**Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF)**

**2022 Grant Application Guidelines**

**ABOUT DROF**

The Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF) was established in 2014 to improve the quality of life and restore the health of people living and working in the neighborhoods closest to the Duwamish River Valley The DROF is intended to fund community-led work that addresses any one of the cumulative impacts that have been identified in research and planning reports including the Health Impact Assessment, the Duwamish River Action Plan, the Duwamish Valley Vision Plan/Map or other plans relevant to the Duwamish River Valley.

DROF is managed by the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) Community Grants team. Awards are selected by a community review panel. If you are interested in serving on the review panel, please contact us at [DROF@seattle.gov](mailto:DROF@seattle.gov).

The total amount of funding available in 2022 for the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund is $250,000. Groups can request up to $40,000 for a 9-month project period (January 2023-September 2023).

**WHAT WE FUND**

The DROF was created in response to the following issue areas that have been identified by community members of the Duwamish River Valley through multiple neighborhood plans and reports. We fund community-led projects that address at least one of the following:

* Safe fishing or fish consumption
* Job training or economic development
* Pedestrian safety
* Healthy lifestyle
* Environmental development or restoration
* Community development
* Affordable housing strategies
* Emerging issue (e.g., COVID-19, West Seattle Bridge closure)

In addition to addressing at least one of the issue areas listed above, DROF-funded projects must:

* Operate within the Duwamish River Valley and serve people who live and work there
* Demonstrate broad community involvement in implementation
* Be free and accessible to the public
* Demonstrate an emphasis on racial and social equity

**WHO SHOULD APPLY**

* Community groups, informal groups, organizations, and business groups are encouraged to apply. If your group is not a recognized non-profit or business group, you will need to partner with a 501©3 nonprofit fiscal sponsor.
* Groups that have received two consecutive years of DROF funding are not eligible to apply in this cycle. Groups become eligible again at the beginning of the next grant cycle.
* Awards will not be made to individuals or to government agencies.

**DROF WORKSHOPS AND SUPPORT**  
We encourage all applicants to attend a virtual workshop to learn more about the application process and what makes a strong application, as well as to get answers to your questions. We will hold two virtual workshops:

**Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 10:00 –11:30am**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022, from 6:00 – 7:30pm**.

NOTE: Workshops are being held virtually to adhere to public health guidelines. If you cannot attend either of the webinars and would like to discuss your project with DON staff, please contact us at [DROF@Seattle.gov](mailto:DROF@Seattle.gov)or at (206) 733-9916.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Apply online here: [2022 Online Application](https://seattle.surveymonkey.com/r/ZHPM9LL)

Or answer the questions in the 2022 DROF Application (posted to our webpage) and submit your completed application plus attachments to [DROF@seattle.gov](mailto:DROF@seattle.gov).

**The deadline to apply is August 15th, 2022, by 5:00pm.**

Hand-written, mail-in applications and attachments are also acceptable but must be postmarked by August 15, 2022, in order to be considered. Please post to:

Department of Neighborhoods

Attn: Esprit Autenreith

City of Seattle

P.O. Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649.

We anticipate emailing award decisions by October 2022.