



**RE: DUE Jan 17: Apply to be part of a Participatory Funding Group CRP Dollars**

Dear Community Partner,

- Are you a **King County nonprofit** organization with a **budget under \$2 million**?
- Are you a “by and for organization” - **created to serve and led by - Black, Latine, and/or Indigenous/tribal communities**?
- Can you commit a staff member or key volunteer to an **all-day in-person retreat on February 4<sup>th</sup>** and regular cohort meetings with a facilitator/coach (time/dates to be determined by the group) from that date through March?

The King County Local Advisory Team (LAT), supported by United Way of King County, **invites your organization to apply by January 17 to be in one of three *Community Healer* participatory funding groups (cohorts)**. Members of each cohort will engage in learning, build connections with each other, and determine how to invest \$1million of [Washington State Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Project](#) (CRP) funding.

CRP funding invests in communities disproportionately harmed by the war on drugs. The CRP *Community Healer* program is designed to address the unique cultural and social needs of the Black, Latine, and/or Indigenous/Tribal communities, and recognizes that traditional western approaches to healing may not be effective for all communities.

The three focus areas (cohorts) of healing for this funding are *healing through food sovereignty, healing through communal care, and healing through asset building/economic development* (see descriptions below).

**Organizations in each cohort are eligible to receive a grant from the funds**, plus each organization will receive a stipend of \$3,100 for participation.

The Local Advisory Team (LAT), a diverse group of community & nonprofit leaders, will select (from applications submitted by January 17) ten organizations to make up each of the three cohorts. The LAT is looking for applicant organizations that meet all of the following qualifications:

- Is a nonprofit (or fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit).
- Has annual budget under \$2 million.
- Provides services/support in King County.

- Qualifies as “By and For” organizations, which the Community Reinvestment Project defines as: Is part of, rooted in, and defined by the identity of the Black, Latine, and/or Indigenous/tribal community.
- Has experience/knowledge with the issue area of the cohort they apply for, as well as interest in engaging in the learning and community building opportunity that cohort participation will provide.
- Has a proven track record of collaboration, strong knowledge of intersectionality, and the ability to put the needs of the community above individual organizational needs.
- The person who will represent the applicant organization must be able to commit to an in-person all-day retreat on Tuesday February 4th (King County location TBD) and regular cohort meetings with a facilitator/coach from that date through March (time/dates to be determined by the group members).
- Preference will be given to organizations that have not previously received Community Healer grants from the WA Dept. Of Commerce.

In addition to deciding how to distribute these critical funds, the cohorts are created to build relationships and connections among organizations doing work in the following three areas:

- **Healing through Food Sovereignty** - Grants from this cohort will provide critical funding to organizations and communities working to promote healing and well-being through food justice initiatives. We believe that access to healthy, culturally appropriate food is a fundamental human right, and that reclaiming control over our food systems is essential for creating vibrant, resilient communities. This could include strengthening Indigenous food systems, empowering communities of color, promoting sustainable agriculture, addressing food-related health disparities, or advocating for policy change.
- **Healing through Communal Care** – Grants from this cohort will recognize the profound power of communal care in fostering healing and well-being. We believe that strong, interconnected communities provide the foundation for individuals to thrive, particularly in the face of adversity and systemic inequities. This could include strengthening community bonds, promoting cultural practices of care, addressing systemic inequities, building the capacity for collective care.
- **Healing through Asset Building/Economic Development** - Grants from this cohort will recognize the vital connection between economic empowerment and holistic well-being. We believe that building individual and community assets is essential for fostering healing, resilience, and self-determination. This includes expanding access to asset building opportunities, promoting community-led economic development, addressing systemic barriers to economic opportunity, or building capacity for economic self-sufficiency.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Log into an existing account or create a new account in [e-CImpact, United Way of King County's online application platform](#).

1. Go to e-CImpact at United Way of King County: Agency Site <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=UWKC>. You will see a screen like this:

The screenshot shows the login interface for e-CImpact. On the left, there is a logo for 'e-IMPACT Community Impact Management' with the text 'AGENCY SITE' below it. On the right, under the heading 'UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY', there is a 'Sign In' section. It includes the instruction 'Please sign in to your account.', two input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a green 'Sign In' button, and a link 'Having trouble signing in?'. Below this is a section titled 'New to e-CImpact?' with the instruction 'To create a new account select the link below:' and a green button that says 'Click here to create a new e-CImpact account'.

2. **If you already have an active e-CImpact account**, sign in with your username and password.
  - a. If you know your username but not your password, click the link that says “Having trouble signing in?” to reset your password.
  - b. If you don’t know your username, email [communityservices@uwkc.org](mailto:communityservices@uwkc.org) with your organization’s name and we will look it up for you.
3. **If you have never had an e-CImpact account with us, or if your account has been inactive for several years**, use the link at the bottom of that screen that says “Click here to create a new e-CImpact account.”
4. Once you are logged in you will see information about the application in the center section under United Way of King County News, and you will be able to access the application through a link in the section on the left that says “Request Grant Application.”
5. You will first answer several questions to determine your eligibility to apply. If eligible, you will be registered in the system and will move on to the brief set of application questions.

## **TIMELINE**

- Friday January 17: Applications due (the application is short)
- By Friday January 31: Applicants notified by email whether they have been selected or not.
- Tuesday February 4: All-day in-person retreat for participating representatives of the 30 organizations selected
- February 5 through end of March: regular meetings of each cohort (dates, times to be determined by group members at February 4 retreat)

Questions? Email [communityservices@uwkc.org](mailto:communityservices@uwkc.org) and mention **Community Healer** in your subject line. Or contact the following by phone:

- For general grant information, please call (206) 461-3700, ext. 85113
- For e-Cimpact
  - Damian Spence, (206) 461-8511
  - Molly Daddono, (206) 461-3624

*Please forward this email to any eligible organizations you think might be interested. Thank you!*