

2024 Healthy Communities and Parks Fund (aka Targeted Equity Grants) Grant Awards

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Grant Recipient	Project Name	Council District	Grant Award	Project Summary
Ayeko Farm	Enumclaw Youth in Conservation Internship	District 9	\$15,000	Ayeko Farm will improve access to open space for low-income and immigrant high school students in Enumclaw by engaging participants in a land-based internship program. The stipended pilot program includes hands-on learning in sustainable agriculture, conservation, and health and wellness; field trips to local parks; job training; and community outreach.
Bicycle Rescue for Youth	Everyone Deserves A Ride	District 9	\$9,900	The Everyone Deserves a Ride program will increase inclusivity in cycling by providing a free refurbished bicycle and helmet plus essential cycling safety education to low-income youth/families in South King County. At risk youth are offered the chance to experience the freedom and joy of cycling promoting both physical activity and environmental stewardship among under-served communities.
Braided Seeds	BIPOC WFA + Discover Pass Distribution	TBD	\$15,000	Braided Seeds will increase safety and access to King County Parks through a Discover Pass Distribution to BIPOC residents and a BIPOC Wilderness First Aid course for community members and BIPOC in outdoor recreation.
Center for Wooden Boats	Youth Scholarships for 2024 Programs	District 4	\$14,999	The Center for Wooden Boats in Lake Union Park teaches youth sailing and woodworking camps, activating the park and drawing families from throughout the county. Scholarships for the Young Mariners Initiative are crucial to equitable maritime access for low income and BIPOC communities.
Choose to Win Transitional Housing	Unity and Wellness Festival	District 5	\$15,000	The Unity and Wellness festival is an all-ages, culturally responsive community festival at Hogan Park in Kent designed to benefit underserved populations through encouraging recreational park use and health disparity education. Its goals are to provide equitable access and community engagement in use of parks and offer vital health information to reduce health disparities in the King County community.
Families of Color Seattle	FOCS Summer Park Days Capacity Building	District 2	\$14,999	Families of Color Seattle (FOCS) will conduct capacity building activities to deepen and expand our Summer Park Days Program. Through community surveys and focus groups and training for staff, FOCS will be poised to increase access to culturally responsive outdoor programming for families of color in King County.

Launch (formerly Community Day School Association)	Wonders of the World Summer Program	District 2	\$15,000	Launch's Wonders of the World Summer Program will increase opportunities for a majority BIPOC and low-income youth in South Seattle and Renton communities to engage in theme-based activities to explore the wonders of nature and the environment while increasing access to parks and recreational spaces, with an intentional focus on elevating youth voice and youth leadership in designing the program.
MoCare	Wazee Summer Excursions	District 3	\$14,685	Wazee Summer Excursions aims to improve the mental health of elderly East African immigrants facing loneliness due to financial issues and abandonment by offering excursions to King County parks and recreation areas.
Needs of the Community Society	Accessible Seattle: Adaptive Day Hike	District 2	\$14,595	NOC Society is dedicated to advancing inclusive recreational opportunities for young adults with disabilities and medical illnesses (ages 18 - 35) throughout the greater Seattle region. Support of our Adaptive Day Hike will provide an opportunity for participants to engage in inclusive programming, addressing issues of social, emotional and physical isolation for this often overlooked population.
Serve Ethiopians Washington	Enhancing Recreation for East African Seniors	District 5	\$15,000	This project focuses on improving the mental and physical health of East African seniors residing in the South King County area. The East African senior population faces unique challenges, including cultural and language barriers. By facilitating their access to recreational centers and public spaces, such as parks, this program combats isolation and fosters community integration.
Skyhawks Sports Academy	Sports for All Summer Camps	District 5	\$15,000	Skyhawks Rise seeks to advance play equity and expand youth sports participation opportunities to youth and families living in under-resourced communities of King County. The Sports for All Summer Camps address barriers youth and families experience in accessing these types programs, to ensure all children have equitable access to play.
Sound Generations	Sno-Valley Senior Fitness	District 3	\$10,939	This project will support underserved seniors in the Snoqualmie Valley access recreational opportunities and increase their health. This grant will fund participant scholarships, instructor fees, facility rentals, and marketing, with the goal of removing barriers to older adults participating by keeping class fees low, providing transportation, and adding new fitness programming to the calendar.

South Park Senior Citizens	SPSC: Cultural Meals, Exploration, and Movement	District 8	\$15,000	The Cultural Meals, Exploration, and Movement program will ensure ongoing access to cultural dinners, fitness classes, and recreational field trips to low-income, BIPOC seniors. The program aims to improve nutritional stability, increase social connections, improve physical wellness, and opportunities for recreation and learning.
Summit Community Center	Expanding Recreation for Young Adults with I/DD	District 8	\$15,000	Summit Community Center will increase opportunities for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to both participate in and lead recreational and fitness activities in local Seattle parks.
Whitewater Aquatics Management	Swim Lesson Scholarship Program	District 8	\$10,939	This project will add funds to an existing swim scholarship program, which enables an increase in the number of scholarships available.
Youth Experiential Training Institute (Y.E.T.I.)	All Youth in Nature Project	District 8	\$15,000	An HCPF grant will support 8 outdoor clubs in the Highline and Tukwila School Districts while helping to launch one new club and sustain community partner recreation programs. Activities will center upon outdoor recreation programming that improves physical and mental health for 300+ low-income immigrant and refugee youth and other youth of color ages 12-20 living in South King County.
Total	16 Projects		\$226,056	