

Technical Assistance: Getting Help With Your Proposal

BSK Open House

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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 find data to support your narrative

Help you fully answer application questions

*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 for your organization
- 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!

Happy, healthy, safe and thriving.



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Technical assistance support now available: meet our consultants!

By: Best Starts for Kids

We know that there are many systemic barriers and inequities that make it challenging for organizations grounded in community to apply for funding opportunities. To support organizations as they navigate the application process, we partner with technical assistance (TA) consultants who bring a wide range of skills, areas of expertise, and language abilities to listen, support, and amplify the strengths of community-based organizations across King County.

We are excited to introduce our eight TA consultants! They can support by:

- Helping to determine appropriate fit between your proposal and the funding opportunity.
- Providing guidance on how best to answer application questions.
- Supporting your application development, including editing and budget review.

If you are interested in applying for an open and/or upcoming funding opportunity and would like to partner with a TA consultant, please reach out directly to them below. We encourage you to only contact one TA consultant and provide them 24 hours to respond before contacting any other consultants.

Please note that to provide high-quality support to applicants, consultants will not be able to respond to new requests within 3 business days of a funding opportunity's closing date.

Read on to learn more about our consultants!



Frequently Asked Questions

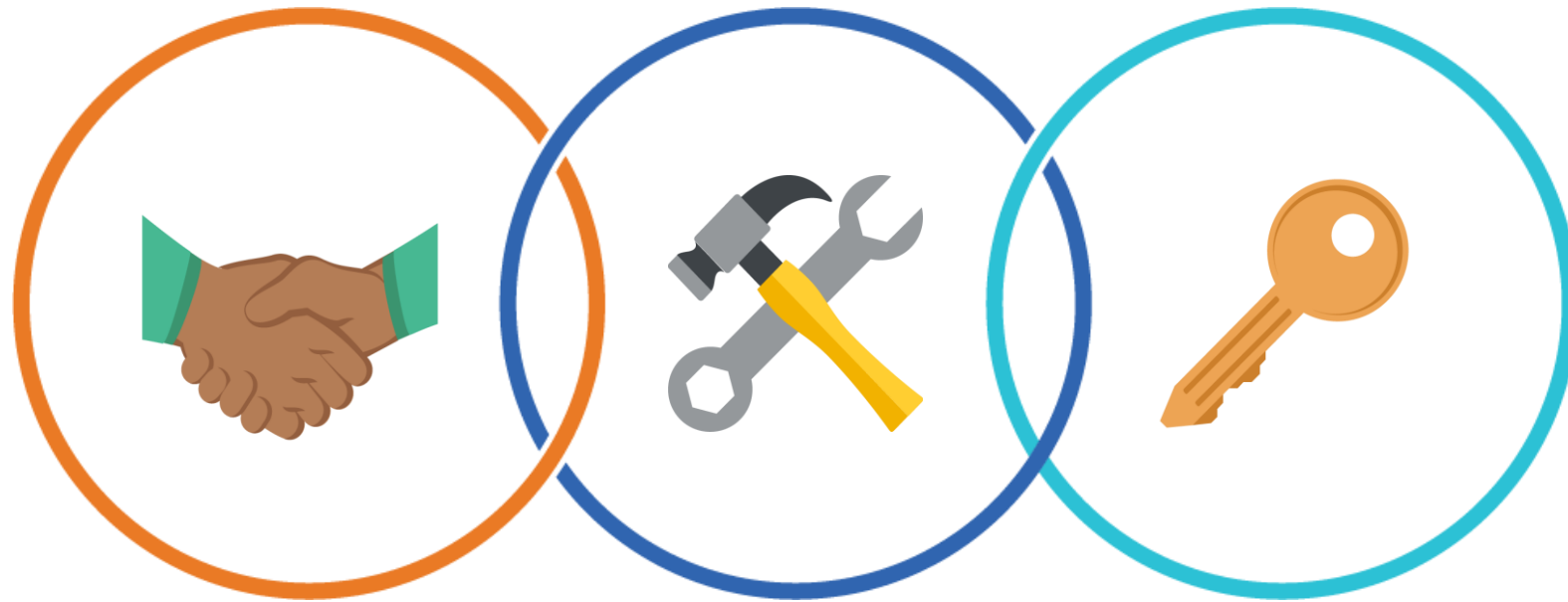
- Read to find answers to common questions!
- Posted in ZoomGrants



Questions?



DATA & EVALUATION



Partnership

Collaboration

Accessibility

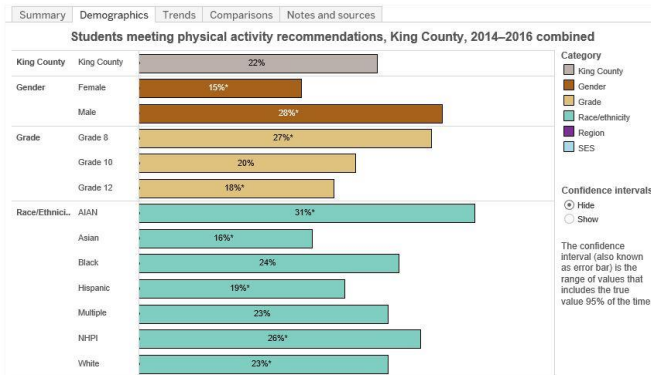
WHAT'S THE STORY?

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



WHAT ARE DATA?

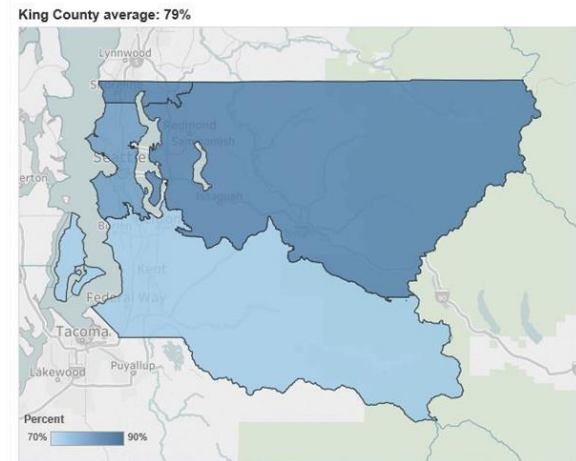
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Stories:

“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:



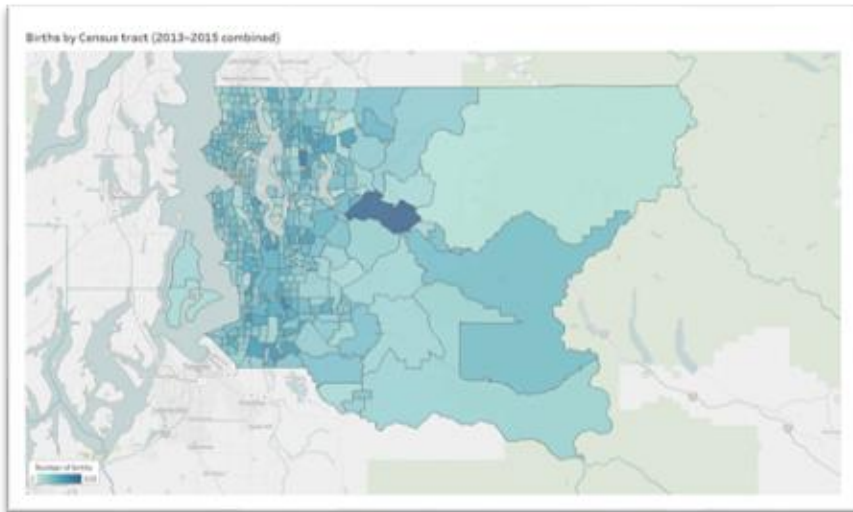
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FINDING DATA

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 'Home', 'How do I...', 'Services', 'About King County', and 'Departments'. The main content area is titled 'Best Starts for Kids Indicators' and includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Community and Human Services > Initiatives > Best Starts for Kids > Indicators (Data)'. The page content describes the indicators and lists four areas of focus: 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 collection is ongoing and will be posted as soon as it is available.

Community and Human Services

Initiatives

- Best Starts for Kids
- Children and Youth Advisory Board
- Indicators (Data)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Headline Indicators

Events and News

Kids Health Survey

Background information

Translated materials

Home > Community and Human Services > Initiatives > Best Starts for Kids > Indicators (Data)

Best Starts for Kids Indicators

These Best Starts for Kids (BSK) indicators provide important information about the health and well-being of King County children, youth, families, and communities.

Information is organized into four areas:

- **Prenatal to 5 years:** Babies are born healthy and are provided with a strong foundation for lifelong health and well-being.
- **5 to 24 years:** King County is a place where everyone has equitable opportunities to be safe and healthy as they progress through childhood, building academic and life skills to be thriving members of their communities.
- **Youth and family homelessness prevention**
- **Communities of Opportunity**

To ensure that BSK-funded activities contribute to desired population-level changes, BSK requests for proposals will ask organizations to be responsive to these indicators. Additional data resources and general population demographic data are available at [Communities Count](#).

Note: We are still collecting and analyzing data for some of the indicators below. We will post the data as soon as they are available. Performance measures for programs funded by BSK will also be available here, starting in late 2017.

[Read our FAQs.](#)

- 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?