility through hybrid meeting models
- Developed meaningful new partnerships with local communities and organizations through engagement



# Program Challenges

- Contracts are reimbursable creating barriers to entry for smaller orgs or community groups without cash reserves
- 3:1 match for the Environmental Grants Program
- Complex contracting process





# Programmatic Improvements in Cycle III



## Environmental Program

- Pre-application workshops and recipient site tours
- Adding 30 minutes to interviews needing language interpretation
- Technical Assistance sessions which will be recorded and posted on VendorConnect.

# Programmatic Improvements Continued

## Economic Recovery Program

- Increase outreach and weekly technical support
- Cohort innovation & learning
- Materials updated, and revised language to be more user friendly
- Two step application process



# Community Capacity Building Contract

- Awarded to Siliana Consulting, a 100% WMBE firm and sub-consultant OneVibe Media, a 100% MBE, both based in South King County
- Support for grassroots Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- A focus on City engagement throughout the grant cycle
- Continuation and expansion of the Community Liaison Program
- Authentic storytelling, recipient support and networking opportunities.



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# Next Steps

- Cycle 3 funding launched on September 15, 2022 for Environmental and Economic Recovery Programs
- Program Evaluation RFP to be released this fall and completed by May 2023
- Program evaluation results and Commission re-authorization for Phase II SKCCIF in 2023
- Ongoing collaboration with SKC Cities





# Upcoming Deadlines

- Environmental Grants
  - **Applications due Friday, October 28 at 1pm**
  - Virtual Information Session: October 13 at 6:00pm
- Economic Recovery
  - **Step 1 Applications due Thursday, October 20 at Noon**
  - Technical Assistance Sessions:
    - Tuesday, October 4 from 1- 2 p.m.
    - Tuesday, October 11 from 1 - 2 p.m.
    - Monday, October 17 from 1 - 2 p.m.
    - Wednesday, October 19 from 10 - 11 a.m.



**THANK YOU!**

**Q & A**

