

# Innovation Fund

## Human Services and Public Health Committee

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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# Seattle's Human Services Department

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We connect people with resources and solutions during times of need so we can all live, learn, work, and take part in strong, healthy communities.



Preparing Youth for Success



Promoting Public Health



Supporting Affordability and Livability



Responding to Gender-based Violence



Addressing Homelessness



Promoting Healthy Aging



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## HUMAN SERVICES INNOVATION FUND

# Why

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We believe a good idea can come from anywhere.  
People just need the chance to take a risk.



# Why

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This is about racial equity.  
And it's about building capacity.



# What

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- 6 months to test a new idea
- \$225,000 split into mini-grants
- 12 Projects
  - 7 to promote healthy aging
  - 1 to prepare youth for success
  - 1 to address homelessness
  - 1 to promote public health
  - 1 to support affordability and livability
  - 1 to respond to gender-based violence



**\$225,000**

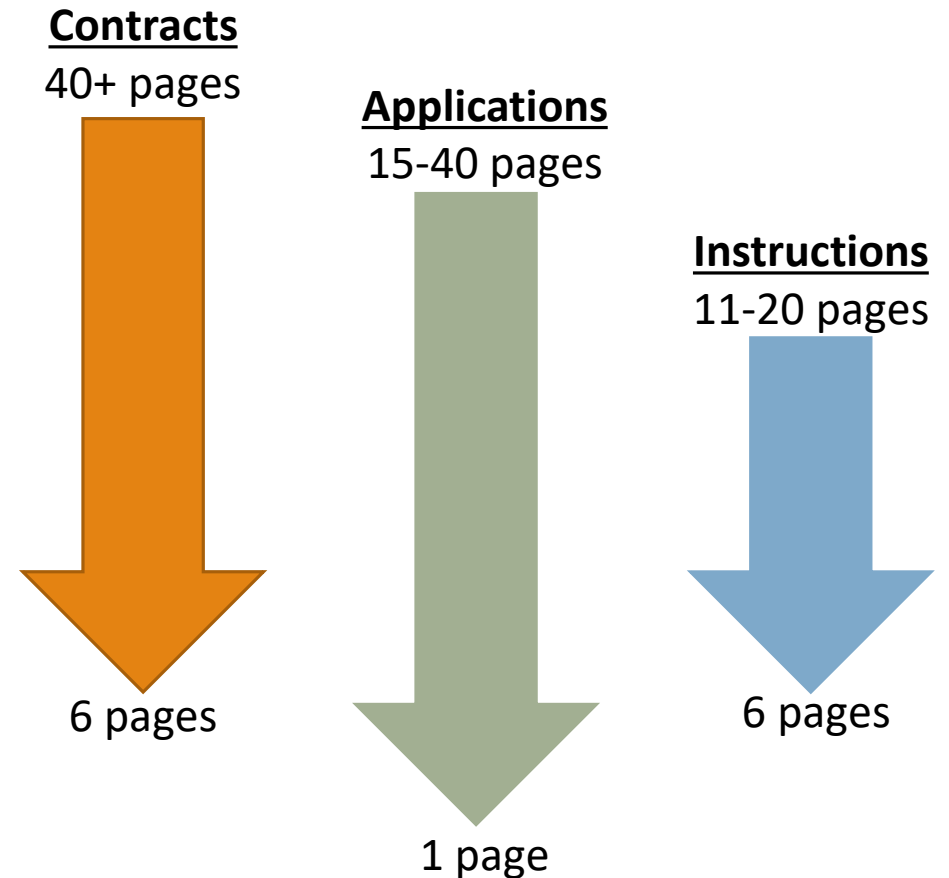
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**Twelve awards**

# How

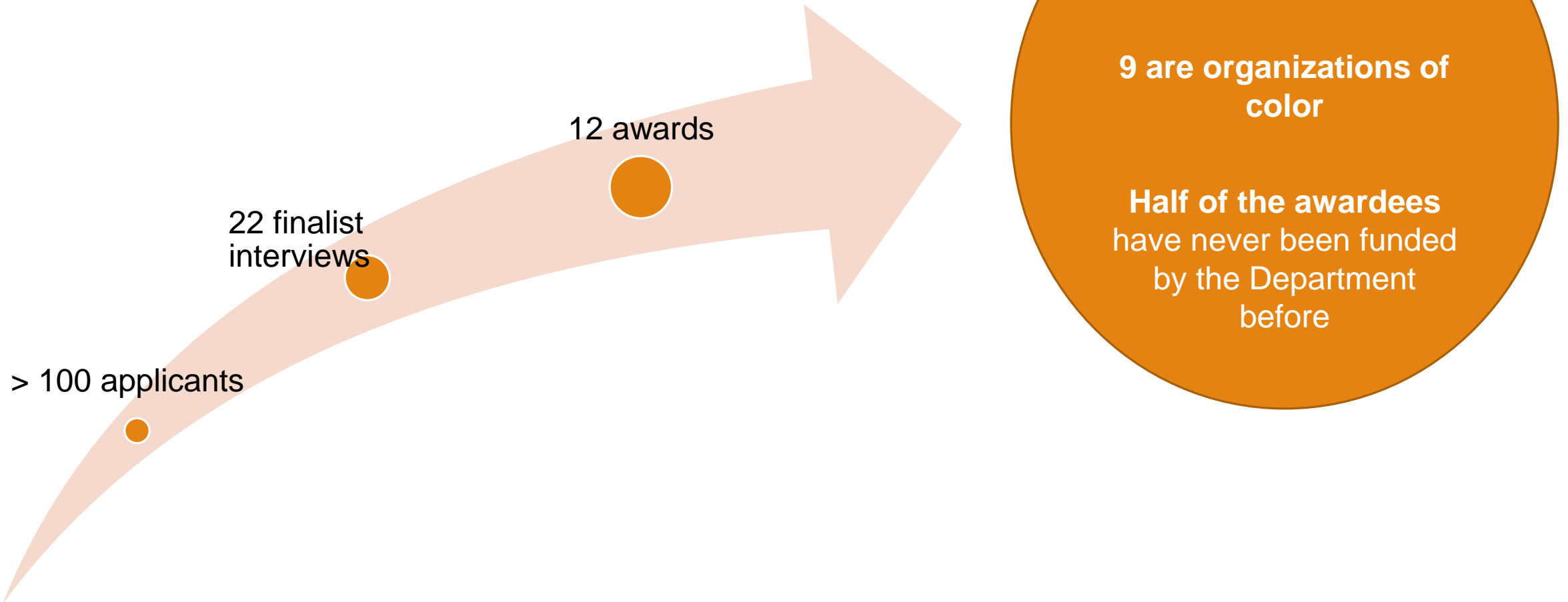
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- Simplified paperwork
- Finalist interviews
- Proactive contract monitoring



# Outcome

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AND THE AWARDS GO TO...

# Who

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Youth

★ East African Community Services — Saturday Math Academy



Affordability

★ Multicultural Community Center Coalition — Shared Service Model



Homelessness

★ Real Change Homelessness Empowerment Project — Resource Guide



Gender-based Violence

★ Somali Family Safety Task Force — Breaking the Silence



Health

★ Mercy Housing Northwest — Accessible Primary Care for the Somali Community

# Who

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Healthy Aging

- ★ Women United — Threads of Change
- ★ Latino Community Fund of WA State — Bailando Toward Healthy Aging
- ★ Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle — Eritrean Elder Outreach Program
- ★ Tilth Alliance — The Community Good Food Project
- ★ API Chaya — Innovation in Action: Whose Streets? Our Streets!
- ★ University of Washington — Promoting early awareness and support for cognitive health and impairment in underserved communities
- ★ National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) — Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) Readiness for Korean and Vietnamese Communities



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PERFORM, LEARN, SCALE

# Next Steps

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- Perform
  - Get results
  - Measure impact of projects
- Learn
  - Determine what did or didn't work well
- Scale
  - Change funding criteria and invest more in what works





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