



## EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY. FOR ALL.

Seattle Foundation is committed to creating a positive and inclusive community where all have equitable access to fundamental human rights and the benefits of a healthy community. This is the heart of Seattle Foundation's vision for a just community. The science emerges when we distill data, catalyze funding, convene leaders, measure outcomes, and communicate impact to transform this vision into the genuine reality experienced by all those living in Greater Seattle.

Our steadfast commitment to this work is supported through the targeted investments by our Community Programs team. We ask you to partner with us to support critically needed social change to make Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all. You can learn about and invest in the overall work of the Center for Community Partnerships or target your funding into the cross-sector initiatives that multiply outreach and impact.

### Center for Community Partnerships



Founded in 2014, the Center for Community Partnerships is the heart of Seattle Foundation's efforts to advance greater racial and economic equity. It targets change at the systems level and addresses the policies and practices that can perpetuate inequities. The Center employs multiple strategies, including grantmaking, civic leadership, impact investing, research, communications and technical assistance. Most importantly, we partner directly with residents at the grassroots level. Our current initiatives—Vibrant Democracy, Communities of Opportunity and Neighbor to Neighbor—together create a holistic approach to community-engaged systems and policy change.

### Vibrant Democracy Initiative



This partnership aims to strengthen leadership and effectively drive the participation of under-represented communities in the broader democratic process. We work with grassroots organizations representing immigrant, refugee and other communities to empower greater participation in civic life. Our grants support leadership and partnership development, as well as a collaboration with King County Elections aimed at increasing the civic participation of limited English speaking communities.

*SeaFdn's Judy DeBarros met one young Somali woman who told her she was very excited to vote for the first time in the U.S. Curious, Judy asked her when and how she had registered. She mentioned that it was at a workshop where she learned about the importance of civic engagement and participating in American democracy. That workshop was held at New Holly Community Center, hosted by the Somali Family Safety Task Force. The workshop she attended was funded by a partnership between Seattle Foundation's Vibrant Democracy Initiative and King County Elections. The woman said proudly, "I am voting and I am part of democracy."*

## Communities of Opportunity



Communities of Opportunity is a collaboration with King County to improve health, social, racial and economic outcomes by focusing on places, policies and systems changes. We work together with diverse community partners in this multi-sector effort that advances local and state policy change based on place-based learnings from work in White Center, Rainier Valley, and SeaTac-Tukwila. This effort is supported by funds from Seattle Foundation, King County's Best Starts for Kids levy and local and national private foundations.

*The White Center Community Development Association neighborhood completed its first ever community-led health survey, capturing the concerns, assets, equity issues, and diversity within the neighborhood of approximately 13,000. Communities of Opportunity used the rich data to contextualize the work underway to reduce health disparities in suburban areas. Results from this survey and other community data efforts successfully made the case in the state legislature for this under-resourced neighborhood to be annexed into the City of Seattle, which will lead to greater access to needed services.*

## Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)



N2N supports grassroots efforts that increase engagement, power and influence of community members affected by poverty and racial disparities. Serving community-based organizations in South Seattle, White Center and Kent, N2N plays a crucial role in developing leaders and igniting grassroots efforts through trainings, organizing and other mobilization efforts. Funded by Seattle Foundation and other corporate and private foundation, N2N focuses on smaller grants of \$5,000 or less.

*Circulo de Mamas Seattle's mission is to empower low-income Latina mothers and to strengthen their leadership skills. Seattle Foundation's N2N grant supported the organization's efforts to help women pass their written driver's license tests so they can get to work, take children to school and participate more in their communities. Overcoming this obstacle opens a pathway to self sufficiency and opportunity for immigrants and refugees.*

At this critical moment in our nation, it's essential we redouble our efforts to advance equity and opportunity. Partnering with us to invest in critically needed social change will support making Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all. [Learn more](#) and [make a grant recommendation](#) or a [credit card/EFT donation](#). For additional opportunities or recommendations for nonprofit organizations addressing your areas of interest, please contact your Philanthropic Advisor or email [philanthropicservices@seattlefoundation.org](mailto:philanthropicservices@seattlefoundation.org).