



Equitable Development Initiative

2022 Funding Recommendations



Purpose of this Briefing

OPCD seeks the confirmation of the recommended list of projects selected for funding through the **2022 EDI Classic RFP process**. We had \$19,319,084 (including CDBG) to allocate this year. Of this, \$10M has been allocated through Land Acquisition Fund, and \$8,978,344 we are allocating now. The balance is administrative funds used for staff positions.

Who is this for and why: This funding is for community driven development projects led by Black, Indigenous, POC, LGBTQ+ communities in high risk of displacement low access to opportunity neighborhoods, necessitated by redlining and chronic racialized disinvestment.



What is the fund?

- **EDI Fund:** Grants money annually to community led development projects through an RFP process
- **How much money:** \$8,978,344 available for funding
- **Funding source:** Short term rental tax (\$5M), Payroll tax (\$3,158,344), CDBG (\$820K)
- **What are we funding:** Awards are made for capacity building, predevelopment, construction and acquiring land

What is the status?



2022 Classic EDI Fund RFP scoring criteria

This fund was open to new and existing EDI applicants

Core Criteria

- At least 10 new projects
- Balanced recommendation between new and existing projects
- Prioritizing gaps such as; religious institutions using Affordable Housing density bonus, LGBTQ and/or Latinx-led community development organizations, and projects located in North Seattle.

Other Considerations

- Geographic distribution
- Demographic distribution
- Balance of project types

EDI Review Committee Membership for 2022 Classic RFP

12 Members

- Demographics represented: API, Black (both African American and Immigrant), Latinx, White, Native
 - Elders and Youth
 - LGBTQ
 - DisAbled community
- Geographies represented: West Seattle, North Seattle, Central Area, Downtown, South Park, Chinatown-International District, South East neighborhoods
- Professional Experiences represented: Youth programs, real estate development and finance, small business and entrepreneurship, housing, community organizing, social services, criminal justice, environmental justice

EDI Review Committee Process

- Applications sorted into 4 groups (primarily geographic based) of approximately 16 each
- Reviewers were assigned groups to ensure no material conflicts of interest exist and minimize relational conflicts were appropriate without sacrificing critical community insights
- August 2-5: Each group met and made preliminary recommendations
- August 8-9: Full committee met and finalized recommendation

Outside facilitator oversees all group discussions to help ensure City staff does not interfere with the decision-making. Staff helps take notes and provides clarification when directly requested by reviewers.

Recommended 2022 Awards - Equitable Development Initiative

#	Org	Project	Requested	Funded	Location	Demographics	Project Description
1	BIPOC Sustainable Tiny Art House Community	BIPOC Sustainable Tiny Art House Community	\$800,000	\$75,000	Brighton	BIPOC	Capacity-building support for homeownership project
2	Casa Latina	Affordable Housing and Senior Center for Latino Seniors in Central District	\$60,330	\$60,330	Central Area	Latino	Capacity-building to support feasibility study
3	Central Area Youth Association	CAYA Center House	\$2,075,000	Award amount will be announced pending agreement with sellers.	Central Area	African-American	Affordable homeowners and new program space. Funding for acquisition of adjacent parcels.
4	Cham Refugees Community	Cham Community Center	\$2,075,000	\$75,000	Graham	Cham	Continued fundraising and project design for a new community center and continue to support staff building out the programming strategy. Not ready for 2022 capital investment.
5	Estelita's Library	Freedom Cultural Center	\$2,000,000	\$75,000	Beacon Hill	BIPOC	Capacity-building funding to support feasibility of purchase of property on Beacon Hill for community center
6	Ethiopian Community of Seattle	Ethiopian Village	\$244,868	\$244,868	Rainier Beach	Ethiopian	Funding gap due to concrete strike, mixed use housing and community center
7	Fathers and Sons Together	FAST Resource and Outreach Center	\$2,075,000	\$75,000	Rainier Beach	African American	Capacity-building funding to support feasibility of property purchase in Rainier Beach for new youth program center
8	Friends of Little Saigon	Little Saigon Landmark Project	\$2,075,000	\$75,000	Little Saigon	Vietnamese	Mixed use housing and community center. Received acquisition funding earlier in 2022, funded for continued capacity-building support
9	Hip Hop is Green	Cherry Street Farm and Commissary Kitchen	\$334,276	\$175,000	Central District	African American	Predevelopment funding for new hydroponic farm
10	House of Mkeka	House of Mkeka Village	\$75,000	\$75,000	TBD	African	Feasibility study for homeownership project

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11	Interim	Bush Garden	\$1,008,986	\$820,000	Chinatown/International District	API	Tenant Improvements to relocate Bush Garden to Uncle Bob's Place. Funded utilizing available CDBG.
12	Khmer Community of Seattle/King County	Capacity-Building	\$570,000	\$75,000	Hillman City	BIPOC	Capacity-building to support acquisition of community space. Project received acquisition funding earlier in 2022.
13	LEMS	LEMS Life Enrichment Bookstore	\$2,000,000	\$1,501,187	Columbia City	African American	Site acquisition to preserve cultural space
14	Muslim Housing Services	New Office	\$650,000	\$650,000	Rainier Beach	BIPOC	Purchase of ground floor space
15	Rainier Beach Action Coalition	Food Innovation Center	\$80,000	\$80,000	Rainier Beach	BIPOC	Economic development project. Funding for Tenant Improvements. Ask was reduced due to the awarding of a federal grant
16	Rainier Valley Midwives	Birth Center	\$200,000	\$200,000	Hillman City	BIPOC	Funding for tenant improvement at new birth center
17	Royal Esquire Club	Royal Esquire Club	\$781,827	\$781,827	Columbia City	African American	Support rehabilitation of existing cultural space
18	Trans Women of Color Solidarity Network	House of Constance	\$632,248	\$290,314	Capitol Hill	Trans-BIPOC	Support rehabilitation of donated facility for housing and community space
19	Tubman Center	Tubman Center for Health & Freedom	\$2,075,000	\$1,075,000	Graham	BIPOC	Acquisition of property for new health clinic
20	United Indians of All Tribes Foundation	Daybreak Star	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	Magnolia	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Additional funding to support rehab of Daybreak Star Center
	Total		\$23,926,958	\$8,978,344			

A blue-tinted photograph of a city skyline at night, with several skyscrapers illuminated against a dark sky. A road with white lane markings curves through the foreground, leading towards the city.

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Decision points and Action Items

- Week of August 15th - Provide recommendations to Mayors Office to begin 30-day review process
- Week of September 12th Mayors Office confirms our recommended projects for funding
- Immediately following MO approval - Submit award letters to successful EDI fund recipients and inform unsuccessful applicants.