

South King County Fund

Recommendations

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Commission Meeting

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Agenda

Background

Evaluation

Lessons Learned

Recommendations

- Equity
- Organizational Change
- Community Capacity Building

South King County Fund

- **Partnership Between:**
 - External Relations
 - Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
 - South King County Communities
- **To Create:**
 - Equity – Based Program
 - Supporting Historically Underserved Near Airport Communities



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2020 Programs and Schedule

Spring

Economic Development

- Advances pathways for WMBE businesses to partner with the Port

Summer

Economic Recovery Program

- The fund will support projects and programs in four focus areas:
 - Small business assistance
 - Workforce development
 - Job creation
 - Development of new, innovative economic recovery strategies

Fall

Environmental Grants

- Expansion of Airport Community Ecology Fund
- Public projects including parks, greenspaces and art



**3
Programs**

**27
Proposals
Awarded**

**\$1.4 M
Amount
Awarded**

South King County Fund 2020

Year 1 Evaluation Processes

Evaluation

- Summary Report from SKCF Consultants
- Feedback from applicants and grantees
- Internal Audit



Lessons Learned

Successes

- Rapid implementation of support from Economic Development
- Deep community engagement for Environmental grants
- Piloted Vendor Connect Technical Assistance

Challenges

- Unclear definition of “Near Airport Communities”
- Delays due to coordinating complex inter-departmental teams
- Lack of balance in year 1 community engagement

Equity and Community

- Refine eligibility
 - Organization and Community Served
 - Utilize the Equity Index
- Improve language access
 - Include Community Reviewers for accuracy



Organizational Change

- Project co-management structure
- Interdepartmental core team
 - Consistency in communication and collaboration across the full South King County Fund programs
 - Processes and policies are institutionalized through good record-keeping and documentation
- Timeline
- Program Evaluation



Community Capacity Building

- Expand liaison model
 - Engagement should be meaningful, consistent and continual throughout the year
- Community reviewers
 - Panelists help Port staff expand their understanding about community needs, priorities and organizations



Community Liaison Speakers



Sofia Estavez

& Alma Villegas, AV Consulting

Summary of Recommendations

Equity

- Eligibility
- Language access

Organizational Change

- Project co-management
- Interdepartmental core team
- Timeline
- Program evaluation

Community Capacity Building

- Liaisons
- Community reviewers

Thank You

Questions?

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