About the Equitable Development Initiative

The Equitable Development Initiative was established in 2016 in response to the inequitable growth in Seattle. Community members established the Race and Social Equity Task Force (RSET) to advance racial equity. City Council listened to the concerns of community organizations who pushed for the creation of EDI and established a fund to support the work through the first five EDI Demonstration Projects.

Over the past two years, an additional 18 projects have been funded through a competitive grant process. The short-term rental tax provides $5,000,000 annually to support community-driven projects that advance equitable development. Last year, EDI funds helped secure ownership for the Refugee and Immigrant Family Center in West Seattle.

How Equitable Development Fund categories, criteria, and outcomes include:

- Community Capacity Development – organizational development and neighborhood capacity.
- Project Development – project feasibility, acquisition, tenant/ façade improvements, real estate development.

Funded Projects

The EDI Fund, through a community-advised selection process, has funded the projects in this brochure.
EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

**CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**Byrd Barr Place** | Byrd Barr Place, Central Area
Byrd Barr Place will renovate the 100+ year old historic Firehouse with inclusive, accessible design to add 1000+ sq. ft. of community gathering space. The project will retain the building as a cultural asset for Seattle’s Black community and expand its services, which include emergency assistance and home heating, housing assistance and eviction prevention, and food bank and home delivery.

Andrea Caupain, andrea@byrdbarrplace

**CAYA Community Center** | Central Area Youth Association, Central Area
The new mixed use community center will accommodate growing programming needs as well as affordable housing to mitigate displacement of our community.

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**Midtown Center** | Africatown, Central Area
Africatown Community Land Trust has partnered with Capitol Hill Housing and the Capitol Hill Foundation to develop Africatown Plaza at Midtown - a seven-story, mixed use building with 5,000-8,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and approximately 130 apartments affordable to households earning up to 60% area median income.

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**William Grose Center for Cultural Innovation** | Africatown, Central Area
Create a space that supports small businesses, creative entrepreneurs and creating pathways to the knowledge-based economy. WGCCI would address community priorities and create career pathways that support entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic development located in the Central Area, which will serve Seattle’s historically Black community that has been and continues to face high risk of displacement. The WGCCI will create dedicated spaces for innovation and civic tech events that can draw people in from the street and serve as a tech epicenter near existing cultural and community assets.

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**NORTH SEATTLE**

**Daybreak Star Center** | United Indians of All Tribes, Discovery Park
The United Indians of All Tribes is embarking on a capital campaign to advance two projects: Rehabilitation of the Daybreak Star Center at Discovery Park, and development of the Northwest Canoe Center in South Lake Union.

Mike Tulee, mtulee@unitedindians.org

**Lake City Collective** | Lake City Collective, Lake City
LCC uses a community ambassador model to increase the ability for local communities to become self-determining. LCC seeks to establish a location in Seattle’s Little Brooklyn neighborhood that would allow them to expand services and establish partnerships that would preserve existing affordable housing sites in the neighborhood and improve living conditions.

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**SOUTHEAST SEATTLE**

**Duwamish Longhouse** | Duwamish Valley Tribal Services, Duwamish Valley
Purchase of property adjacent to the Longhouse to support the continued viability of the cultural space. The current location has significant safety issues that affect the visitors attempting to access the Longhouse.

Dr. Jeffery Perkins, perkins@seattlegic.com

**Duwamish Valley Affordable Housing Coalition**

Duwamish Valley Affordable Housing Coalition, South Park
Build the capacity of the Coalition and the South Park and Georgetown communities. The coalition has developed a 3-prong anti-displacement approach - preserving existing affordable housing; developing new affordable housing; and developing a multi-purpose building that provides community gathering space, child-care, and affordable spaces for local non-profits.

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**Hope Academy** | Hope Academy of Seattle, South Delridge
Established in 2002, Hope Academy is the only East African community-based K-8 school accredited by the WA State Board of Education. HAS serves 120 students and more than 400 East African refugee and immigrant families through their programs. EDI funds will help secure ownership of the property.

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**Southeast Seattle**

**African Women Business Alliance**

African Women Business Alliance / Muslim Women in Business Association, SE Seattle
The project would create a permanent home for the Alliance, which is currently renting space to pop-up makers. The majority of women engaged by the Alliance are from households making less than $35,000 a year, and are motivated towards entrepreneurship as a means of breaking out of low-wage employment. Most cite access to seed capital as their primary barrier.

Nourah Yousouf, nourah@africanwomenbusinessalliance.org

**Rainier Valley Birth Center** | Rainier Avenue Midwives, SE Seattle
Rainier Valley Midwives has been operating out of a temporary location in the Rainier Valley Community Clinic that is becoming untenable due to escalating rent. They are working to acquire and build a permanent Birth Center in the Rainier Valley for people of color. The Birth Center would provide wrap-around services before, during, and after the birth process.

Tara Lawal, rainiervalleymidwives@gmail.com

**Black and Tan Hall** | Black and Tan Hall, Hillman City
Finish construction of physical location of Black and Tan Hall that includes a cooperatively-owned restaurant, performing arts venue, and community gathering space. Build internal capacity of organization by hiring management team to develop systems and programs to sustain community-oriented, and cooperative business model.

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**Cham Refugee Community** | Cham Refugee Community, SE Seattle
Construction of an upgraded, 12,000 sq. ft. community center at their existing location. Development work will be cheddar compliant and expand programming while increasing the usability for youth, the elderly, and disabled members of the community.

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**Ethiopian Village** | Ethiopian Community in Seattle, SE Seattle
Redevelopment of existing community center into a mixed-use project including 100 affordable senior homes, childcare, commercial space, and an expanded community center. Ethiopian Village will serve multiple generations of the Ethiopian community.

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**Innovation Learning Center** | Filipino Community of Seattle, SE Seattle
Construction of the Filipino Community Village Innovation Learning Center and Community Gathering Space, which will house STEAM education for youth and young adults, health and wellness programs for seniors, cultural enrichment programs, and domestic and gender-based violence counseling. The project also includes 95 affordable senior apartment homes.

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**Multicultural Community Center**

Multicultural Community Center, SE Seattle
Prioritized by immigrant and refugee communities in Southeast Seattle during neighborhood planning, the MCC will be an outcome of community groups working together to build power and shared resources. MCC will be a shared cultural gathering space and co-working space for member organizations, as part of the Opportunity Center @ Othello Square development.

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**Opportunity Center @ Othello Square** | HomeSight, Othello
Othello Square brings together multiple non-profit partners to pool their strengths in a community-focused campus. The Opportunity Center @ Othello Square includes non-profit offices, classrooms, cultural center, and maker space: 200 affordable and workforce apartments; and a mid-block public plaza for community use.

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**Rainier Beach Food Innovation District**

Rainier Beach Action Coalition, Rainier Beach
An employment, education and entrepreneurship project prioritized and driven by the community with a new model of transit oriented development (TOD) that is based on production and decent paying jobs rather than consumption and low-wage jobs. This new model is in contrast to the more common model of “high cost housing over low-wage jobs.”

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**West African Community Center**

West African Community Council, SE Seattle
Near-term renovation and longer-term expansion of community facility to provide space for services and programs for West African immigrants and refugees, including housing advocacy, financial assistance and education, family counseling, tutoring, bilingual preschool. The project is intended to serve the Alian, Guinean, Senegalese, Ivorian, Nigerian, Gambian, Liberian, Burkina Faso, Mauritanian, Guinea-Bissau, Benin, Cape Verde, Ghanaian, Sierra Leone, Togo and Niger communities in Seattle.

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**GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS**

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