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SEATTLE RESCUE PLAN

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Letter from Mayor Harrell

Seattle is on the road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to critical support from the American Rescue Plan and other federal legislation. As a City, we acted quickly to allocate \$300 million in aid where it was needed most, driven by community input and prioritizing those who were hit hardest by COVID-19. This is the third report detailing Seattle's pandemic recovery process. The period covered in this report, starting in July 2022, represents a new phase of our recovery.

Our commitment to equity shows in our performance data. 100% of the programs in this report provided services to equity priority neighborhoods. And across all programs with demographic data, 60% of the people served by recovery funding were members of underrepresented communities and communities of color.

Seattle prioritized urgent investments to meet our residents' most fundamental needs as many residents, businesses, and organizations are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding helped our community partners rapidly acquire what will become 445 new units of affordable housing, supported hundreds of thousands of meals and food bank visits, and provided free childcare for 690 kids.

We cleaned and beautified spaces, with 3.2 million pounds of litter collected through the Clean City Initiative. The City and its partners provided consulting and other services to 3,500 small businesses, re-hired or supported over 4,600 artists and cultural workers, and welcomed visitors back to downtown and other neighborhoods. Concerts, festivals, and other events supported by the Seattle Rescue Plan attracted over 700,000 attendees.

The historic infusion of federal aid has been an opportunity to rebuild towards a more equitable vision for our future. From helping residents learn new skills, to supporting BIPOC business owners and artists, to expanding access to childcare, Seattle Rescue Plan investments are making lasting change for the people we serve.

Through all of this work, the City is prioritizing transparency and data-driven decision making. Seattle has been recognized as a leader in performance and evaluation, and we will continue to move forward by learning the best lessons from the pandemic and our response. By coming together around shared values of good governance and advancing equity, we will be prepared for what's ahead as we continue to build **One Seattle**.





Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread economic, social, and health-related loss, and deepened existing disparities in Seattle. Our most vulnerable communities – those with higher social and economic risk – had higher per capita cases of COVID-19, higher rates of hospitalization, and more deaths than communities with lower social and economic risk.

This is the third performance report in a series produced by the City of Seattle to describe how the City has used federal recovery funds to address those harms.

The City of Seattle received over \$300M from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), including \$232M in local direct aid from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFR). Seattle appropriated CLFR funds as part of a series of ARPA spending packages known collectively as the **Seattle Rescue Plan**. This report covers CLFR-funded programs from July 2022-June 2023.

Seattle used the one-time infusion of CLFR funds to rapidly create new low-income housing, provide emergency cash assistance for small businesses and residents, pilot innovative new strategies, and invest in principles of good governance and performance measurement.

Across all 75 CLFR-funded programs:

\$55.9 million

went to **affordable housing and homelessness**

\$39.4 million

went to **emergency flexible funding** for individuals, families, childcare workers, and businesses

\$30 million

went to improving the **health and safety** of our communities through mental health services, gender-based violence response, food assistance, and public space improvements

\$3 million

went to support **downtown revitalization**

40 other CLFR-funded programs are not included in this report because they are either complete and are no longer reporting new data, are still in an implementation phase, or are not collecting data. These programs included emergency cash assistance for small businesses, investments in the City's workforce to continue providing essential services, and many others. You can learn more about other CLFR-funded programs in the [2022 report](#).

This report focuses on 35 new or ongoing programs that have newly available performance data. Key metrics from the 35 CLFR programs in this report include:

- Acquired four buildings that will offer **445 affordable housing units**
- Provided services to over **3,500 small businesses** and grants to over **50 business associations**
- Partnered with **over 350 community organizations and non-profits**
- Supported over **1,000,000 food bank visits** and over **300,000 meals**
- Hired or supported over **4,600 artists and cultural workers**
- Supported public events that saw over **700,000 attendees**
- Provided free childcare for **690 kids** and awarded funding to projects that will create **311 new childcare slots**
- Supported over **800 Seattle Promise scholars** to re-engage with their college education or finish their degrees
- **Collected over 3.2 million pounds of litter and cleaned 100k square feet of graffiti**

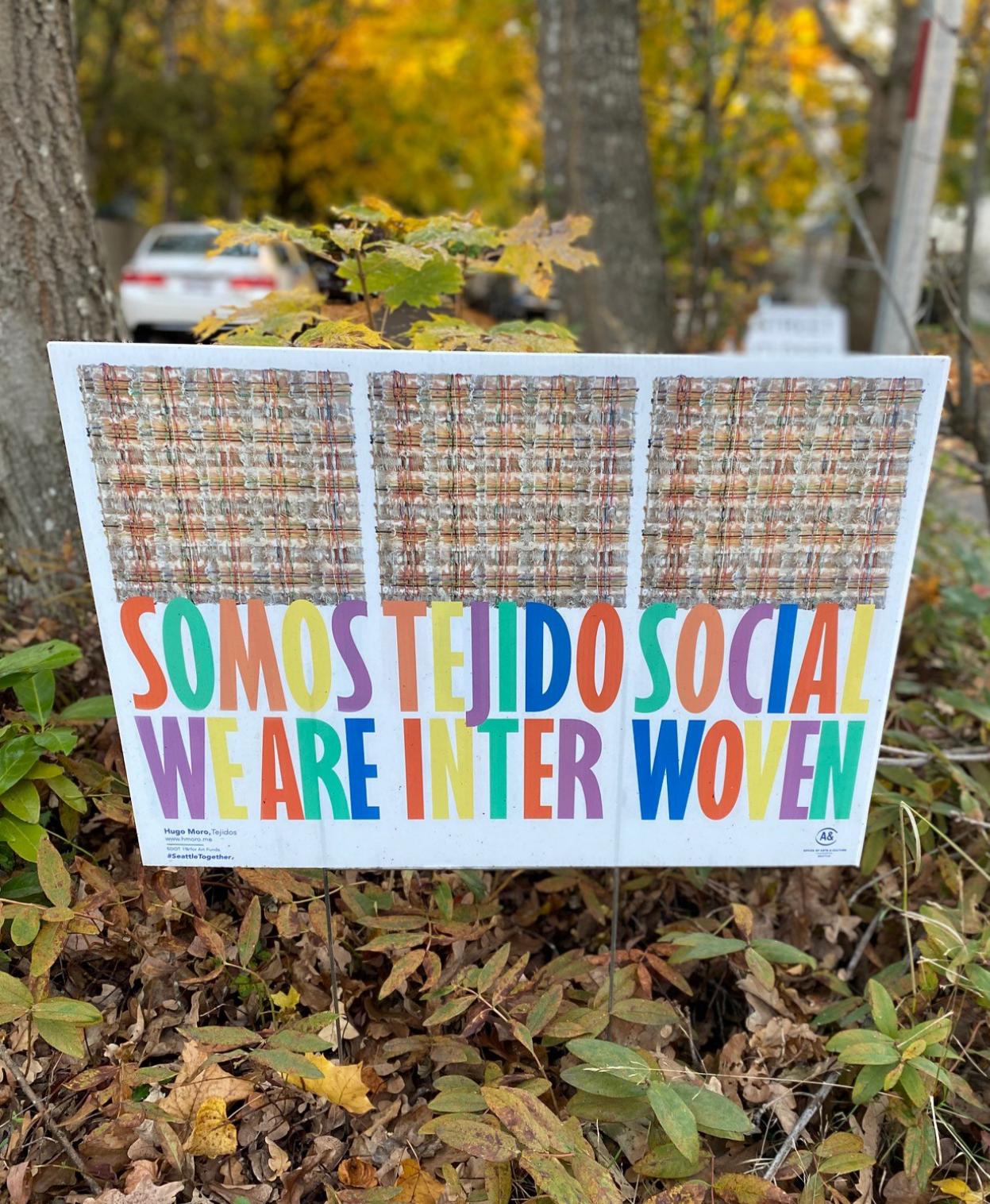


Source: El Centro de la Raza

Seattle has neighborhoods that experience higher levels of race-based disparity, which were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and were a priority for CLFR spending.

- **100%** of reporting programs provided services to **equity priority neighborhoods**, with just under **85%** of programs serving most of their clients in those areas.
- Just over **60%** of clients identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) for programs with demographic data.

For a full list of CLFR-funded programs, see the [Seattle Rescue Plan Transparency Portal](#).



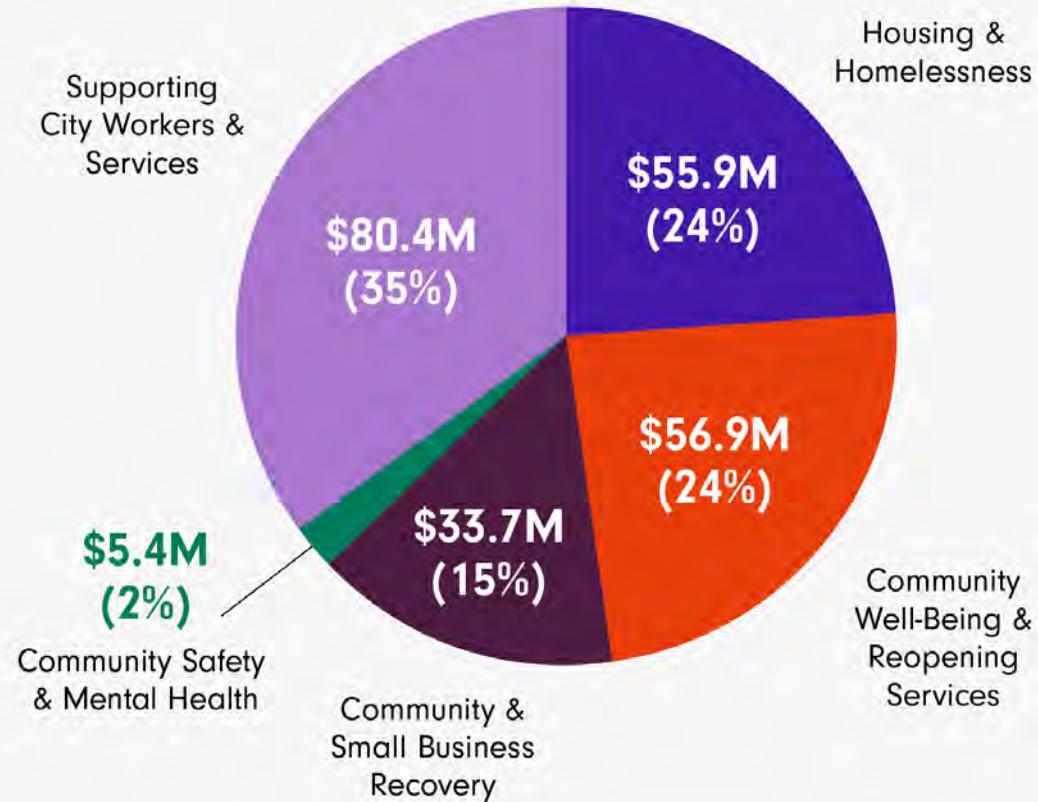
Strategy for CLFR Spending

The City engaged in extensive community engagement, including partnering with over 50 community groups, to choose how to allocate funding and design COVID-19 response strategies. In the summer of 2021, the City used a collaborative process with community groups to identify five investment areas for CLFR funds. These priority areas address the economic, social, and health-related harms of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investment areas	Intended outcomes
 Housing & Homelessness	10 programs: Residents have access to safe, affordable, and stable housing options as well as emergency housing resources.
 Community Well-Being & Reopening Services	22 programs: Communities with historic barriers to capital, digital services, and basic needs can access these resources and enjoy safe outdoor and public spaces for recreation and improved health.
 Community & Small Business Recovery	24 programs: People and small businesses can access assistance to economically recover from the impacts of COVID-19.
 Community Safety & Mental Health	6 programs: Communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can access services and supports for behavioral and mental health, and violence prevention and intervention.
 Supporting City Workers & Services	13 programs: The City of Seattle is equipped to reopen equitably and safely in the new post-pandemic environment and has the resources to effectively manage pandemic recovery funds and efforts.

→ View all CLFR programs and funding: [Seattle Rescue Plan Transparency Portal](#).

CLFR Funds by Priority Area



Theory of Change

Program selection was guided by the Seattle Rescue Plan's theory of change:

By prioritizing public outreach and partnering with community organizations, CLFR funds can be used to make Seattle a more just and equitable city. To that end, programs were designed based on **community involvement** and with a strong emphasis on equity, while remaining committed to conducting **thoughtful data collection** and **active contract management**.

Collaborating to Create One Seattle

Mayor Harrell's One Seattle initiative aims to build a thriving, innovative, and equitable city we are all proud to call home. Citywide collaboration and teamwork are key to achieving this vision, and many CLFR programs required extensive cross-department collaboration.

For example, in addition to administering its own CLFR revenue replacement-funded program, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs improved in-language outreach for other departments' programs so that they were better able to reach small-businesses owners. The Clean City Initiative also works across three departments – the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities, and Seattle Parks & Recreation – to remove trash, debris, sharps, and graffiti from parks, greenspaces, streets, and sidewalks. This cross-department collaboration led to a more effective and holistic approach to improving public health and safety across the city.

Launching a Citywide Data Strategy

Seattle has seized the opportunity presented by CLFR funding to launch citywide infrastructure for performance measurement and evaluation. This has further brought departments together and broken silos in our government.

Many City departments and programs had rigorous data and evaluation practices prior to receiving CLFR funding. However, the work was often siloed, as there was no central team, citywide standards, or formal space for cross-department collaboration. A small portion of CLFR funding supports the Seattle Rescue Plan Measurement and Evaluation (SRP M&E) Team, which has created standardized



Source: Black Arts Love



templates for data collection, supports implementation of best practices, and facilitates a monthly Community of Practice for staff across the City. The Community of Practice is a space for City staff and other partners to share knowledge and uplift opportunities for collaboration.

The SRP M&E Team is working directly with programs across the City to standardize collection of demographic data, with the goal of improving the City's ability to evaluate program reach across Seattle communities. Out of the 35 programs with performance data in this report, 71% of them collected some level of usable demographic data on those receiving services. This is a significant increase from the 52% that collected this data in the last reporting period. Across those reporting programs, nearly 60% of clients served identify as BIPOC.

Seattle has been recognized for its leadership in data and evaluation and was recently awarded a [What Works Cities Gold Certification](#). The City has also joined the Bloomberg Philanthropies City Data Alliance to continue leading with data to improve residents' lives. These investments in performance measurement and evaluation will live beyond CLFR funding and support new standards of continuous improvement in Seattle for years to come.

Arts and Culture as a Key Recovery Strategy

Arts and cultural organizations have played a special role as both grantees and agents in the pandemic recovery. The Office of Arts & Culture contracted with many community partners to support four recovery programs in the past year. These programs support creative workers and organizations in a variety of ways, including providing millions in financial assistance for organizations to reopen safely and sustainably, offering employment opportunities for creative workers who experienced job loss due to the pandemic, and hosting technical assistance webinars to help build equity into organizational practices.

In addition to Office of Arts & Culture programs, arts and cultural partnerships across the CLFR programs were funded through other departments including Seattle Center, Seattle Parks & Recreation, and the Office of Economic Development. These partnerships led to engaging public events or activations and bolstered business revitalization efforts. Many of the creative organizations contracted through CLFR funding support creative workers.

By investing in the recovery of arts and cultural organizations, Seattle invested in the health of our entire community. Public concerts and pop-up events brought people and economic activity back into neighborhoods that suffered during the pandemic closures. Thousands benefitted from the increased opportunity for creativity, self-expression, learning, and building community provided by the reopening of arts and cultural organizations.

Revitalizing Downtown

Downtowns across the country were hit hard by the pandemic, and Seattle was no exception. As part of the City's overall recovery strategy, Mayor Harrell's [Downtown Activation Plan](#) is working to draw people to the heart of Seattle while designing a downtown of the future that works for everyone, including workers, families, small business owners, neighbors, visitors, and tourists.

CLFR investments have supported equitable recovery in Seattle's downtown by supporting arts and culture events, hiring and training workers, filling empty storefronts, and supporting small businesses.



Community Engagement

Designing Programs with Community

Seattle's CLFR investments were informed by extensive public outreach conducted in the spring of 2021. This included meetings with constituents, advocacy and public interest groups, community-based organizations, and community leaders. The Seattle City Council also held a public hearing and public comment committee meetings in April and May 2021, all of which guided the City's priorities for CLFR spending.

City departments continue to engage with communities to improve their programs. This outreach includes client surveys, listening sessions, advisory panels, and other methods to collect feedback and adjust programs accordingly.

For example, staff supporting the Seattle Promise program conducted student feedback sessions and a process evaluation, which led to a series of equity enhancements to address student retention, completion, and success. CLFR funding was then used to support those investments, including offering an additional year of support for students and offering increased financial aid to low-income students.

Similarly, the CiviForm team conducted focus groups with potential users to learn about pain points when applying for City benefits programs. These findings were then used to inform changes to the layout and language on the application platform, ultimately improving the user experience.

Many programs collect feedback through surveys and interviews. The Healthy Streets program conducted surveys with residents from neighborhoods around the Healthy Streets locations to assess



safety and neighborhood use of the closed streets. In addition to data on street usage, this feedback helped the Department of Transportation determine which streets to make permanent Healthy Streets and which locations weren't working as well as Healthy Streets or needed further evaluation.

Empowering Community-Based Organizations

City departments have used CLFR funds to increase the capacity of community partners to serve Seattle residents. Community-based organizations are best positioned to provide culturally responsive programming and deeply understand the needs and priorities of their community. This strategy allows the City to better serve our diverse communities by leveraging the knowledge and networks of these groups.

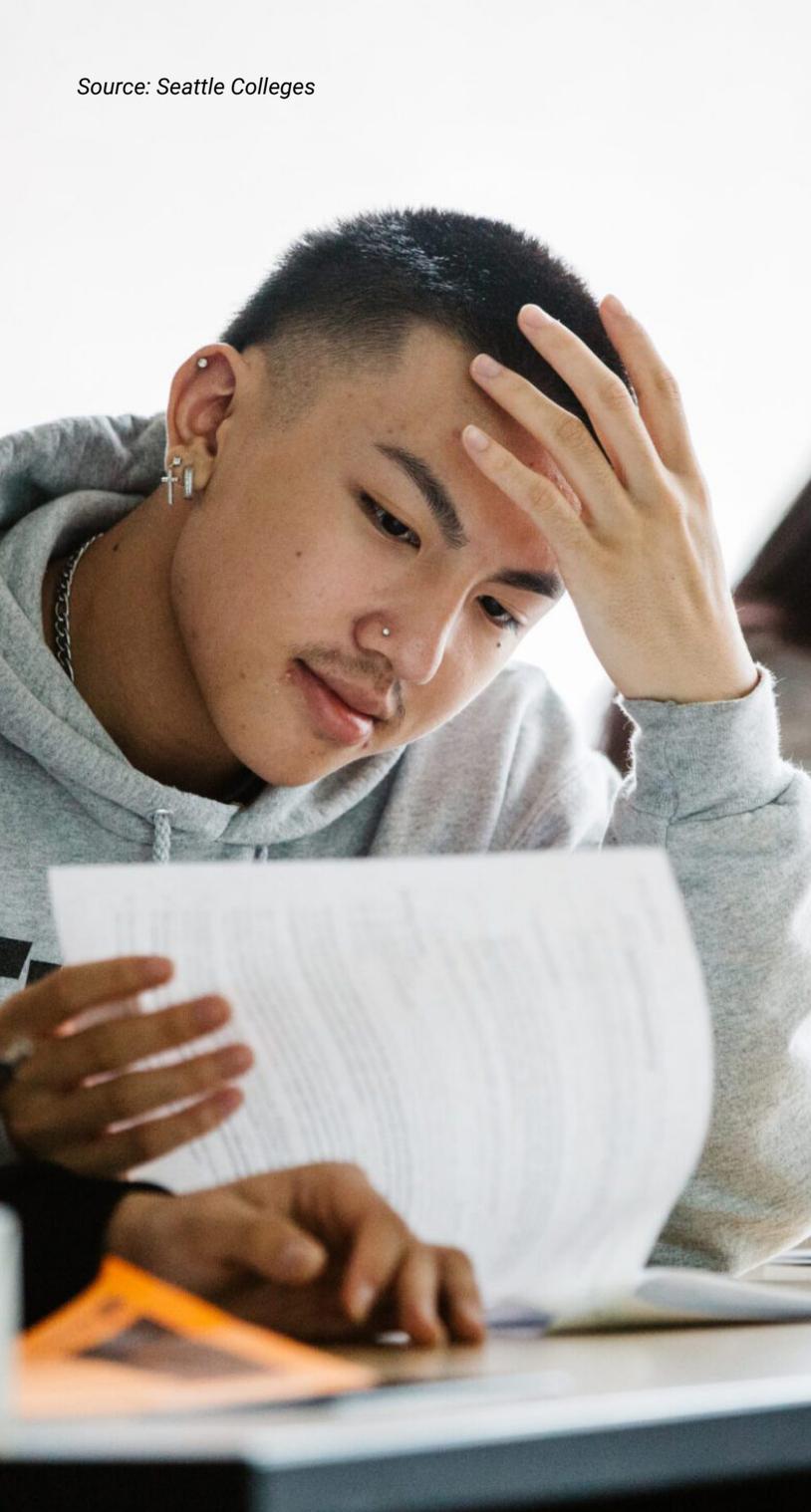
Across the 35 programs included in this report alone, the City partnered with over 350 community organizations and non-profits to execute CLFR-funded recovery programs. In many cases, organizations were able to use funding to hire additional staff, purchase needed equipment, or otherwise bolster their own capacity as an organization. For example, organizations funded through the Digital Equity program have used funding to develop and launch new curricula, or they purchased equipment that allows them to offer virtual or hybrid services. By building the internal capacity and infrastructure of local community-based organizations, our entire community benefits.

Starting in late 2022, the SRP M&E Team has supported departments to provide more direct data support to community partners. Evaluators have met with close to 50 different community organizations receiving CLFR funds to learn more about the kind of data support needed, share resources and best practices, host workshops, and incorporate their feedback into our processes.

In turn, community organizations have provided vital feedback and expertise to the City to help shape programs and improve City services. Community-based organizations have been the driving force behind Seattle's COVID-19 recovery; this work would not be possible without them.



Source: Seattle Jobs Initiative



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The City of Seattle has leveraged its CLFR funding to address the racial and social disparities that were worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. This effort builds on ongoing work by the City to eliminate disparities and achieve racial equity in Seattle.

The City launched the **Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI)** in 2004, which lays out the following goals and strategies:

- 1** End racial and social disparities internal to the City by improving workforce equity, increasing City employees' RSJI knowledge and tools, and increasing contracting equity;
- 2** Strengthen the way the City engages its community and provides services by improving existing services using RSJI best practices and enhancing immigrants' and refugees' access to City services; and,
- 3** Eliminate race-based disparities in our communities.

Building on the commitment to the RSJI, CLFR programs are selected and designed with a race and social justice lens. Program managers monitor enrollment and outreach to ensure that these investments are serving the intended populations, and the monitoring and evaluation process is conducted using an equity lens.



Housing & Homelessness

Total Funding:

\$55.9 M

Intended Outcome:

Residents have access to safe, affordable, and stable housing options as well as emergency housing resources.

What this means for Seattle residents:

- Investments in permanent housing, rental assistance, and eviction prevention
- Resources for emergency housing, shelter, and behavioral health in coordination with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA)
- Building capacity and ensuring stability of non-profit agencies and service providers
- Enhanced COVID-19 health practices to safely serve vulnerable residents during the height of the pandemic



Housing & Homelessness

Background

Housing affordability and homelessness have been one of our region's greatest challenges for years, and these existing crises were heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The number of individuals experiencing homelessness in King County has risen substantially, increasing by about 20% from start of 2019 to start of 2022 according to available data.¹ As of 2021, there was a shortage of about 16,000 affordable homes for people making less than 50% of the area median income.² And according to King County Department of Public Health surveys between 2020 and 2023, BIPOC respondents consistently faced housing insecurity at a higher rate than non-BIPOC respondents.³

To address these growing housing inequities, the City is developing more affordable housing units, with a growth strategy that focuses on urban centers so that residents can live closer to job opportunities and services that meet their needs.

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is an independent agency charged with unifying and coordinating homelessness response with the City of Seattle and across King County. Seattle and King

County jointly contribute most of KCHRA's funding in order to achieve a unified, streamlined, and coordinated regional response to homelessness. KCRHA administers CLFR-funded programs providing support to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Program Status as of June 2023:

Programs with performance data	
• Active programs	4
• Completed programs	1
Programs with no performance data	
• Had not started spending as of 1/1/23	5
Total number of programs	10

Project: Capacity Building for Housing Providers and Non-PSH Housing Projects

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Program Status: Spending in Progress

Project Objective: Provide financial assistance to stabilize non-profit affordable housing organizations and ensure agencies can continue to offer services and operate effectively throughout their COVID-19 recovery.

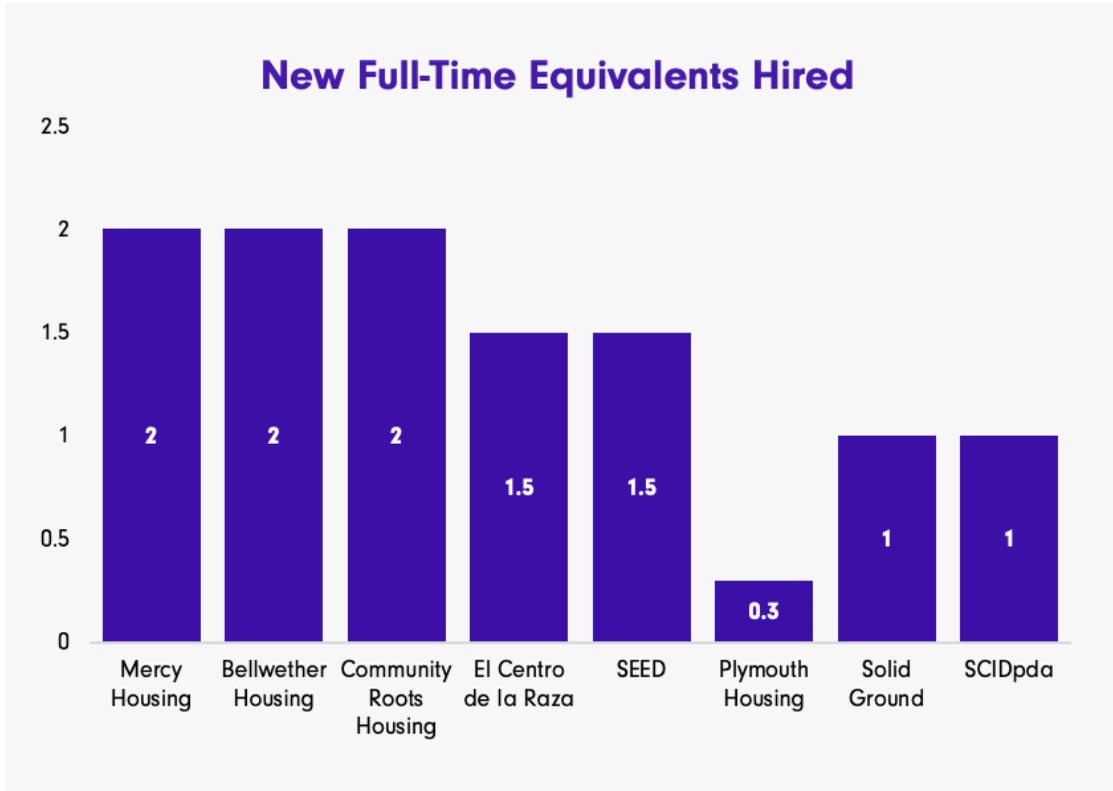
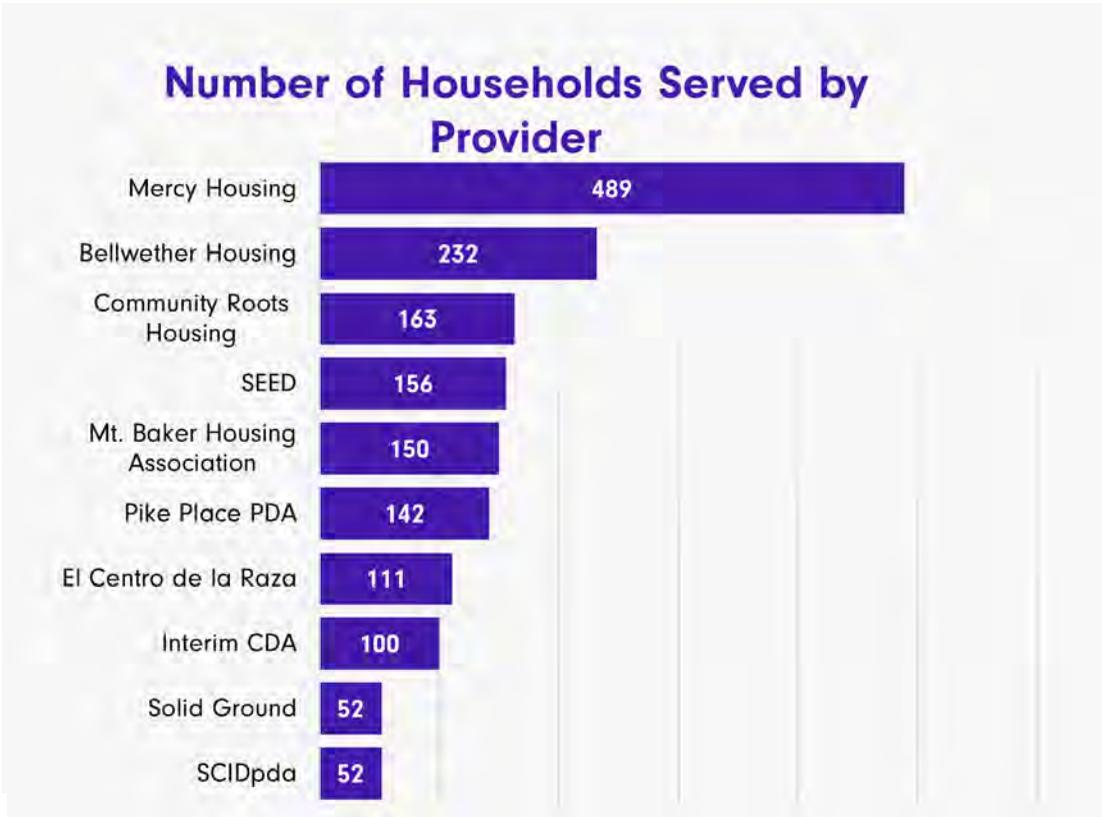
Project Overview: During the pandemic, non-profit affordable housing providers experienced decreased fundraising revenue and rental income. At the same time, they experienced increased expenses related to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation, as well as other related pandemic impacts, such as social isolation and behavioral health challenges, facility repairs, and ongoing rental arrears. This program provides housing providers with funding to help them stabilize from this loss of revenue and increase their capacity to safely and holistically support their residents.

Performance Report: CLFR funding was provided to 17 different housing providers to improve their capacity and ability to provide services to those experiencing housing insecurity.

Organizations range in the types of services they provide. 11 out of the 17 organizations provide case management and other wraparound services for affordable housing residents.

Types of Services	Organizations
Capacity Building Programming	SEED
	SCIDpda
	Pike Place PDA
	Mercy Housing
	Mt. Baker Housing Association
	Interim CDA
	Bellwether Housing
	El Centro de la Raza
	Community Roots Housing
	Solid Ground
Addressing Negative Economic Impacts	Chief Seattle Club
	Compass Housing Alliance
	LIHI
	Catholic Community Services Catholic Housing Services
Permanent Supportive Housing	DESC
	Plymouth Housing

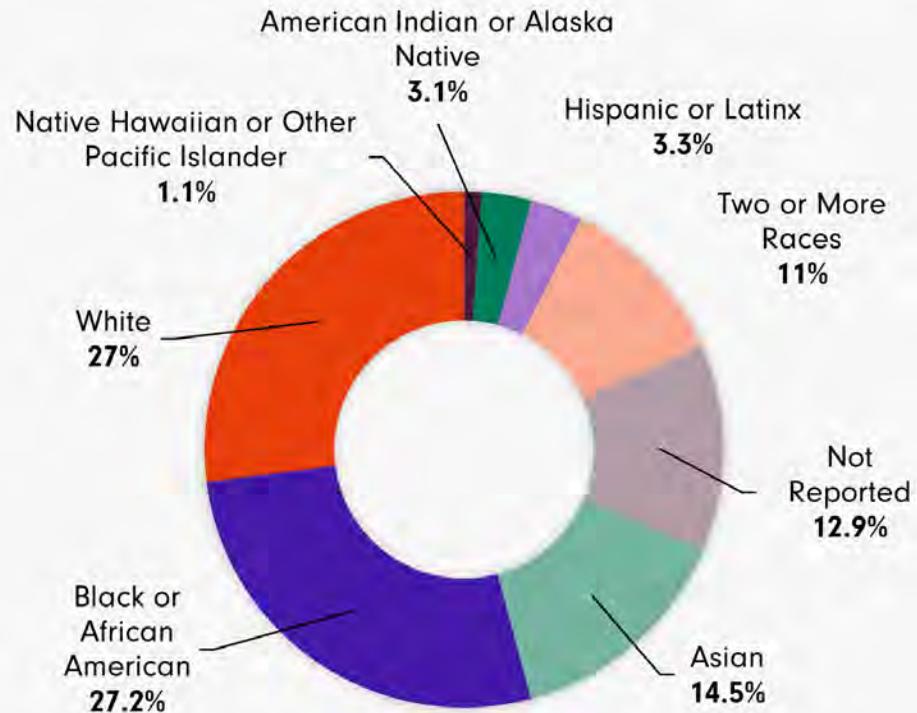
In total, 10 of the CLFR-funded organizations provided the number of households they have served with the funding so far (with more data anticipated later this year). For these organizations, 1,647 households received services. 33% of these households were served by Mercy Housing.



Out of the CLFR-funded organizations, 8 shared that they increased staffing with the funding. Across these organizations, a total of 11.3 full-time equivalents (FTEs) were hired. 7 of these organizations hired new employees with roles dedicated to improving health outcomes.

Demographic Data:⁴ For the 11 organizations that provided demographic information, more than half of residents served identified as BIPOC.

Race/Ethnicity of Residents Served



“In some cases, the isolation of the pandemic exacerbated mental health conditions and substance use for many residents. These funds allow us to navigate lost revenues and cover the costs of our normal operations and maintenance.”

-Compass Housing Alliance



Project: Multifamily Housing Acquisition Capital

Funding Amount: \$16,300,000

Program Status: Spending Complete

Project Objective: Acquire property to build new affordable housing units for those facing or at risk of homelessness.

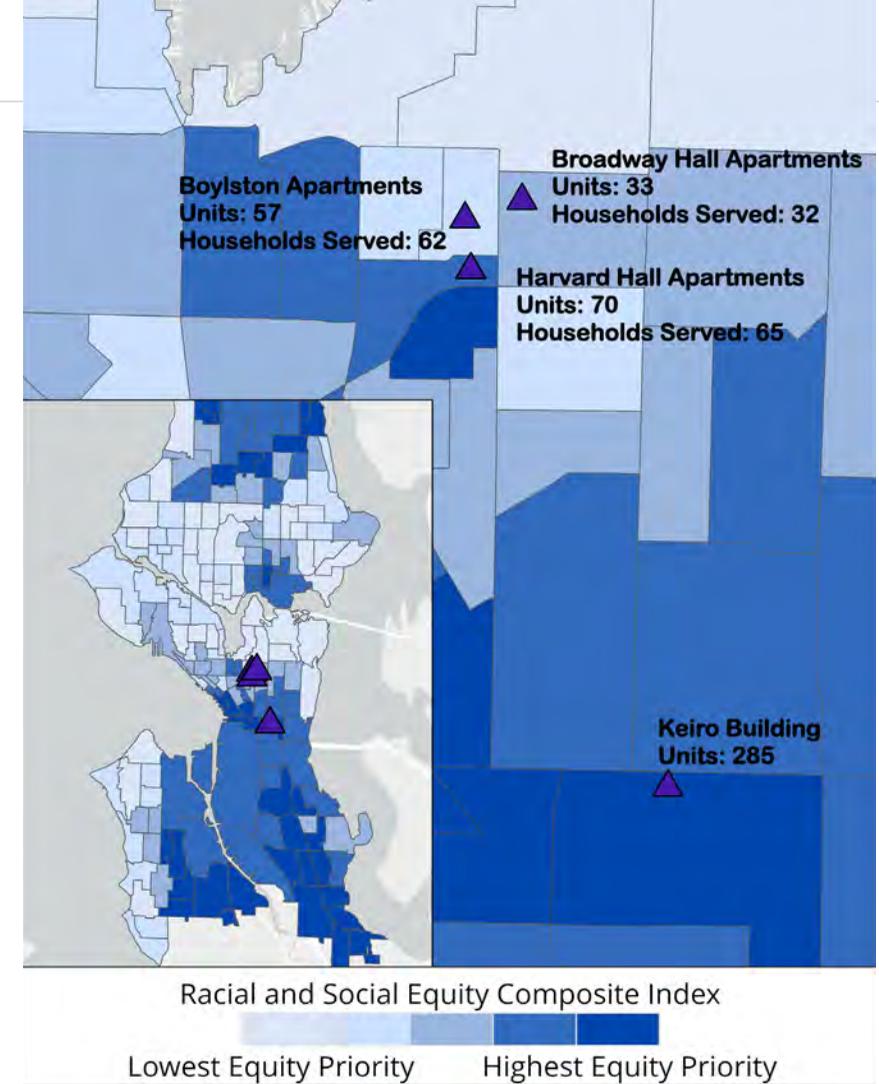
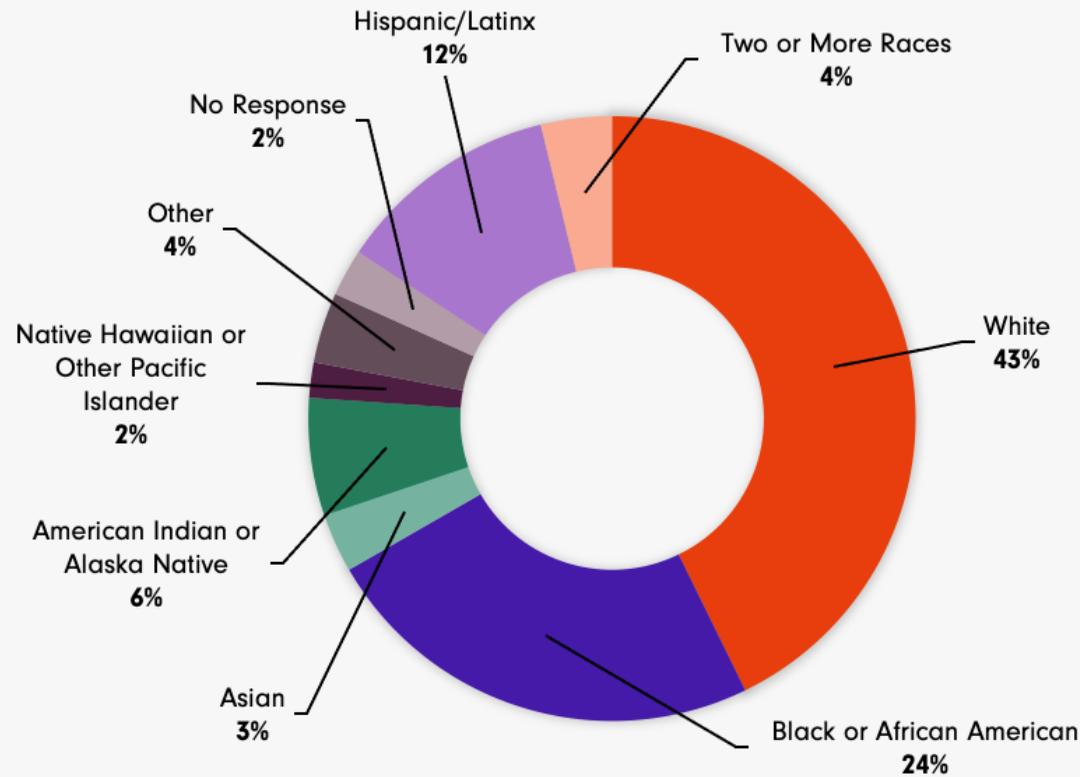
Project Overview: The City of Seattle provided CLFR funding to two affordable housing developers to rapidly acquire four low-income apartment buildings. These developers are the Low-Income Housing Institute and Africatown Community Land Trust.

Performance Report:⁵ 160 income-restricted units have been developed so far using CLFR dollars.

Area Median Income (AMI) is a measurement used to set income restrictions for residents applying to live in affordable housing units in Seattle. Half of the new apartments are reserved for those making less than 30% of the typical income for the area (AMI), while the other half of the apartments are reserved for those making at or below 50% AMI.

Demographic Data: 51% of the recipients served identified in a BIPOC category. The largest race/ethnicity group of people served identified as White (43%).⁶

Race/Ethnicity of Households Served



Geographic Data:⁷ The four developments are spread across four different levels of equity priority. There are no new apartment developments in the lowest equity priority census tracts.



Community Well-Being & Reopening Services

Total Funding:

\$56.9 M

Intended Outcome:

Communities with historic barriers to capital, digital services, and basic needs can access these resources and enjoy safe outdoor and public spaces for recreation and improved health.

What this means for Seattle residents:

- Financial support and services for childcare workers, students, older adults, and vulnerable populations
- Restoring city services/library hours and investing in maintaining and reopening safe outdoor recreational spaces
- Digital equity funding to provide no/low-cost IT equipment, internet access, and digital skills for residents



Community Well-Being & Reopening Services

Background Information

The pandemic exacerbated existing vulnerabilities, such as food insecurity and lack of childcare, for some residents in Seattle, while simultaneously causing the closure or limitation of community spaces and safety nets. Libraries, parks, and schools all closed early in the pandemic.

In a 2023 food survey conducted by the University of Washington and Washington State University to learn more about the needs of low-income residents, just under half of respondents in King County indicated that they experience food insecurity. The survey also showed that food insecurity is higher in households with BIPOC residents and children.⁸

Household Pulse Survey data in 2021 and 2022 shows that between 20-35% of households with children in our area experienced childcare unavailability as a result of COVID-19 in the last four weeks.⁹

Additionally, many jobs, classes, and services shifted online at the start of the pandemic, making digital skills vital for residents to continue engaging with their schools, jobs, and community. The need for digital access programming is also exacerbated by the high number of households in King County that have limited access to internet, which greatly impacted households with children engaging in remote schooling.¹⁰

The City has invested its CLFR funds in programs to help public service providers and community events re-open safely. It has also used those funds to reduce inequalities by investing in students, childcare workers, food services, and improving digital equity.

Program Status as of June 2023:

Programs with performance data

- Active programs 7
- Completed programs 4

Programs with no performance data

- Providing administrative support 1
- Had not started spending as of 1/1/23 1
- Completed final report in 2022 7
- Revenue replacement programs 2

Total number of programs 22

Project: CiviForm (Affordable Seattle Program Management)

Funding Amount: \$920,995

Program Status: Spending in Progress

Project Objective: Improve access to City benefit and discount programs through development of a unified application tool, CiviForm, where residents can learn of and apply to multiple City programs, along with community outreach and improved communications.

Project Overview: Affordable Seattle is an information portal for residents to learn about City benefit and discount programs. CiviForm is an in-language tool that allows residents to enter their information once and apply to multiple City programs.

Performance Report: Since June 2021, a total of 12,255 applicants applied to programs through CiviForm, with 19% reusing their information to apply quickly to 2 or more programs.

Residents voiced a preference for working with trusted community-based organizations to help them find and apply to City programs. CiviForm partnered with 16 community-based organizations and 37 case workers to provide training on CiviForm and conduct research and testing to learn how to improve the tool and programs to better meet their needs.

Community-Based Partner Organizations

Refugee Women's Alliance

Chinese Information and Service Center

El Centro de la Raza

Abundance of Hope Center

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Young Women Empowered

Multimedia Resources and Training Institute

Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle

Somali Community Services of Seattle

Villa Comunitaria

Kin On Health Care Center

Horn of Africa Services

Lake City Collective

Tongan Community

United Indians of All Tribes

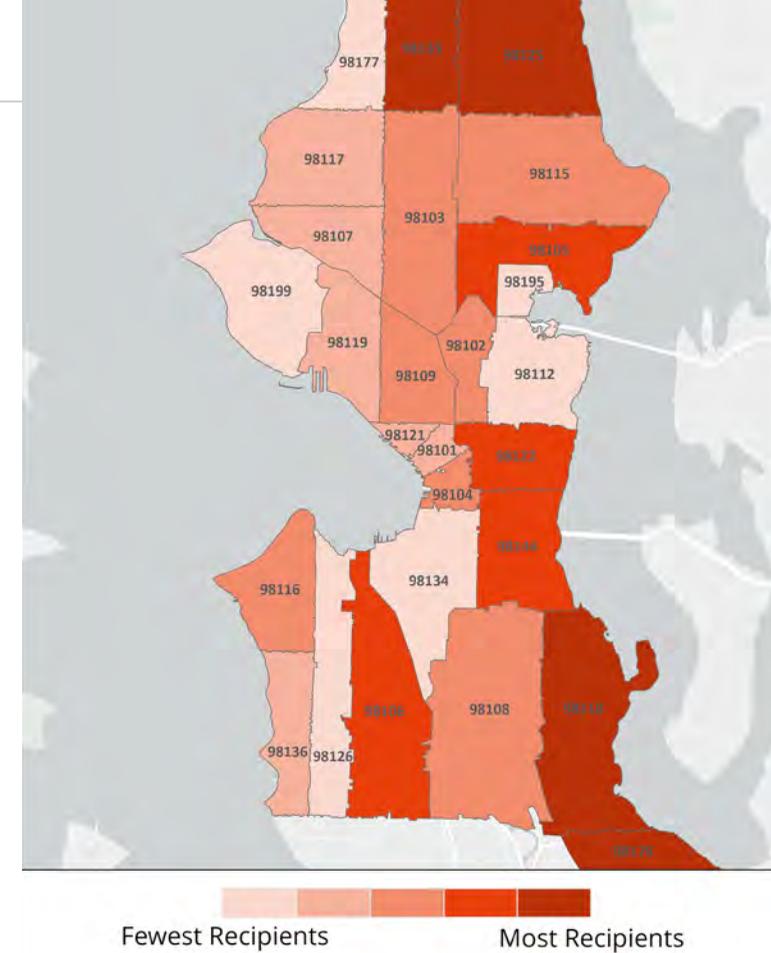
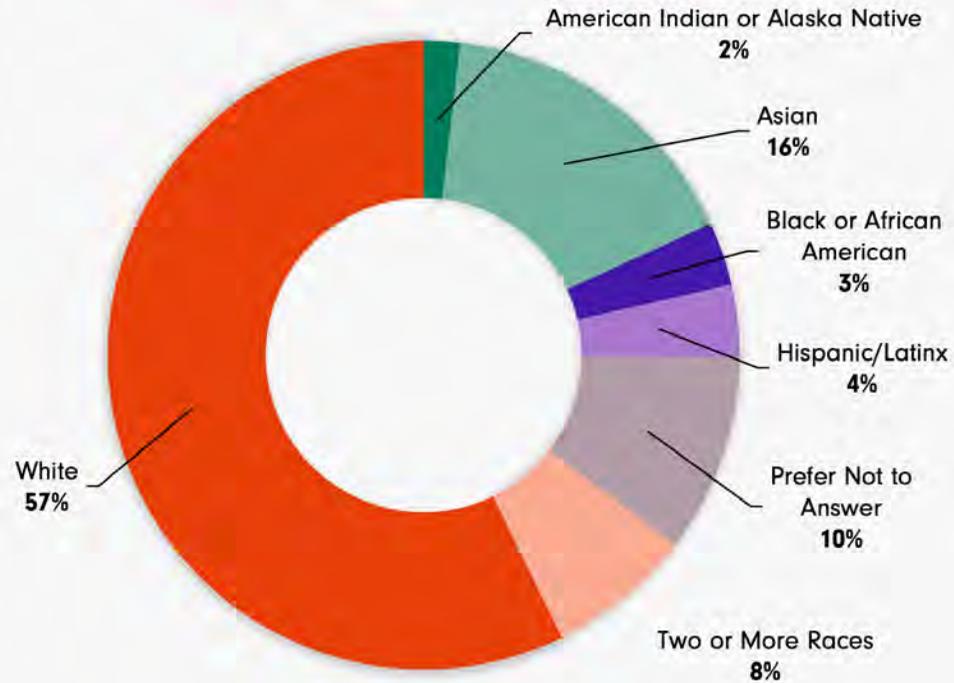
The table below shows the 9 City of Seattle programs that accepted applications through the CiviForm platform in the last year. Programs highlighted in orange are currently active and accepting applications through CiviForm, while unhighlighted programs are no longer actively receiving applications through the platform. In total, through moving application processes on to CiviForm, these 9 programs saved applicants up to a total of almost \$30,000 in the last year through qualified savings programs.

City Programs on CiviForm	Average Annual Savings
Childcare Scholarship Program	\$7,320
ORCA Youth Opportunity	\$600
Seattle Preschool Program	\$7,680
Utility Discount Program (simple and extended form options)	\$1,200
Economic Displacement Relocation Assistance Program (EDRA)	\$5,043
FLASH Card	\$120
Gold Card	\$120
Parks Scholarship Program	\$5,559
Fresh Bucks Community Based Organization Enrollment	\$480
Total	\$28,122



Demographic Data:¹¹ Out of the 9 City programs currently or previously using CiviForm, 6 of them provided demographic information.

Race/Ethnicity of Applicants



Geographic Data:¹² When compared to Race and Social Equity areas of disadvantage, most recipients live in zip codes overlapping with the highest equity priority census tracts.

- Highest equity priority tracts – 81.8% overlap
- Second highest equity priority tracts – 80.8% overlap
- Middle equity priority tracts – 77.5% overlap
- Second lowest equity priority tracts – 48.7% overlap
- Lowest equity priority tracts – 48.6% overlap



“ People don’t want to apply themselves because they don’t want to make a mistake or get flagged by ICE, if they undocumented immigrants. ”

-Case worker during CiviForm focus group

Performance Highlight:

To improve the experience of users and residents, CiviForm staff conducted focus groups and community engagement sessions. These sessions provided program staff with user insights to improve the platform, decreasing the amount of time needed to apply and increasing the uptake in City benefits programs.

In these sessions, the following feedback was provided by residents/users and case workers at community-based organizations¹³:

What works well:

- Shorter, simplified applications for programs
- Access to a unified form for all programs
- Access to translation options

What could use improvement:

- Translations in the platform aren’t always accurate
- Program eligibility information could be clearer
- Some site pages for the platform provide instructions that are less clear

In response to these findings, the CiviForm program team is working to improve the translated materials on the platform, provide an eligibility screener to indicate early on the form if a resident is eligible, and improve readability of site pages. The CiviForm project team is also working on solutions to ensure that users can both use the convenient option of applying via a guest account and still receive necessary follow-up and status updates.

Project: Healthy Streets

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Program Status: Spending in Progress

Project Objective: Make “Stay Healthy Streets” program permanent and designate streets as open for people walking, rolling, biking, and playing, and closed to pass-through traffic.

Project Overview: Especially during the initial stay-at-home orders, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected the ability of residents in high-density housing areas to get outside for physical and mental health and socially-distanced socializing. This was particularly true for those with limited access to private and public outdoor space.

In response, the City upgraded over 25 miles of Neighborhood Greenways to Stay Healthy Streets in the spring and summer of 2020 to provide more public space for people to safely exercise and gather. The City has used CLFR funding to identify street closures that should be preserved in underserved areas and locations most impacted by the pandemic.

Performance Report: Across Seattle, the Stay Healthy Streets implemented during 2020 saw a 193% increase in the number of people walking and biking per-day when compared to streets that were improved with a standard Neighborhood Greenway. Similarly, vehicle volumes and speeds went down, creating a safer and more comfortable place for people to walk and bike.

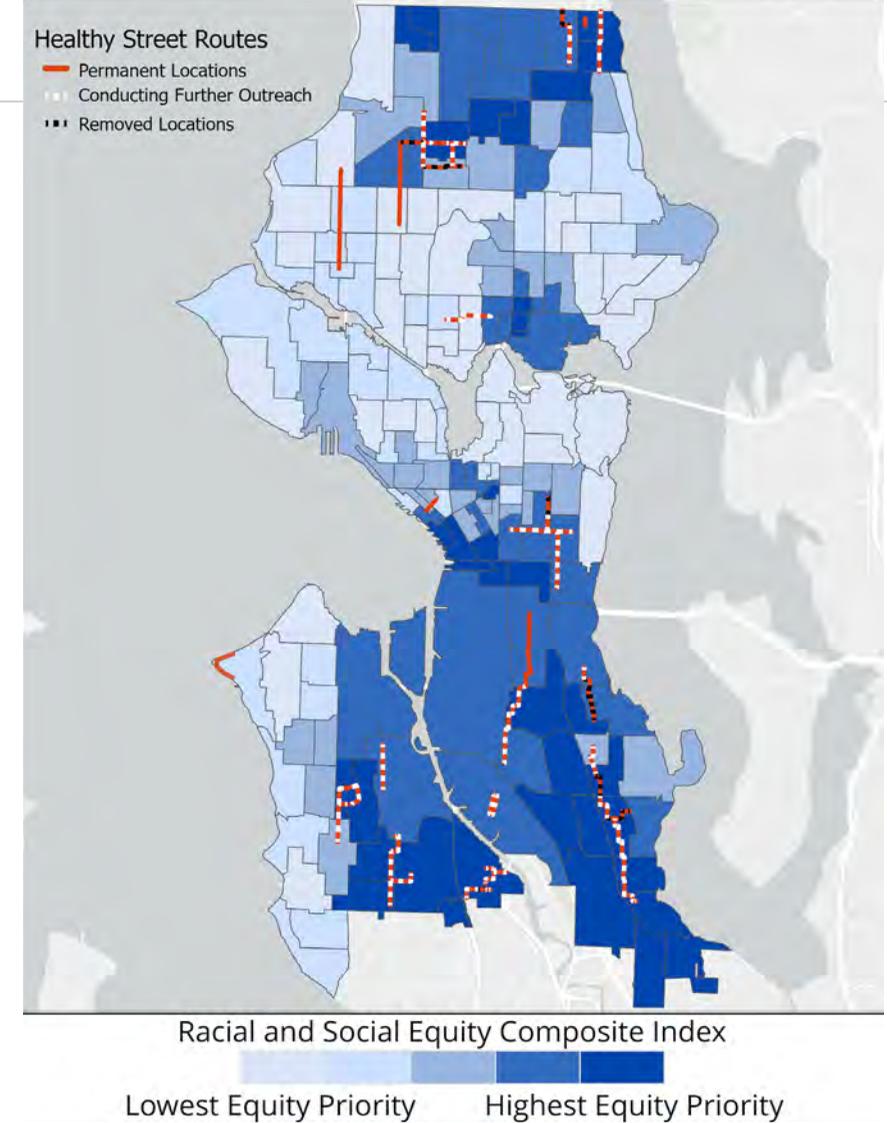
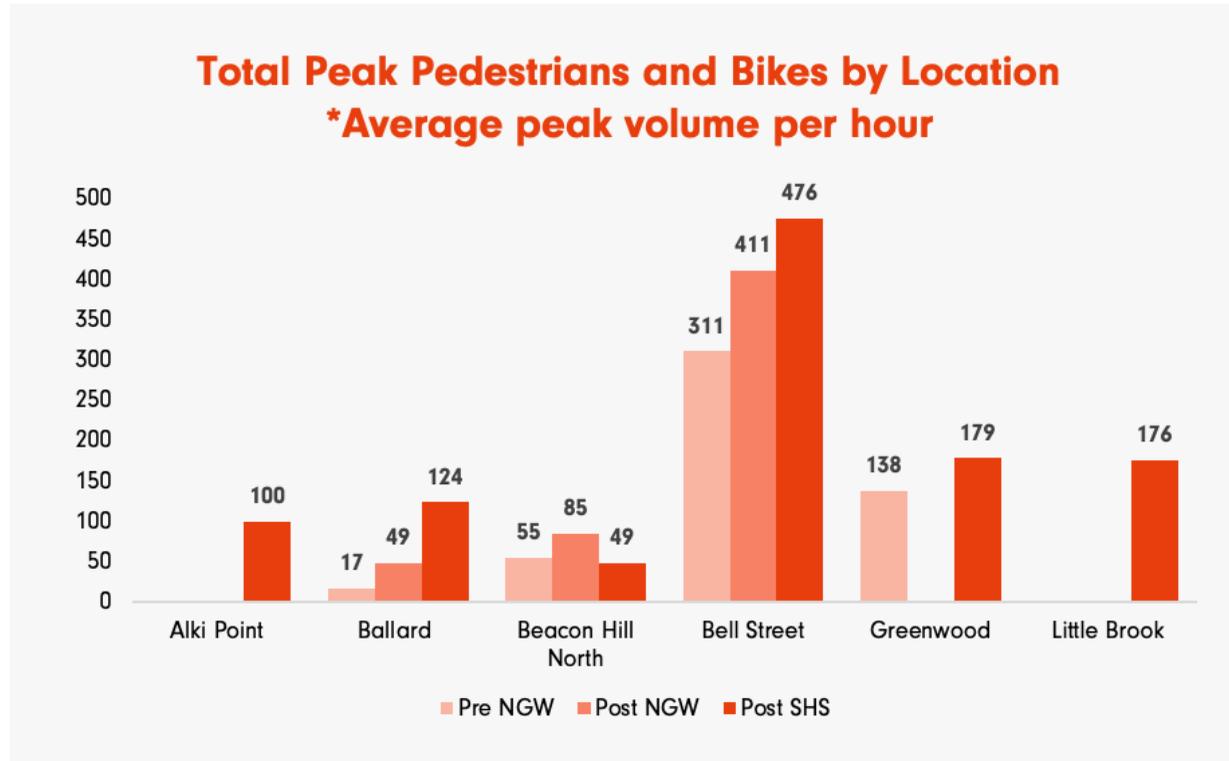
Source: Sara Colling



“ ... I live on the corner of 27th Ave., Northeast and 135th Ave., Northeast. I cannot express how nice it has been since the street has been closed off to regular traffic! In the past 27th Ave. was used as a bypass for 30th Ave. by many many people driving fast. Very few people used to walk 27th especially around rush-hour. During COVID-19 it was amazing the number of people riding bikes, walking children on tricycles that would use the street and still do. it would be a shame to revert back to the previous open street that it was before COVID-19. ”

-Resident email about the Lake City Healthy Street received in 2023

Since the decision to make Stay Healthy Streets permanent across Seattle, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has used a data-driven approach to evaluate each location to determine if it is a candidate for permanent upgrades. As of June 2023, six locations have been selected for permanent upgrades. Their walking and biking per hour data is shown in chart below.



Geographic Data: Across the Streets routes made permanent and those conducting further outreach, when compared to Race and Social Equity areas of disadvantage, most routes overlap with the two highest equity priority census tracts.

Performance Highlight:

Starting in 2020, the Seattle Department of Transportation talked to people and distributed surveys to understand how Healthy Streets were working, and what people would prefer for Healthy Streets in their neighborhood moving forward. They observed and reviewed each Healthy Street with this input in mind to help inform decision-making.

Across Seattle, neighborhoods have embraced their Healthy Streets. Neighbors have taken advantage of the No Permit Required status of Healthy Streets to host events, like community dinners and Play Streets. There have also been larger community activations such as the Columbia City Night Market and the Lucha Libre event at the Little Brook Plaza.

“My partner and I use this route almost daily to commute, run errands, visit local businesses and recreate. It’s been a huge blessing since we have been able to bike much more than before...Please make this street permanent, it’s become an important piece of infrastructure and there is nothing that is an alternative right now.”

– Resident near the Ballard Healthy Streets location

The Department of Transportation heard concerns from BIPOC communities around how enforcement will be handled, maintaining established cultural practices, and reports of racism directed toward BIPOC

people traveling the routes. This led to neighborhood-focused outreach and partnerships with community based organizations.

In fall of 2022, the City updated Healthy Streets across Seattle based on the trends seen in terms of community use and public feedback. Based on feedback and data, different actions were taken for different locations:

- Made some locations permanent Healthy Streets
- Returned some locations to neighborhood greenways, as they were before the pandemic
- Further reviewed some Healthy Streets and conducted more outreach to determine next steps. These locations remain Healthy Streets until further notice.

Project: Seattle Promise

Funding Amount: \$6,357,891

Program Status: Spending in Progress

Project Objective: Support for data-driven enhancements to Seattle Promise to create more equitable higher education opportunities for Seattle public school graduates.

Project Overview: Seattle Promise is a college tuition and student success program open to all Seattle public high school graduates. Seattle Promise scholars receive two years (or 90 credits) of free tuition at any of the three Seattle Colleges campuses, among other supports and services.

Students enrolled in the Promise program faced significant challenges during the pandemic, and those challenges disproportionately affected BIPOC students. During the pandemic, many Promise scholars lost eligibility for the program because they struggled to maintain full-time enrollment and/or did not make satisfactory progress toward graduation. The Promise Program used CLFR funding to provide additional help to re-engage and support students affected by the pandemic.

Source: Seattle Colleges



Performance Report:

- **Scholar Re-Entry and Completion Commitment**

The Completion Commitment supports students from Cohorts 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 who have not yet earned an associate degree by the end of their two years in the program. These students are eligible to receive up to 1 additional year (3 quarters) of tuition assistance, all core wraparound program supports, and, if income eligible, the Equity Scholarship and fee assistance. Equity scholarships provide flexible funding for books, transportation, housing, or other student needs for students with financial need. Program re-entry supports students to rejoin the Seattle Promise program if they temporarily lost eligibility or stopped out of the program for personal reasons. Pathways to program re-entry and the Completion Commitment provide students the opportunity to get back on track.

Results to date:

- As of May 2023, about 314 scholars received re-entry since the implementation of the re-entry pathway, and about 565 students were supported by the Completion Commitment.
- In Fall 2022, about 85 students re-entered Seattle Promise after previously losing eligibility.

- **Student Financial Aid**

Seattle Promise scholars continue to receive tuition assistance, and eligible students also receive the Equity scholarship to cover non-tuition expenses.

Scholarship eligibility was expanded to all Pell Grant-eligible students, and maximum awards increased from \$500 to \$1,000. Under the expanded scholarship eligibility, the share of Seattle Promise scholars receiving equity scholarships increased to 43%, compared to 41% during the 2021-22 school year and 22% in the 2020-21 school year.

The average award size of equity scholarships increased by about \$290 to \$994 in Fall '22 and \$998 in Winter '23, up from \$705 in 2021-22, and \$495 in 2020-21.

Term/Year	Total Enrolled Scholars	# of Equity Scholarship Recipients	Percent of Enrolled Scholars	Average Equity Scholarship Award Size
Winter 2023	About 1,090	420	39%	\$998
Fall 2022	About 1,290	550	43%	\$994
2021-22 School Year Total	1,175	489	42%	\$705
2020-21 School Year Total	848	186	22%	\$495

• **College Preparation Support – Math Course Placement**

Through CLFR funding, COVID-19 impacted cohorts continue to receive coverage of all placement exam fees and access to free summer courses that do not count against their 90-credit funding limit. CLFR funding is also used to offer enhanced supports to the 2022 cohort, such as strengthening communication to Promise applicants most at risk of being placed into a developmental math course, and providing intentional, coordinated, and targeted placement exam supports to Seattle Promise applicants.

Math placement outcomes to date:

- Seattle Public Schools (SPS) & Seattle Colleges produced a Transcript-Based Placement Matrix to automatically determine initial placements for incoming students. About 47% of students in the 2022 cohort were placed using this matrix.
- About half of students in the 2022 cohort place in a college level math course.

	College-Level Math	Both Levels	Developmental Math (pre-college)	No placement yet
Cohort 2022	50% (514)	34% (352)	5% (51)	11% (111)

• **Transfer Pathways – Path to University of Washington (UW) Seattle**

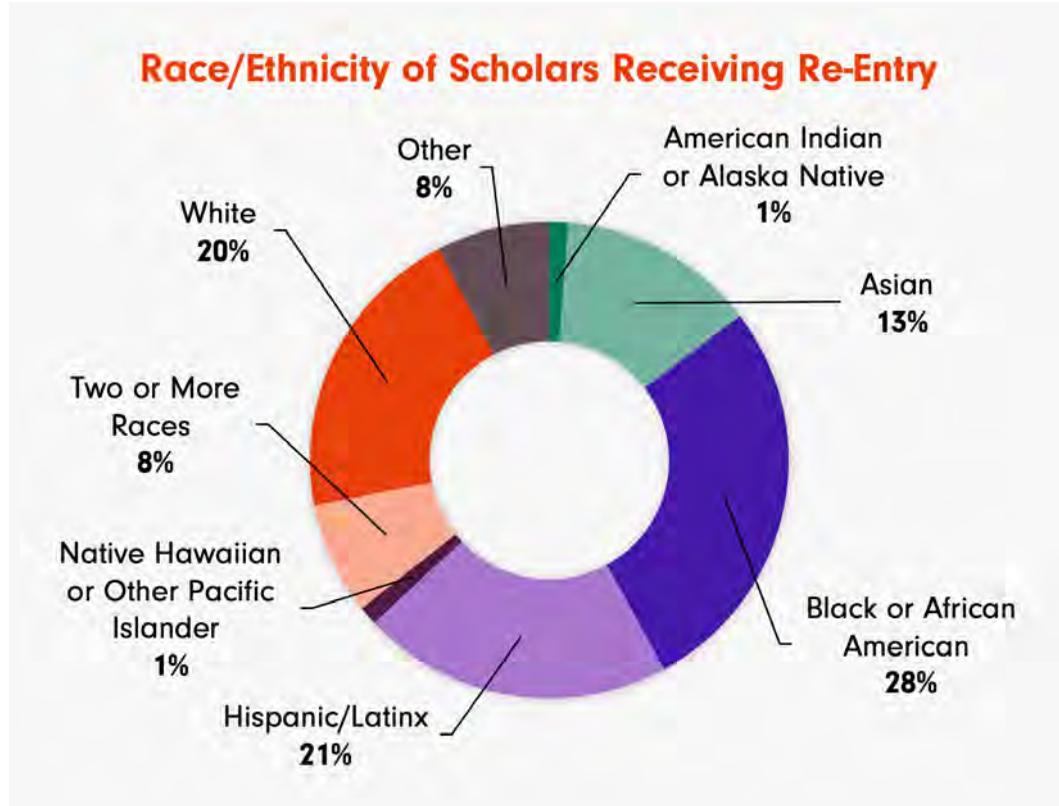
The Path to UW program, launched in Winter 2021, provides transfer support, community, and academic preparation experiences to Seattle Promise students. The program offers a dedicated transfer advisor, workshops, and credit-bearing, tuition-free summer seminars taught by University of Washington Seattle (UW) faculty.

In general, students who engaged with Path to UW were more likely to be admitted to and enroll at UW-Seattle. Seattle Promise students were admitted to UW-Seattle at higher rates than those reported for Washington community colleges (79% vs. 66%), and those who were engaged with Path to UW had the highest admission rates (86%).

	Seattle Promise + Path to UW	Seattle Promise	Washington Community Colleges
% Admitted of Applicant Pool	86%	79%	66%

Demographic Data:

- Scholar Re-Entry and Completion Commitment**



Under the continuation of re-entry and completion commitment, of students that re-entered Fall 2022, close to 70% of recipients receiving re-entry into the program identify as BIPOC with the highest proportion of recipients identifying as Black or African American.¹⁴

- Student Financial Aid**

In the 2021-22 school year, BIPOC students benefitted the most from the Equity Scholarship, making up 80% of recipients (388 out of the 489).

- Transfer Pathways – Path to University of Washington (UW) Seattle**

Among the 84 Path to UW participants who applied during the 2021-22 school year, 69% were first-generation college students, 60% identified as BIPOC, and 44% were low-income. Few opportunity gaps were found in admissions outcomes for these students.¹⁵

Group	Applied in SY 21-22	Admitted in 21-22	Enrolled Fall 2022
BIPOC	50 (60%)	36 (55%)	30 (56%)
First-Generation	58 (69%)	42 (64%)	35 (65%)
Low-Income	37 (44%)	25 (38%)	20 (37%)
All Students	84 (100%)	66 (79%)	54 (64%)

Performance Highlight:

Even though Seattle Promise saw record enrollment during the pandemic, the shift to remote learning proved challenging for students. In the 2019-20 school year, 554 scholars exited the program, with many citing pandemic-related causes. College students were some of the last to return to in-person learning, deeply impacting their trajectory.

“Promise has truly been an incredible opportunity for me, however personal struggles in combination with the pandemic have made school feel really inaccessible and stressful.”

–Second Year Promise Scholar, 2019 Cohort (focus group participant)

1. Student feedback and program data collected during both **equity and process evaluations** reported 73% of scholars surveyed as needing additional supports. The most common supports cited were related to academic and career planning and academic progress, with nearly a quarter citing need for more wraparound supports.

“...Sometimes things happen that are out of your control, and that could affect the rest of our lives. Having a recovery option for students who are able to come back in would be great.”

–Seattle Promise Graduate, 2018 Cohort (Focus Group Participant)

Responding to student requests, CLFR funding supported a series of equity enhancements to address student retention, completion, and success.

“Many students have been in a tough position when something happened and they needed more funds to support themselves. Not long ago, my laptop broke during midterm season and I didn’t have the funds to replace it. The equity scholarship helped me repair my laptop to continue my studies. It also helped me pay for supplies, books, and anything else I needed to continue school. I’m grateful it was there.”

–Second-year Seattle Promise scholar at South Seattle College



Community & Small Business Recovery

Total Funding:

\$33.7 M

Intended Outcome:

People and small businesses can access assistance to economically recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

What this means for Seattle residents:

- Financial and technical assistance for small businesses and arts and cultural organizations
- Job training, paid internship opportunities and wrap-around services for underserved communities, and career opportunities for creative workers
- Safe and clean public spaces and public transit system construction and maintenance¹⁶



Source: Community Roots Housing



Community and Small Business Recovery

Background Information

The economic impacts of the pandemic significantly affected low-wage workers, small businesses, and arts and cultural organizations. According to King County Department of Public Health surveys between 2020 and 2022, industries with the highest proportions of unemployment claims per 100 workers include accommodation and food services, construction, arts, entertainment, and recreation. Across race/ethnicities, BIPOC workers make up the largest percent of workers receiving unemployment benefits.¹⁷

Arts and cultural organizations were among the first to shut their doors when the pandemic hit in 2020 and have faced a difficult road to recovery. In 2021, ArtsFund surveyed arts and cultural non-profit organizations in the area, showing that income within this sector has decreased substantially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁸

Countless small businesses have struggled to weather the pandemic, and BIPOC business owners were disproportionately impacted. According to a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, COVID-19 caused BIPOC owned businesses to close at a much higher rate than the average loss of 22%, with Black-owned businesses losing 41% of their businesses, Latinx-owned businesses losing 32% of their businesses, and immigrant-owned businesses losing 36% of their businesses.¹⁹

The Census Bureau's Small Business Pulse Survey for Washington shows that while the percentage of small businesses reporting a decrease in revenue in 2022 is lower than it was in 2021, it is still higher than the percentage of small business reporting an increase in revenue.²⁰

The City of Seattle has invested its CLFR funds in a variety of programs to support the recovery of workers, small businesses, and arts and cultural organizations.

Program Status as of June 2023:

Programs with performance data	
• Active programs	14
• Completed programs	1
Programs with no performance data	
• In an administrative set-up phase	5
• Completed final report in 2022	2
• Revenue replacement programs	2
Total number of programs	24

Project: Cultural Organization Reopening Grants

Funding Amount: \$2,225,000

Program Status: Spending in Progress

Project Objective: Provide direct financial relief to creative cultural organizations that experienced financial losses due to COVID-19-related closures and disruptions in 2020.

Project Overview: The program provided \$1.91M in direct financial assistance for 154 organizations to be able to reopen safely and sustainably. Funding could be used toward rehiring staff, rent/utilities, costs associated with COVID-19 safety protocols, and restarting public programming.

Performance Report: ARTS collaborated with 4Culture, a King County public development authority, on a joint selection process to distribute the funding. The 153 cultural organizations that were selected used the funding to support:

- 4,507 Seattle-based creative/cultural workers, including staff and artists.
- 1,135 public events that created public benefit to 431,103 attendees, including youth and seniors.

Northwest African American Museum (NAAM) was an additional subrecipient of this funding that was granted \$200K to address ventilation issues and COVID-19 mitigation measures for non-profits under the Mayor's COVID-19 emergency proclamation.

Demographic Data: Of the organizations funded through the joint selection process, nearly one third of these funds went to BIPOC-focused cultural organizations²¹ who had an explicit focus on diverse cultural or ethnic communities.

Additional funds supported staffing and direct administrative costs of regranting these funds.



Source: Colin Madison
Photography



Geographic Data: The following data is representative of the 153 organizations funded through the joint application process.

Neighborhoods	Total	% of funding	Total Orgs	Average Award
West Seattle and South Park	\$115,380	7%	10	\$11,538
South Seattle & Chinatown / International District	\$378,119	22%	26	\$14,543
Central Seattle	\$252,683	15%	26	\$9,719
Northeast Seattle	\$210,319	12%	20	\$10,516
North Seattle	\$129,604	8%	17	\$7,624
Northwest Seattle	\$230,140	13%	25	\$9,206
Pioneer Square to Magnolia	\$392,667	23%	29	\$13,540
Total*	\$1,708,912	100%	153	\$10,955

*This data does not include the \$200k funding to Northwest African American Museum.

Performance Highlight:

Creating a Diverse Talent Pipeline, Reboot Theatre Company

With creative workers experiencing negative COVID-19 impacts and changing careers during the pandemic, many organizations like Reboot Theatre Company used funds to rebuild the creative workforce through training and centering health and safety of their community.

“Our goal is to be a training ground for aspiring backend artistic production staff and build our community with stronger diversity and talent.”

“...we continued to have health and safety regulations for the safety of our actors and community. This meant having regular testing, masks, and back up crew in case of positive tests or illnesses. This work required additional administrative burden, but Reboot recognizes the peace of mind and safety it brought to our cast, crew, and community.”

“We are continuing to broaden our artistic team to prevent a few organizers from being burnt out. This work has become increasingly vital post-COVID-19 as many community members who would regularly be a part of a small theatre production team have moved geographically from our direct community impact or are struggling more to stay afloat.”

—*Reboot Theatre Company*

Prioritizing Health and Safety, Black Power Unlimited

Arts and cultural organizations were among the first to be impacted by pandemic-related closures. Organizations like Black Power Unlimited were essential to providing safe spaces for their communities to gather in a safe way. Ensuring safety also came with extra material and staffing costs for sanitizing and cleaning.

“With the CLFR funding we were able to provide a necessary space for youth to have the opportunity to meet in a safe and dynamic space.”

“We also were able to hire two House Managers for the rehearsals and then the performances. As well as hiring an in-house cleaning crew. The House Managing staff spent up to 25 hours hosting the rehearsals, and we paid for 8 hours for cleaning staff.”

—*Black Power Unlimited*

Centering BIPOC Community Voices through Media, One Reel

With business closures and many people working from home, the downtown area has been hit hard. Arts and cultural organizations like One Reel have been key in creating bridges that support artists, connect with community in accessible ways, and activate spaces that have seen decreased visitors due to COVID-19.

“The grant has been a tremendous asset to One Reel’s work in reopening following COVID-19 and moving the organization to better serve the visual arts community. It has allowed us to compensate local writers and artists for their contributions and provides invaluable revenue to cover printing and distribution costs for PublicDisplay. ART, staffing costs associated with the publication and the gallery, and hosting a free, open to the public arts exhibit for the community.”

“PublicDisplay: GALLERY has attracted nearly 1,700 attendees since we’ve opened and PublicDisplay.ART’s latest issue has been picked up by 30,000 residents and visitors. Both the exhibit and the publication are made available to the community for FREE. If that wasn’t enough to celebrate, the exhibit perfectly echos our commitment to recognizing the work of BIPOC/POC/LGBTQ artists through PublicDisplay programming.

“Just as we set out to do in PublicDisplay.ART, PublicDisplay:GALLERY allows One Reel to address the harmful effects of racism and gender bias in the arts and provide audiences with an inclusive arts experience featuring artists of every color, gender, and age.”

—One Reel

Additional Learnings about Funding to BIPOC Organizations Post-Pandemic

Due to federal regulations, the funding for this program was limited to addressing the harm of “pandemic-related income loss,” meaning organizations had to demonstrate loss of revenue from the year prior to the pandemic (2019). The social impacts of the pandemic led to an increase in funding to BIPOC organizations that had not received much financial support prior to the pandemic. While many of these organizations may have experienced increased donor revenue in 2020, the influx of funding does not necessarily address a history of unequal access to resources that these organizations experienced prior to the pandemic, nor is it certain if donated revenue to these organizations has sustained post 2020.

Project: Seattle Restored

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Program Status: Spending Completed

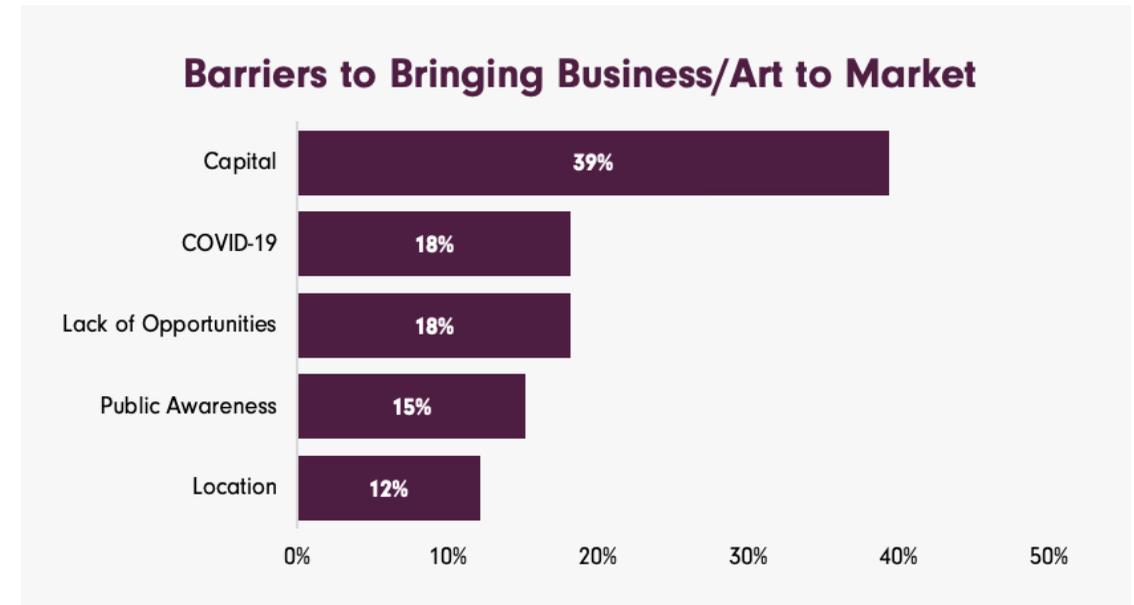
Project Objective: Provide technical and operational assistance to small businesses and artists operating short-term (averaging 3-6 months) pop-up locations in downtown storefronts.

Project Overview: The pandemic resulted in many businesses shuttering, particularly in downtown, as office workers began to work from home. The pandemic also significantly affected many small business owners, including artists and creative workers. Seattle Restored provides technical and operational assistance to local entrepreneurs, artists, and makers to establish pop-up shops and art installations in downtown Seattle. This pilot project is being expanded to other neighborhoods in its next phase and funded by City General Fund dollars.

Performance Report: A total of 33 businesses received services through the program in its first phase, establishing pop-up locations with CLFR funding and support. The pop-up locations included 13 art exhibits and 20 retail, food service, and QR code shopping locations around downtown Seattle.

In a pre-survey (all businesses responding), more than half of respondents shared that capital was their greatest barrier to bringing their business or art to market.²² When asked what kind of support they needed most for

the success of their businesses, 76% ranked Financial Support as “most needed.” The majority of respondents indicated that they are most interested in using funds to find new customers or increase business revenue.



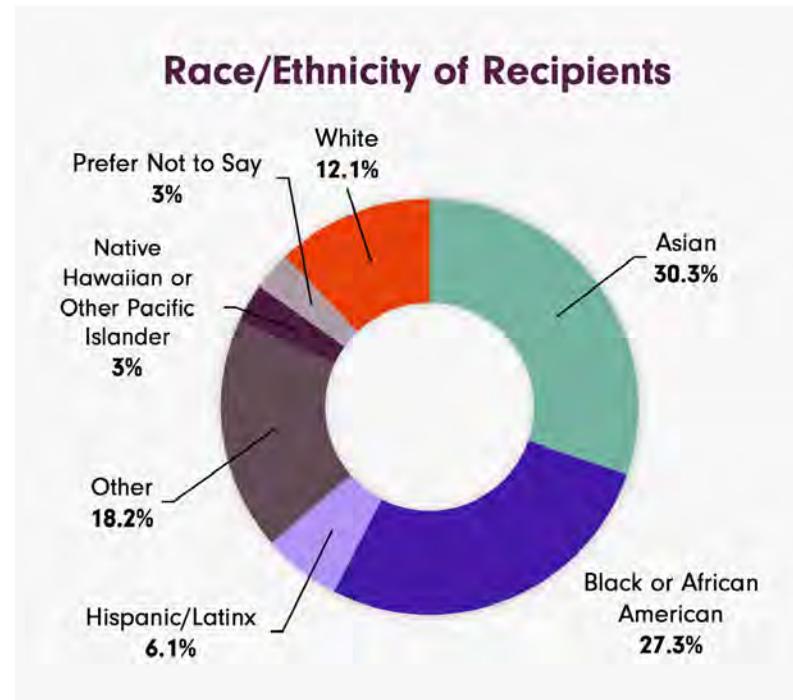
In a post-survey (18 respondents), when asked to rank their confidence level in supporting themselves full-time as an artist or entrepreneur after participating in the program, most respondents rated themselves a ‘5’ (the highest ranking).

When asked what kinds of supports are missing from the program in the post-survey, a third of respondents said nothing was missing. The remaining respondents provided a range of ideas for improving the program, including:

- More collaboration opportunities with other businesses
- Better outreach
- Other uses for spaces
- Connecting to other resources outside of funding
- More BIPOC businesses
- Better communication
- More staff support

City staff also conducted interviews with 4 businesses and 3 staff members as a part of a **Race and Social Equity Toolkit**.²³ Information from the interviews built on the ideas identified in the post-survey and allowed a deeper understanding of the ways the program could become more equitable and effective. Staff supporting the Seattle Restored program are using information gathered from interviews to inform program improvements.

Demographic Data: More than half of recipients identified as BIPOC with the highest proportion of recipients identifying as either Black/African American or Asian.



“Seattle Restored allowed me to expand my reach to an audience that otherwise may have never experienced my art. It also gave me a peek into what a brick and motor [sic] could do for my business, sales, and exposure.”

-Damon Brown, Creative Lou



Community Safety & Mental Health

Total Funding:

\$5.4 M

Intended Outcome:

Communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can access services and supports for behavioral and mental health, and violence prevention and intervention.

What this means for Seattle residents:

- Behavioral and mental health services for schools, youth, individuals, and families
- Mobile mental and behavioral health crisis intervention
- Assistance for survivors of gender-based violence and for youth and families directly impacted by gun violence



Community Safety & Mental Health

Background Information

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing health disparities of BIPOC and low-income communities, including the supply of culturally appropriate mental health and behavioral health services.

According to the King County Department of Community and Human Services Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, crisis calls increased substantially from pre-COVID-19 to the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and, in 2023, are returning to pre-pandemic levels. However, the percent of respondents reporting that they are struggling with severe anxiety or depression has not changed since 2020.²⁴

Children of color, like adults of color, have the highest rates of unaddressed mental health needs, but they are less likely to receive mental health care.²⁵ Additionally, according to Crime in Washington reports from the last few years, domestic violence reports and offenses continue to increase every year since 2019.²⁶

To address these problems, the City of Seattle has used CLFR funding to invest in culturally-relevant community programs that provide mental health services and gender-based violence advocacy and prevention services.

Program Status as of June 2023:

Programs with performance data	
• Active programs	2
• Completed programs	1
Programs with no performance data	
• Revenue replacement programs	3
Total number of programs	6

Project: Behavioral Health for Youth and Families

Funding Amount: \$600,000

Program Status: Spending in Progress – Existing Program

Project Objective: Increase investments for behavioral and mental health services supporting BIPOC youth, young adults, and their families who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Project Overview: The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated health disparities of BIPOC and low-income communities, including the supply of culturally appropriate mental health and behavioral health services. These programs support BIPOC youth and their families by providing accessible, culturally appropriate mental health services and crisis helplines. These services support healing, developing skills for nurturing personal well-being and resiliency, and cultivating belonging and cultural connections. By expanding access to culturally appropriate care for BIPOC youth, the programs are beginning to address the tremendous impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on BIPOC youth and their families.



“Because of this funding, we are able to increase our capacity to meet the various needs of our communities by creating access to therapy and other wellness services that youth and families in our communities would otherwise not be able to access or afford. We’ve built a community of BIPOC mental health and wellness practitioners to contribute to the mission and vision of the Taking Root healing justice initiative. And we’ve launched our first healing justice fellowship for youth and adults to expand our reach and deepen our impact while cultivating leaders and wellness ambassadors.”

-Powerful Voices

Performance Report: CLFR funding supported the work of three different service providers. These organizations all provide different services.

Provider name	# of Calls/Chats/Texts into the Teen Link Help Line	# of Seattle youth received youth suicide prevention training	# of community outreach events publicizing Teen Link and suicide prevention trainings
Crisis Connections	524	1,750	287

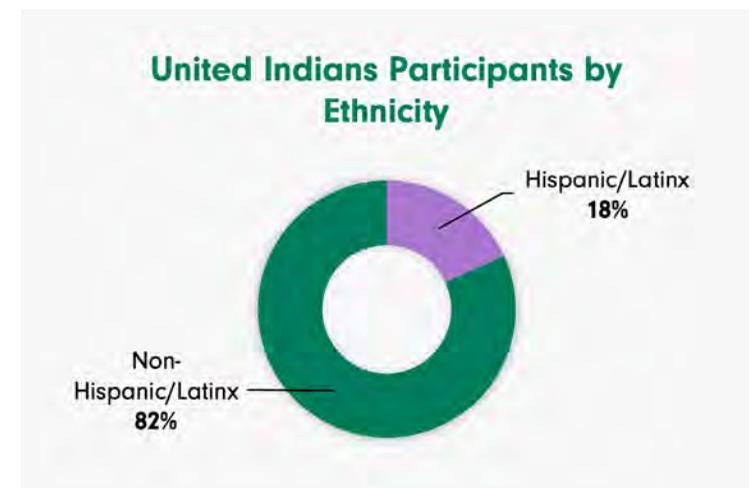
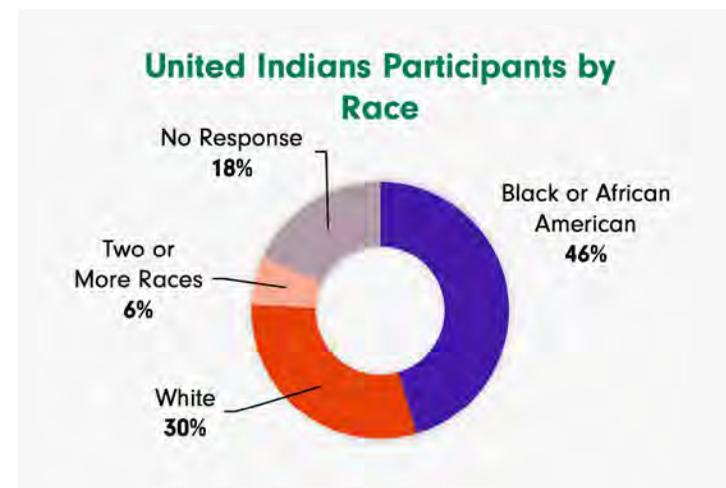
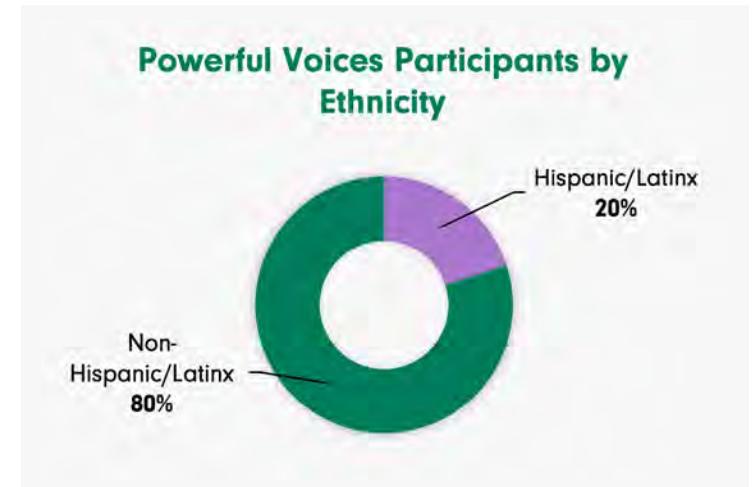
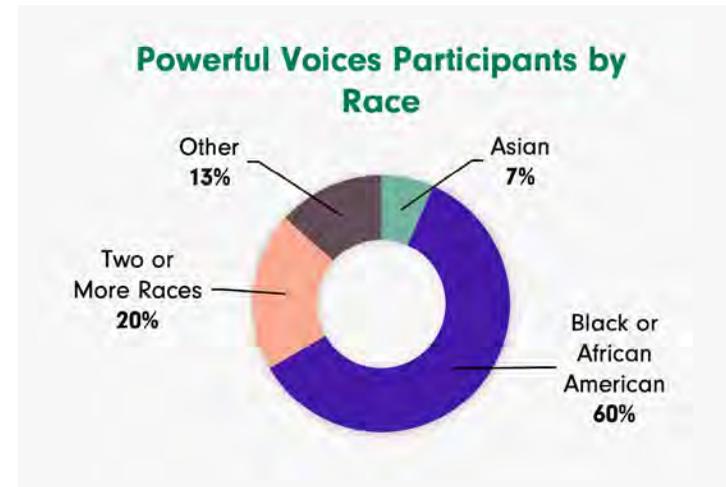
Provider name	# of youth/young adults served in 2022	# of youth/young adults connected with mental health crisis intervention counseling services	# of youth/young adults engaged in mental health crisis counseling for 3+ months who achieved one or more treatment objective(s)
United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (UIATF)	33	33	23

Provider name	# of youth who participate in the school-based program and summer program	# of youth who participate in Mental Health and Wellness Cohorts
Powerful Voices	2	11



“ All you people who volunteer here mean everything not just to me but to everyone else who’s struggling. ”
 -Youth who received services through Crisis Connections

Demographic Data: Across both organizations that provided demographic information, the majority of people served identified as BIPOC. All Powerful Voices recipients identified as women. Both organizations had approximately 20% of participants identifying as Hispanic/Latinx.





Supporting City Workers & Services

Total Funding:

\$80.4 M

Intended Outcome:

The City of Seattle is equipped to reopen equitably and safely in the new post-pandemic environment and has the resources to effectively and efficiently manage pandemic recovery funds and efforts.

What this means for Seattle residents:

- Safeguarded public buildings with personal protective equipment, cleaning, filtration, etc.
- Bolstered City capacity to deliver critical public services
- Improved COVID-19 mitigation and prevention for City employees through a system that will verify vaccination status, collect test results, and screen for symptoms



Supporting City Workers & Services

Background Information:

The COVID-19 pandemic urged us to support workers and visitors returning to reopened City facilities, invest in program evaluation to improve the efficacy of publicly funded services, and address the many administrative needs caused by the pandemic.

Performance Data Availability as of June 2023:

We are not providing in-depth performance data for the 13 programs in this investment area, as they provide only administrative support or internal operational needs for the City.

Project	Status
Seattle Rescue Plan Monitoring & Evaluation: Hire staff to measure, evaluate, and make recommendations to improve the performance of Seattle Rescue Plan programs and maximize impact of federal funds intended to combat the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Spending in progress – New program with CLFR
Telework Capability for City Staff: Purchase and deploy additional devices so City employees can telework on systems that are secure, managed, and compatible with City remote access requirements.	Spending in progress – New program with CLFR
Restore City Staffing: Restore Seattle IT staffing to the most critical areas of need for supporting the City's services and operations.	Spending in progress – Existing program

<p>City of Seattle Cybersecurity: Protect critical infrastructure by modernizing the City’s cybersecurity systems and maintaining critical hardware and software.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>Support COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention in City Owned Facilities: Mitigate and prevent COVID-19 transmission in City-owned facilities with improvements to public facing spaces, enhanced deep cleanings, and preventive measures to reduce exposure.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>Maintenance Expenses for City Owned Buildings: Fund routine facility maintenance expenses for City-owned buildings to provide enhanced safety, deep cleaning, and restoration of services to residents.</p>	<p>Spending complete – Existing program</p>
<p>Federal Funds Project Management Staffing (CBO, FAS, and OEM): Hire staff to manage how federal funds are spent, including planning, problem solving, budgeting, tracking, and reporting. Hired CBO staff also addresses the staff resource need as a result of the pandemic, and fulfills various City Budget Office functions to support the City’s administration, in addition to managing federal funds.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>City Employee Vaccine Verification System: Set up a verification system for COVID-19 vaccination status of City employees, collect test results, and screen for symptoms.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>Return to Office and Future of Work: Develop, communicate, and implement policy and processes that ensure City employees can continue to safely deliver on services for residents, communities, and businesses.</p>	<p>Spending complete – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>Seattle City Council Staffing: Preserve staffing, address pay equity, and prepare Council Chambers for hybrid in-person and virtual meetings.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – New program with CLFR</p>
<p>Seattle Fire Department Payroll Expenses: Support payroll expenses of fire department public safety personnel.</p>	<p>Spending in progress – Existing program</p>



Conclusion

During the 2022-2023 reporting period, the City of Seattle has made immense progress getting its CLFR funding out to benefit the community, with over 75% of funds now spent. According to Results for America's American Rescue Plan Data and Evidence Dashboard, Seattle is one of the highest rated cities based on their Data & Evidence scoring tool. Seattle acted quickly to distribute CLFR funding where it was needed most and has been a national leader in CLFR spending. As noted in a Bloomberg analysis, as of September 2022, large cities and counties had spent 29% of their CLFR funds, while Seattle had spent 75% of CLFR funds as of April 2023.

Seattle has used CLFR funding to bolster critical existing programs, allowing City departments to meet the urgent and growing needs of residents disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. CLFR funding has also allowed for the creation and implementation of 17 new programs, some of which are innovative, pilot programs that may be expanded, or in some cases already are expanded, beyond CLFR funds. This funding has allowed the City of Seattle and its many partners to provide aid to communities disproportionately harmed by the pandemic, promote economic recovery, revitalize neighborhoods, and address inequities by supporting creative industries, restaurants, small businesses, non-profits, families, and individuals.

For more information on Seattle's pandemic recovery efforts, visit the [Seattle Rescue Plan Transparency Portal](#).

Endnotes and References

- 1 [King County Regional Homlessness Authority – Data Overview](#)
- 2 [Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development – Seattle Market Rate Housing Needs and Supply Analysis \(BERK\)](#)
- 3 [Housing Security in King County – Economic, Social and Overall Health Impacts](#)
- 4 The Office of Housing provided demographic data for the 11 organizations that are focused on affordable housing, not permanent supportive housing.
- 5 The Keiro Building was not included in this analysis because it is operating as a shelter for several years until financing is secured to redevelop the site to permanent low-income housing. The results represent analysis for Boylston, Broadway Hall and Harvard Hall apartments.
- 6 Race/ethnicity data may not be fully accurate, as “recipients” in this chart represent both families and individuals, and reported ethnicity for a family may not represent all family members.
- 7 Keiro Building is currently operating as a shelter. No data on households served was shared.
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- 9 [Schools in King County – Economic, Social and Overall Health Impacts](#)
- 10 [Computer and Internet Access in King County \(October 2020\)](#)
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- 12 The map only includes CiviForm applicants that provided location information in their applications (50.8%) and are located in Seattle city boundaries (39.9%).
- 13 Community Liaisons from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods support community organizations and residents in navigating City services.
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- 19 [NBER – COVID-19, Small Business Owners, and Racial Inequity](#)
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- 21 Including the \$200K contract to NAAM, 38% of the funding went to BIPOC-focused cultural organizations.
- 22 The bar chart adds up to more than 100% because some businesses identified more than one barrier in their response.
- 23 The [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) is a resource developed by the City of Seattle Office of Civil rights. This toolkit is used by City departments to guide the development, implementation and evaluation of policies, initiatives, programs, and budget issues to address the impacts on racial equity.
- 24 [Behavioral Health Needs and Services in King County – Economic, Social and Overall Health Impacts](#)
- 25 [Georgetown Law Center on Poverty and Inequality: Mental Health and Girls of Color \(2019\)](#)
- 26 [Crime in Washington Archive Folder](#)