King County Parks Healthy Communities and Parks Fund (aka Targeted Equity Grants) Grant Awards

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Grant Applicant	Project Name	Council District	Grant Award	Project Summary
Ball for life	BFL youth recreation program	5	\$14,990	Increasing access to recreation for at-risk youth, minorities, and refugees in south King County by renting field spaces for yearlong outdoor activities, sports, and organized recreational activities.
Big Drip Hoops	Big Drip Hoops	5	\$14,999	Providing affordable, quality basketball training camps and clinics for underserved youth and families in south King County to increase their chances of an athletic scholarship at a collegiate institution.
Braided Seeds	Braided Seeds Discover Pass Distribution	5	\$14,745	Providing targeted distribution of Washington State Parks Discover passes to 350 BIPOC families with reduced access to local and city parks across south King County.
Center for Wooden Boats	Youth Scholarships for 2023 Programs	4	\$14,999	Investing in scholarships for youth from low income and BIPOC communities to participate in sailing and woodworking programs from the Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) in Lake Union Park.
City of Tukwila Parks & Recreation	Tukwila Parks & Recreation Youth Recreation Scholarships Program	2	\$15,000	Investing in scholarships for youth to participate in classes, sports, music and recreation programs at the Tukwiia Community Center.
Community Gearbox	The Outdoor Abundance Project	2	\$15,000	Conducting a series of focus groups, events, and a pilot project to ID and develop a mobile application to gather, access, and share outdoor gear for people of color and LGBTQIA+ communities.
Compukidz Worldwide/Five-Star Student Athlete	Five-Star Student Athlete	5	\$14,999	Developing person, emotional, and physical skills for proficient student-athletes through tutoring, mentorship, and I-on-I college student athlete training partners for middle and high school students. Hosted at the Valley Ridge Community Center.
Conspiracy of Geniuses	RAD Care	8	\$15,000	Piloting a new program providing mentorship, transportation, and accessibility accommodations for hiking/trail activities for people with Disabilities as well as weekly virtual movement classes.
Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association	Intergenerational Forest Restoration Activities in Southwest Seattle	8	\$15,000	Supporting an Urban Forest Restoration program to provides opportunities for people of all ages to participate in forest restoration activities and intergenerational discussions around stewardship and native plant identification trainings.
Des Moines Legacy Foundation	Mount Rainier Pool Swim Program	5	\$15,000	Outreach and swimming lessons for low-income and BIPOC youth, ages 4-14 at the Mount Rainier Pool, operated by the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, with lifeguard staff.
Environmental Coalition of South Seattle	Empowering Latinx Communities to Access and Advocate for Green Space	8	\$15,000	Empowering Latinx immigrant/refugee communities to co-create immersive active recreation programs, develop leadership skills, and amplify their experiences with storytelling opportunities in greenspace and urban parks.
Environmental Science Center	Environmental Heroes: Water quality community programming along the Cedar River	5	\$10,865	Piloting a series of free water quality-focused recreation programs to reach all ages within the Renton community, including family field trips to senior center programs, exploring the Cedar River and emphasizing culturally appropriate water quality stewardship to improve the health of the watershed and increase access and use of this urban park.
Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Maintaining FISH's Mission	3	\$15,000	Expanding the hatchery accessible by translating audio and self-guided tour materials, increasing outreach for schools and community events, and providing financial assistance to low-income families and schools participating in FISH's educational programs.
George Pocock Rowing Foundation	Camp Lucy and Discovery Crew	2	\$14,900	Providing free participation in two 10-day camps in Eastlake, Portage Bay, and Lake Union serving groups that have been historically excluded from the sport of rowing.
Healthy Othello Safer through Environmental Design (HOSTED)	Othello/Brighton Neighborhood Approved Mural Designed and Painted by Local Youth and Artists	2	\$14,999	Rainier Valley artist/teachers will lead low-income neighbor teens to design, review with community, and implement a mural art in Othello Park.
Kenmore Rowing Club	Build A Bigger Boat	I	\$15,000	Increasing capacity through trainings on cultural competency, classes, and IT upgrades for all Board/Committee members to use necessary technology platforms and improve relationships with new communities and partners.
Kids and Paper	Swimming Lessons for Resettled Children in Seattle	I	\$7,000	Providing free swimming lessons at the View Ridge pool and Magnus Park Swimming Beach for low-income, at-risk, and resettled children in the Magnus Park and Sand Point neighborhoods.
Muslim American Youth Foundation	Muslim American Youth Foundation (MAYF) Outdoor Program	8	\$14,995	Connecting Muslim youth to the outdoors through an outdoor engagement program to increase access to recreational facilities. Hiring a part-time Engagement Coordinator to plan and arrange field trips and outings in King County parks.
Needs Of The Community Society	Accessible King County!	2	\$9,770	Providing accessible and age-appropriate recreation for young adults (18-35) with medical illnesses and disabilities through a three-day adaptive hiking, camping and white-water rafting trip through eastern King County and an accessible music festival in Jefferson Park highlighting local musicians with disabilities.
No More Under	Healthy, Safe Communities Swim Project	2	\$15,000	Providing free swimming lessons for 90 children and covering the costs of the equipment and transportation to make swimming more equitable and inclusive for underserved families in King County.
Pacific Northwest Parkour Association	Movement for All	2	\$12,900	Hosting classes and workshops for developing and teaching Parkour movement and recreational activities, supporting additional outreach for BIPOC youth, people experiencing poverty, people with disabilities, immigrant families, and LGBTQ+communities.
Parents for Skateparks	Rainier Beach Playfield Skatepark	2	\$15,000	Supporting landscape architecture and design in development of a skatepark at the Rainier Beach community center for youth to access supervised afterschool programs, and enjoy a park accessible for wheelchairs, skateboarding, BMX riding and rollerblading.

Seattle Arts and Culture for Antiracism	Seattle Arts and Culture for Antiracism	4	\$14,999	Supporting trainings in de-escalation and holistic safety to increases access to recreation and open spaces where arts and culture festivals, plays, concerts, activities, and public art take place.
Seattle Tennis and Education Foundation	STEF Summer and Fall Programming	I	\$14,999	Partnership programming focused to develop tennis skills and provide educational enrichment activities with social and emotional curriculum. Increasing access to recreational sports and facilities at Magnuson Park for BIPOC youth receiving free/reduced lunch.
South Park Senior Citizens	Connecting Seniors: Culture, Nutrition, and Fitness	8	\$14,999	Launch a walking program, provide Zumba classes, and expand cultural programming for latinx and indigenous peoples cultures including culturally-relevant meals, field trips, and more. Programming for the BIPOC, immigrant, and low-income seniors.
SPLASHForward	Introduction to Aquatics and Water Safety Summer Camp	6	\$15,000	Supporting free youth camps in east King County to develop water safety education, swim lessons, and introduction to water activities such as games and water sports.
Summit Community Center	Summit Community Center Programming	8	\$15,000	Programs: Holistic health and fitness programs for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they engage in and give back to the local community. Participants will have service projects with local nonprofits as well as attend local events, museums, and farmer's markets in small groups.
The Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery	The Nepantia Cultural Arts Gallery's Expansion and Accessible Arts Programming Project	8	\$14,999	Conduct feasibility studies for an expanded Chicana/o, Latinx Cultural Arts Center, increase accessible and inclusive arts programming, and implement a community block party.
Trout Unlimited	Lake Sammamish Cleanup Project	3	\$14,950	Hosting volunteer cleanup events at public lands around the Lake Sammamish watershed with historically underrepresented communities in the outdoors to promote educational opportunities, environmental connection, and stewardship.
Upower	Upower	2*	\$14,999	Providing recreational programs and movement classes for youth with coaches supporting improved health outcomes through a trauma-informed lens, utilizing community centers and public parks.
Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle (ULMS)	Farm Days & Food Equity Project	5	\$15,000	Providing programming on the importance of eating healthy, and food equity workshops, and hand-on educational opportunities on environmental sustainability, rainwater preservation, and land use.
Urban Native Education Alliance	Native Warrior Athletics	4*	\$14,999	The Native Warrior Athletics program offers sports, fitness classes, workshops and basketball training for Native youth with special training sessions with guest coaches and opportunities for improving individual skills. Promoting teamwork, cultural and tribal identity encouraging Native youth to make positive choices and serve as role models in their community.
Wakulima USA	Wakulima Youth Program	5*	\$14,999	Wakulima Youth Program will focus on building cohorts for immigrant youth from East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zanzibar to discuss their challenges as children of immigrant parents and adjustment issues in the United States by using public spaces like parks and common spaces.
Whale Scout	Salmon Restoration Student Leadership Project	ı	\$14,999	Hosting three student leadership opportunities to engage community groups in salmon restoration. Students will gain educational and professional experience in native species ecology, riparian management techniques, inclusive public engagement in outdoor volunteer projects, and become certified water quality monitors along a critical section of the Sammamish River in a newly transformed community open space.
yəhaw Indigenous Creatives Collective	Indigenous Creatives Land Rematriation	2	\$14,999	Planning for pre-acquisition site work and community-led programs centered on Indigenous ecology and food practices with artists and BIPOC communities. Building youth-led structures with Indigenous philosophies for artist residencies, shows and restorative practices that empower urban Indigenous people to reconnect to their traditional land practices.

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African Community Housing & Development	African Diaspora Cultural Anchor Village	5	\$125,000	A culturally relevant community hub with an indoor gathering space and safe outdoor play and garden space for the African Diaspora immigrant and refugee community in South King County. Funds will support capacity building in grant writing, fundraising, donor development, community engagement, pre-development costs, and trainings for staff and board members.
Africatown Community	Art Project at Africatown Plaza	2	\$118,000	The 'Africatown Experience' art installation will enhance the outdoor gathering space at Africatown Plaza, which will include a community garden. The project will be a platform for authentic expression and tribute to the lived experiences of the Black community that has called the Central District home for nearly 140 years.
Community Land Conservancy	Community Land Conservancy: Building capacity and partnerships to help communities thrive in place	2	\$150,000	CLC will act as a trusted broker between historically white-led organizations and the Skyway community as they seek long- term stewardship or ownership of a natural area in Bryn Mawr- Skyway. Funds support community engagement and hiring an Executive Director and Skyway Community Co-Leads.
Comunidad Latina de Vashon	Verde: Recreation and Open Space Redefined by Latino Culture & Joy	8	\$225,000	Capacity building to reclaim and organize Latino community's access to recreation on an unincorporated rural island, where immigrant families face unstable living and little access to open spaces. Exploration of creating a culturally centered community space.
East African Community Services	Generation Green	2*	\$183,000	Pilot an Outdoor Exploration and Recreation club for grade 6-12 students and mentees. Implement a Parks Passport Program and remove barriers to deepen multi-generational exploration, enjoyment, and stewardship of regional parks and public lands.

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Empowering Youth and Families Outreach	PlayScape at The Flourish	2	\$125,000	A 3,473 square-foot outdoor recreation area for over 430 low-income residents, youth, and African American families who have been displaced from South Seattle. The site is part of a larger project constructing a new 8,392 square-foot facility.
Eritrean Health Board	Injera - connecting generations and building capacity	2*	\$150,000	Build organizational and community capacity to address intergenerational trauma through gardening, cooking, and storytelling.
Estelita's Library	Bathroom and Pocket Park Build Out	3	\$90,300	Deck construction, ADA public restrooms expansion, landscape design, native plant installation, art curation, and free programs with themes of social justice and community organizing.
Ethiopian Community in Seattle	Intergenerational Connections in Green Spaces	2	\$41,874	Empower the Ethiopian and East African community through narrowing intergenerational gaps, facilitating access to parks, and creating fun and healthy arts, cultural, and sports activities where families can come together to connect, work out, and play.
Garfield Super Block	Garfield Super Block	2	\$209,837	Renovations and improvements to the heavily used areas bordering the play fields of Garfield Park. New historic and culturally relevant public art installations, site furnishings, a loop path, ADA ramp, inclusive play equipment, safety upgrades, and a new restroom facility.
Inspired Child	Inspired Child Healthy Parks and Communities Project	2	\$166,700	Culturally relevant and family- centered swimming, dance, and arts programs, with curriculum generating positive identity development in Black children.
Kandelia	Soccer Program for recent immigrant and refugee students	2	\$131,653	Development of a soccer program for immigrant and refugee youth at the Seattle World School.
Marvin Thomas Memorial	The Outside Project	2	\$15,736	BIPOC community members will lead free fitness program for low-income BIPOC youth that builds awareness of available and underutilized outdoor public spaces. Forty youth will be served each week with free fitness training including soccer, tennis, flag football, basketball, aerobics, and plyometrics exercises.
Para Los Niños	PLN Outdoor Engagement & Advocacy Project	8	\$125,000	Connect the Latino/Latina/Latinx immigrant community in South King County with culturally relevant, multilingual parks, recreation, and outdoor opportunities through youth soccer programs, summer camps, and parent advocacy. Created by and for the Latino community.
Partner in Employment	Youth Restoration Crew: Arts and Advancement	5*	\$170,000	Career development programs for immigrant and refugee youth currently employed as ecology workers in South King County Parks. Supports the Youth Restoration Program, with curriculum additions in environmental education and large-scale art production. The project will identify jobs in these industries and provide case management to help youth advance and stabilize their careers.
Rainier Athletes	Rainier Athletes - Capacity Building	6	\$180,000	Hiring of a full-time Development Director to fundraise for an additional five direct service staff over three years, tripling the capacity of RA. Increased development capacity ensures over 300 underserved youth have long- term, year-round access to organized sports, summer camps, outdoor activities, and other recreational opportunities.
RAVE Foundation	RAVE Free Soccer camps and clinics	8*	\$31,500	Free youth soccer camps and clinics in marginalized communities.
Seattle Parks and Recreation	South Park Plaza	8	\$185,150	Located along the Duwamish River at the South Park Bridge, the project provides environmentally safe and culturally sensitive public plaza/park space to be activated for events, cultural celebrations, markets, and vendors. Serves as prime gateway between the community and the river.
Somali Health Board	Somali Health Board Community Youth Recreation Field	2	\$125,000	The project aims to create a community-centered space for Somali youth and families, by repurposing an under-used parking lot in the New Holly District into a small soccer field. The field will be activated by the soccer program, community gatherings, and by open to the public.
Tilth Alliance	Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands: A Community Resource	2	\$108,550	Improve access to Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands by extending open hours, installing ADA trails, adding site amenities that include signage and expanded u-pick gardens, and investing in enhanced site stewardship.
Tiny Trees Preschool	Re-Defining the Outdoors (rDTO)	8	\$200,000	Culturally responsive outdoor preschool programs in public parks for low-income and BIPOC youth. Funds to support program staffing, staff trainings in anti-racism and trauma-incomed care, financial assistance for BIPOC and low-income students, park fees, translation, and interpretation.
Wakulima USA	Natural Connections	5	\$176,000	A Youth and an Elder Coordinator will be hired to develop intergenerational community organizing capacity. Programs with themes of food justice, connections to nature, peer support, and cultural preservation.
Whitewater Aquatics Management	The Evergreen Pool Revitalization Project	8	\$166,700	Urgently needed repairs to the Evergreen Aquatic Center's floors, pool gutters, and tiling. Energy-efficient, double-paned windows, while also replacing clear windows into locker room areas, ensuring privacy and safety of community members.