WYFF Funding Q&A Session

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Agenda for today

Welcome
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About Building Changes

Vision
Communities thrive when people have safe and stable housing and can equitably access and use services.

Mission
Building Changes advances equitable responses to homelessness in Washington State with a focus on children, youth, and families and the systems that serve them.
BC Racial Equity Statement

At BC, we seek to hold ourselves accountable for addressing racism and discrimination. Black, Indigenous, and other people of color disproportionately experience homelessness due to historical and systemic racism. We cannot address homelessness without addressing racism at its roots and the trauma it continues to perpetuate. We set universal goals to end homelessness and pursue targeted solutions to achieve these goals. Our work in race equity does not stop there. We are committed to building an internal culture that challenges racism within our organization.
Focus on those most impacted
Targeted universalism approach

Sources:
(Right) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CoC Analysis Tool v. 2.1.
Through Washington Youth & Family Fund (WYFF), Building Changes awards grants and partners with organizations and tribes across the state to advance innovative strategies that help youth and families move out of homelessness.
Funding Opportunity

$1.52 M PER STRATEGY
- 2-4 Family grants
- 2-4 YYA grants
- Different allocations per year

3-YEAR FUNDING CYCLE (2022-2025)
- Annual lump sum disbursement
- Indirect & direct costs are eligible
- Fiscal & programmatic reporting

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
- Nonprofit community/neighborhood-based or regional/statewide housing assistance agencies, federally recognized tribes, local housing authorities, and public development authorities
- Culturally-specific orgs or smaller orgs led & staffed by persons of color are encouraged to apply
- Strive for statewide geographic diversity

WYFF Strategy Development Guiding Principles
- Structural Change
- Targeted Universalism
- Flexibility
- Innovation & Learning
- Transformational Partnership

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Housing & Healing

Racial Equity-focused
Addressing the disproportionality
Using Targeted Universalism
Culturally-specific/Orgs serving BIPOC

Organizations and Tribes with a strong interest in resolving and ending homelessness for families
Flexible Funds

Housing First
Rapid-Rehousing, Diversion, hotel/motel assistance

Meeting housing stability needs as well as family barriers, priorities, and preferences

Flexible funds to overcome obstacles to attaining, and maintaining safe and stable housing
Healing Practices

- Organizations ready to embrace Healing as a body of work to help participants move towards trauma recovery and healing

- Leaning into Cultural Identity, Belonging, and Community as pathways for healing

- Using traditional knowledge, cultural knowledge, custom, ceremony, art therapies, movement, embodiment, and healing circles
What is Healing?

*Healing* is a commonly used term, and yet rigorous research on the definition and meaning of *healing* has been published infrequently, and understanding of the concept remains confusing... (NIH/NLM)

- Racial Equity
- Decolonization
- Mindfulness
- Embodiment
- Spiritual
- Values Alignment
- Self-discovery/ Transformation
- Awareness & Consciousness building
- Transcending trauma, reactivity, suffering within the mind/body/heart/soul
- Wholeness
- Living Meaningfully
- in alignment with your values and purpose

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4653605/
Youth & Young Adult Strategy

Putting resources toward supporting young people have greater awareness and ability to choose housing options that are right for them.

Safe housing options that affirm young peoples’ identities and experience.

Specifically designed to address the needs of unaccompanied BIPOC, LGBTQ2+ young people, specifically 16-21.
Strategic Objectives & Outcomes

Primary outcomes:

- Safe & stable housing, including “safe in-between” housing options
- Resolution of legal issues that impact dependency & housing status
- Increased self-efficacy skills for young people
- Expanded network of support to promote meaningful skill development, physical & mental health, and connectedness
Application Timeline

All WYFF Applications due Monday, May 2nd

Application Reviews: May 2nd – May 24th

Finalists Announced: Wednesday, May 25th

Finalists Interviewed: ~Friday, June 3rd

Funding Announcement: Friday, June 10th
Review & Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee

**Application Reviews**
- Committee 10-12 stakeholders
- Multiple reviews
- Scoring rubric
- Weighted sections

**Finalists**
- 3rd review and scoring
- Reviewed by entire committee
- Questions formulated
- Selections made for interviews

**Interviews**
- Meet the Team
- End of May (June 3rd)
- Leadership & Key Staff
- Answer questions formulated by reviewers about RFP submission

**Grantee Announcements**
- Announcements by June 10th
- 2-4 Organizations
- $1.52 million
- Begin a 3-year fiscal and capacity building supportive partnership
Q&A

Answer Questions Pre-Submitted
Answer Questions Today

Recording will be available, as well as FAQ page, week of 4/04
FAQs will be posted next week

FAQ will cover everything asked and requests submitted after this session through 4/04
Application Deadline

**Monday, May 2\textsuperscript{nd}**

WYFF Grantees will be announced

**Friday, June 10th**
Thank You.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit: https://www.buildingchanges.org

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