

WA Department of Health Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Capacity Grants
2024-2025 Grantees

HEAL Tribal Capacity Grants

TRIBE	AMOUNT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Yakama Nation (still in progress, agreement not signed yet)	\$750,000	The Yakama Nation’s project is focused on first foods. They will be holding community gatherings to educate about their first foods and the impact of climate change on these first foods. They will also be engaging with state agencies and the Environmental Justice Council to increase capacity and engagement with the HEAL Act as it relates to first foods access.
Samish	\$350,000	The Samish Tribe will be using the HEAL Tribal Capacity funds to hire an Environmental Policy Analyst to engage with state agencies about the HEAL Act and make environmental policy recommendations to the Samish Tribe.
Suquamish	\$403,450	The Suquamish Tribe will be using the HEAL Tribal Capacity grant funds to increase capacity and provide input to the Environmental Justice Council, hold community meetings to increase understanding and knowledge of the HEAL Act and conduct an environmental health and justice assessment.
Snoqualmie	\$638,495	The Snoqualmie Tribes will be increasing capacity related to the HEAL Act by hiring Environmental Health staff, engaging with the Environmental Justice Council, and assessing the impact of the HEAL Act and engage with the Tribal community regarding environmental health issues. They will be conducting an assessment of contaminants in Fish in the Snoqualmie River and engage with state agencies that are involved in this work.
Swinomish	\$347,240.39	The Swinomish Tribe will be using the HEAL Tribal Capacity funds to update an existing Community Health Assessment they completed. Their project includes doing community engagement, workshops, and interviews with the community to update their CHA.
Squaxin Island Museum	\$75,510.15	The Squaxin Island Museum, in partnership with the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team (DERT), will be using the HEAL Tribal Capacity Grant funds to hold the Festival of the Steh Chass. The festival will honor Squaxin and Coast Salish culture and history, educate the community on indigenous ecological knowledge and environmental science, and advocate for the health of waterways.



HEAL Community Capacity Grants

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	FUNDING TYPE (project/pass-through)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
African Community Housing & Development (ACHD)	\$448,567.53	Project	ACHD will host 10 Community Café Conversations across Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties for African Diaspora immigrant and refugee communities and invite representatives from the HEAL agencies, and 8 multilingual workshops to increase knowledge about environmental health issues and build skills around engaging with decision-making systems. In addition, ACHD will be enrolling a cohort of 10 African Diaspora high school students to build their knowledge, skills, and confidence around community organizing and advocacy.
Alimentando al Pueblo (AAP)	\$204,100	Project	AAP will create Embajadores de Justicia Alimentaria (Food Justice Ambassadors). The Ambassadors academy will develop collective knowledge concerning environmental racism and its relationship to food systems. The Ambassadors will co-create and implement a project or event for the community.
Asians for Collective Liberation (ACL) in Spokane	\$269,540	Project	ACL will use the funds to build its capacity to engage in EJ work, build relationships with new partners, and attend EJ Council meetings with community members. ACL will work primarily with young people in developing and implementing programs to engage community members on visioning what a healthy environment looks like. ACL will host workshops and create a Community Solutions Zine.
Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC)	\$650,000	Passthrough	APCC's Community HEAL Fund Project will use an adapted Community Participatory Budgeting Process that will grant pass-through funding to "by and for community-based organizations" working on social determinants of health for frontline AANHPI communities who also live in areas disproportionately affected or exposed to environmental hazards and unhealthy land uses. Funds will be used to provide resources to CBOs to collaborate with state agencies on climate and environmental health decisions. The targeted counties and cities are: 1) King County (Seattle, Kent, Renton); 2) Snohomish County (Everett, Marysville, Lynnwood); 3)

			Pierce County (Tacoma, Lakewood, Puyallup); 4) Clark County (Vancouver); and, 5) Thurston County (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater).
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG DBA Duwamish River Community Coalition (DRCC)	\$198,250	Project	DRCC will develop EJ and HEAL curriculum for its Duwamish Valley Youth Corps (DVYC), a youth engagement program focusing on environmental justice and job skills. DVYC will train and engage youth in environmental justice; community health; and climate change, resilience, and justice projects with hands-on activities, science-based learning, and teaching through lessons.
ECOSS (formerly known as Environmental Coalition of South Seattle)	\$410,381.91	Project	ECOSS will build capacity within immigrant/refugee communities to advocate for accountability in HEAL Act implementation. This will be accomplished through recruitment of an EJ Cohort of Immigrants and refugees. Members of the cohort will: 1) increase their understanding of the HEAL Act and its goals; 2) define shared language for environmental justice and community benefits; 3) discuss needs and priorities through Learning Circles around different environmental themes – Clean Water, Clean Energy, Solid Waste Management & Reduction, and Outdoor Access & Environmental Stewardship; and, 4) generate agreements and accountability strategies for implementing the HEAL Act equitably, ensuring that immigrant/refugee voices are not left out.
Empowering Latina Leadership and Action (ELLA)	\$499,200	Project	ELLA will educate and engage Lower Yakima Valley communities – Sunnyside, Mabton, Grandview, and Granger – about environmental justice, the HEAL Act, and the Climate Commitment Act. It will also educate communities about existing environmental issues affecting them now, such as ongoing water contamination and air pollution issues, and how they are tied to the pervasive public health disparities in rates of asthma, heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. ELLA will train/engage community members, including youth, on how to advocate for their communities and be active participants in resolving the ongoing environmental contamination issues with public officials.
For the People (FTP)	\$650,000	Passthrough	At the center of FTP’s project is a pass-through grant program to amplify the voices of harder to reach communities across Washington State. FTP’s understanding of issues around water pollution and access to clean and safe drinking water, and issues around stormwater management issues, and the need for working to ensure the Salish Sea is protected and restored

			will guide its decision making around which communities to reach out to and serve.
Front & Centered	\$400,000	Project	F&C will create a HEAL Community Center to serve as a statewide hybrid resource that is both virtual and place-based. The Center will be a resource for regenerative assistance – moving beyond one-time technical assistance to one that sustains capacity. It will integrate policy analysis, strategic advising, coordination, community user experience centered on co-learning and co-creation of the innovation and incubation of insights and ideas. The Center will promote co-governance through community convenings; build capacity through consultations; and, build community connections and innovation through HEAL workshops, story maps, and a community digest of HEAL Community Opportunities and Civic Engagement.
Front & Centered	\$650,000	Passthrough	F&C will build upon its community infrastructure and especially the systems developed, and community relationships and impact achieved through the HEAL Community! Fund (2023-2024). F&C’s grantmaking program includes three primary elements: 1) Community of Practice where CBOs participate in workshops and convenings for input; 2) Community Outreach, Grant Review Committee, Staffed by F&C Capacity Building Team; and, 3) Community Grant Administrative and Fiscal Infrastructure.
Khmer Community of Seattle King County (KCSKC)	\$175,000	Project	KCSKC will utilize hands-on and in-the-field workshops, Khmer culture and language, and intergenerational interactions to engage with and educate its community about environmental justice and the HEAL Act.
Latino Community Fund of Washington	\$650,000	Passthrough	The Latino Community Fund’s goal is to regrant these funds to HEAL Act activities and to invest in the capacity of community leaders to seek further funds and build organizational capacity. Its approach is rooted in an assets-based approach, which will be carried out through the following: 1) listening sessions and direct outreach; 2) technical assistance including use of the EHD map to identify overburdened communities to equitably distribute resources; 3) grantmaking through a grants committee; and, 4) youth grant committee to engage youth as leaders.
Latinos en Spokane	\$306,328	Project	Latinos en Spokane’s project has a dual purpose of supporting workers’ rights and safety, along with establishing affordable housing and

			homeownership through the Valle Housing Cooperative. The project promotes environmental justice by addressing systemic inequities in access to safe and affordable housing and ensuring the well-being of workers in high-risk occupations.
Mother Africa	\$500,000	Project	Mother Africa will hire Environmental Justice Promoters to increase its capacity to serve diverse communities. They will also: 1) host community education sessions to increase understanding of the HEAL Act; 2) host community workshops to increase awareness of lead, mold, and toxics exposure, their health impacts, and prevention strategies; 3) host community listening sessions to determine current and emerging environmental justice concerns and priorities; 4) engage with HEAL agencies and the Environmental Justice Council.
Na'ah Illahee Fund (NIF)	\$1,000,000	Passthrough	The pass-through funding will enable NIF to strengthen its organizational capacity as an intermediary and incubator for the dozens of frontline organizations who are poised to help build Native-led, HEAL solutions across the state. NIF will: 1) Center Urban and Rural Native Communities; 2) Protect Traditional Ecological Knowledge; 3) Engage in collaborative grantmaking; and 4) Monitor progress through ongoing consultation with subgrantees.
New American Alliance for Policy and Research	\$500,000	Project	New American Alliance for Policy and Research will establish a Policy Council comprising of leaders from immigrant/refugee groups. During its monthly convening, the Council will discuss topics such as toxic chemicals and products, public health disparities, existing systems, HEAL Act objectives, and relevant state laws and programs. The discussion will culminate in a Policy Agenda and action plan centered on HEAL Act implementation and community-state agency collaboration.
Nuestras Raices Centro Comunitario	\$406,164	Project	Nuestras Raices will raise awareness of and identify priority issues related to environmental justice to ensure its community has a voice in decisions that impact them. They will be working with 1) Hispanic/Latine people with low-incomes, food insecurity, or disabilities residing in urban or rural areas; 2) Hispanic/Latine youth and young adults whose families are from Eastern or Central WA; 3) Agricultural workers in Adams and Grant counties; 4) Trusted messengers from Okanagan, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, and

			Whitman counties; and, 5) Community partners who operate or have outreach to Okanagan, Chelan, Douglas, and Franklin counties.
Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington (PIHBW)	\$267,406	Project	PIHBW plans to educate Pacific Islanders in different parts of the state about the environmental impacts they have been seeing and can expect in the future, then leverage that education into action. PIHBW's project includes community outreach and education, guided walking tours, regional in-person meetings, Elder Advisory Committee.
Puget Sound Sage	\$350,000	Project	Puget Sound Sage will conduct community outreach and engagement to elevate community-driven climate policy solutions to state agencies, particularly the Departments of Commerce, Ecology, and Natural Resources. Sage will 1) perform research and hold community conversations to understand the community's priorities, risks, needs, and vulnerabilities around climate change; 2) provide multilingual information among underserved communities regarding the HEAL Act, its purpose and goals, and ways to engage with state agencies, the EJ Council, and the EHD map; and 3) create ongoing opportunities for communities to bring environmental justice priorities to state agencies, the EJ Council, and the EHD map.
Seattle Parks Foundation (fiscal sponsor for Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association)	\$323,070	Project	DVSA will work with residents (prioritizing Latine, low-income, and immigrant residents) to identify environmental justice needs of the community and jointly propose solutions. DVSA will train youth and volunteers to collect community feedback. They will also develop educational materials on HEAL, CCA, and environmental justice including bilingual podcasts and educational videos.
Semillero de Ideas	\$248,400	Project	Semillero de Ideas will be reaching out and engaging with farmworkers in Eastern Washington to identify challenges and policy solutions to those challenges. The farmworkers will connect with appropriate decision makers to help realize their solutions.
Serve Ethiopians Washington	\$294,480	Project	SEW will build their capacity to influence government decisions and lift up the East African immigrant community's policy priorities. They will extend the reach of their environmental justice and sustainability organizing to additional parts of King County (e.g. SeaTac, Des Moines, Tukwila, Renton, Kent, and Auburn), Snohomish County (e.g. Lynwood), and Pierce County (e.g. Tacoma).

Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance (DBA Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health)	\$405,568.50	Passthrough	SWACH is receiving pass-through funding to support organizations in Southwest Washington that are committed to environmental justice.
Surge Reproductive Justice	\$300,000	Project	Surge Reproductive Justice will develop a reproductive leadership cohort. The cohort will lead a community directed process to provide recommendations on the Environmental Health Disparities Map that encompass the impact of environmental racism on reproductive health and justice.
Unkitawa	\$486,529.16	Project	Unkitawa seeks to conduct an Environmental Justice Community Needs Assessment focusing on First Foods. It will establish a First Foods & Medicine Pantry that will provide essential healthy food options as well as serve as a hub for workshops and demonstrations on preparing and cooking traditional foods. Unkitawa will also host a Traditional Ecological Knowledge Internships where interns will learn about Indigenous gathering practices and utilize traditional medicine teachings.
Villa Comunitaria	\$270,340	Project	Villa Comunitaria will engage, train, and support up to five Spanish language and bilingual Promotoras for HEAL and environmental justice community engagement and advocacy in the Duwamish Valley and South King County.
Wakulima USA	\$250,000	Project	Wakulima USA will work with East African immigrant Swahili speaking farmers to build their capacity to adopt sustainable farming practices that promote environmental health such as organic farming, crop rotation, and integrated pest management. Wakulima USA also seeks to foster community engagement and collaboration to create a network of environmentally conscious members committed to preserving the land for future generations.
Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders (WSCACL)	\$650,000	Passthrough	WSCACL supports over 150 African-descent community organizations and individual members in the state. They will use these funds to provide pass through grants to educate their community about the interconnection of environmental justice issues here with environmental issues in Africa. WSCACL will be creating an environmental health assessment that they will roll out to their partners.



