

# 2021 Community Safety Capacity Building RFP

Public Safety and Human Services Committee

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# Request for Proposal (RFP) Recap

- Community engagement conducted with Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities
- Themes from 36 stakeholder groups
  - Community safety is broad, holistic, and inclusive
  - Involves healing from systems of oppression, for those who cause harm, and for those who experience harm
  - Honors the wisdom of community, self-determination, and resiliency
  - Cannot simply be alternatives to police functions
  - Requires flexibility and discretion in spending



# RFP Recap (continued)

**Purpose:** Build capacity for community-led solutions to end violence and to increase safety

**Guidelines:** Funded projects are community-led with commitment to reduce harm

**Focus Population:** Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Pacific Islander, Immigrant and Refugee

# RFP Recap (continued)

**Application:** Applicants identified safety issues in their community, proposed capacity building activities and strategies to address them, and described how they would measure success

- RFP released: March 1
- Application deadline: April 9

**Award Selection Process:** A panel of community members

- Application review and interviews: April-June
- Notification: July 15

# RFP Recap (continued)

**Total award amount: \$10.4 million**

**Administration: \$1.6 million**

- RFP translation, applicant technical assistance, rater honorariums
- Contract staff, cohort convening, and Black or Indigenous-led external evaluation team

**Total budget: \$12 million**

# Rating Process

## 22 community raters participated

- Had broad and diverse community and subject matter experience
- Discussed anti-racist principles, implicit bias, and rating and scoring
- Carefully screened for potential conflicts of interest
- Signed confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements

## Responsibilities

- Review written applications
- Conduct virtual interviews with applicants

# Applications & Awards

Applications submitted: **78**

- Applications reviewed: **73**
- Applications not reviewed: **5**

Community raters reviewed applications: **22**

- Written applications
- Interviews

Applicants recommended for funding: **33**

- 17 are not currently contracted with HSD



# Awardees

1. Academy for Creating Excellence
2. African Community Housing & Development
3. Africatown Community Land Trust
4. Alphabet Alliance of Color
5. API Chaya
6. Arms Around You
7. Black Star Line
8. Chief Seattle Club
9. CHOOSE 180
10. Community Passageways
11. Consejo Counseling and Referral Services
12. Creative Justice
13. East African Community Services
14. Empowering Youth and Families Outreach
15. Evergreen Treatment Services REACH
16. Fathers and Sons Together



# Awardees (continued)

17. Freedom Project
18. Fresh Start
19. King County Equity Now
20. Korean Community Service Center
21. Mother Nation
22. Multi-Communities
23. Oromia Community Center in Washington
24. PlusPositively, LLC
25. POCAAN
26. Public Defender Association – Collective Justice Project
27. Rainier Beach Action Coalition
28. Seattle Neighborhood Group
29. Sexual Violence Law Center
30. Somali Family Safety Task Force
31. Surge Reproductive Justice
32. The Northwest Network of Bi, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse
33. WA Therapy Fund Foundation



# Awardees (continued)

## Types of Strategies Funded

- Activating hotspots
- Peer street outreach
- De-escalation and conflict mediation
- Anti-racism education and training
- Youth internships and mentoring
- Parent engagement
- Re-entry services
- Infrastructure
- Violence prevention
- Healing and restoration
- Community-building activities
- Address sex trafficking
- Trauma-informed services
- Youth mental health and wellness
- Supporting housing stability
- Health equity
- Fund development for sustainability
- Technical assistance and coaching
- Support for victims of gender-based violence



# Awardees (continued)

## Focus Population of Awardees

Focus Population	Percent Working with Focus Population
Black/African American/African Descent	88%
Hispanic/Latinx/Indigenous	45%
American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous	42%
Pacific Islander	36%
Immigrant/Refugee	52%
Other	27%



# Question and Answer

