

What is Technical Assistance?



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROVIDERS SUPPORT
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN APPLYING
FOR BSK FUNDS.

Examples of Technical Assistance

Determine if your organization/program = good fit for RFP

Guide you through the logistics of the application process

Help you “tell your story”

Help you fully answer application questions

Multi-lingual support available

*TA is NOT grant writing

Why is BSK offering TA?



TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO
ACCESSING COUNTY FUNDING



TO PROVIDE A STEP TOWARD EQUITY
IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS



TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS WHO
MAY NOT HAVE GRANT WRITERS ON
STAFF OR FUNDING TO HIRE A GRANT
WRITER

Who can get TA?



- FREE to anyone responding to a Best Starts RFP
- Special emphasis on small community-based organizations and organizations that have not accessed public funding before

How can I get Technical Assistance (TA)?

- Once an RFP opens, you can read the bios of the TA providers; choose one who seems like they'd be a good fit
- Reach out early in the process!
- Contact the provider via phone or email
- Give provider 24 hours to respond before reaching out to another provider
- Contact the TA provider at least three days before RFP closes
- If the fit does not seem right, feel free to let the provider know and reach out to a new one!

Frequently Asked Questions

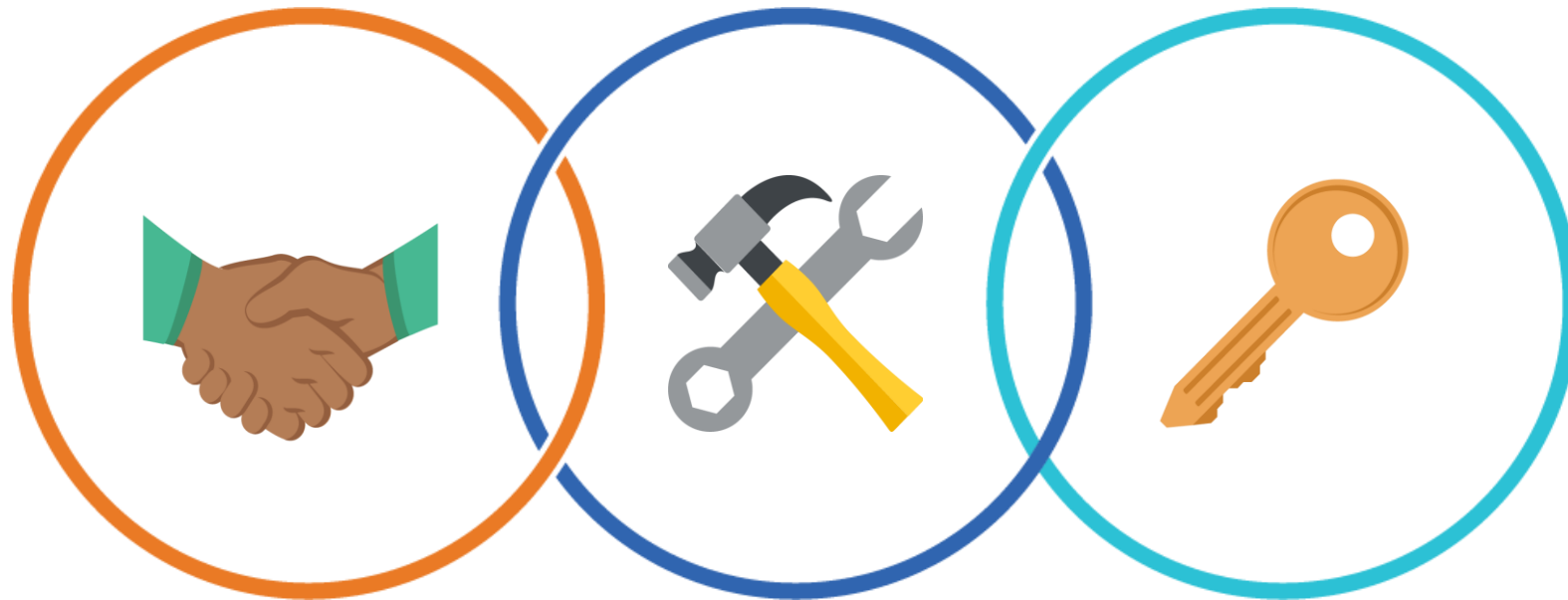
- Read to find answers to common questions!
- Posted in ZoomGrants



Questions?



DATA & EVALUATION



Partnership

Collaboration

Accessibility

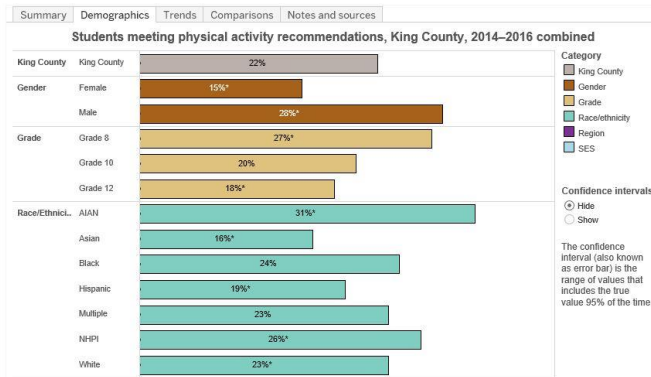
WHAT'S THE STORY?

1. Identify your story.
2. Decide what information will make your story convincing.
3. Find the information/data you need.



WHAT ARE DATA?

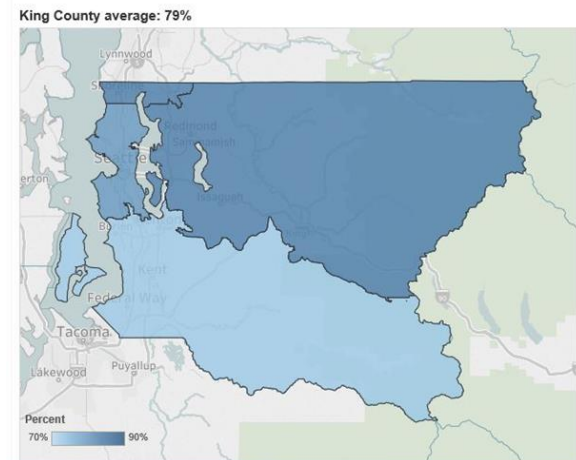
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Stories:

“I love the play and learn they offer, because I get to meet other parents that speak my language and I feel like the facilitator really understands what parents in our community our dealing with. Plus my daughter always has a blast and we learn fun things to do at home too.”

Maps:



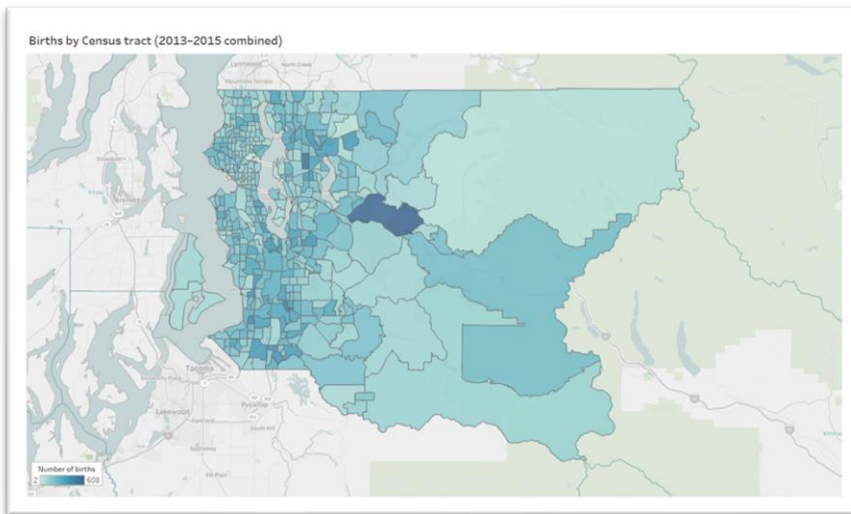
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FINDING DATA

DATA SOURCES

- [BSK Indicator Data](#)
- Other King County resources:
 - [Communities Count](#)
 - [Community Health Indicators](#)
- State and national data
- Your Data!



TIPS

- We value different kinds of data including stories!
- The data sources provided in the RFP are meant to eliminate extra work on the applicant side—not to dictate the data sources you use or the case that you want to make.
- Contact a TA provider if you would like additional support.

KING COUNTY DATA RESOURCES

Best Starts for Kids Indicators: www.kingcounty.gov/bskindicators

The screenshot shows the King County website interface. At the top left is the King County logo. A search bar is located at the top right. A navigation menu includes links for Home, How do I..., Services, About King County, and Departments. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu under 'Community and Human Services' with options like Initiatives, Best Starts for Kids, Children and Youth Advisory Board, Indicators (Data) (highlighted), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Headline Indicators, Events and News, Kids Health Survey, Background information, and Translated materials. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home > Community and Human Services > Initiatives > Best Starts for Kids > Indicators (Data). The title is 'Best Starts for Kids Indicators'. The text explains that these indicators provide information about the health and well-being of King County children, youth, families, and communities. It lists four areas of information: Prenatal to 5 years, 5 to 24 years, Youth and family homelessness prevention, and Communities of Opportunity. A note at the bottom states that data is still being collected and analyzed, and will be posted as soon as it is available, starting in late 2017. A link to 'Read our FAQs' is provided at the bottom left.

- Population-level data about what is happening in King County overall
- Information about issues related to BSK, often disaggregated by race/ethnicity, region, and more
- Find the topic you're looking for using topic area and search

How Technical Assistance Can Help

THINGS TO KNOW

- Technical assistance consultants can help you find data to incorporate in your application (from King County and lots of other places).
- An evaluation plan is not required as part of your proposal. BSK will partner with funded organizations to develop one.
- You should express willingness to participate in data reporting and incorporate resources for the time this will take your staff and any equipment you might need in your budget. Technical assistance can also help figure that out!



Questions?