



—● **Best Starts' Capital
Awardees**



—● **Africatown Community Land Trust (ACLT)**

ACLT is seeking funding for critical repairs to replace the inoperable HVAC, the fire life and safety system, and replace a leaking roof. This work will be completed at the former Fire Station 6, now the William Grose Center for Innovation, to protect community members' and youth's health and well-being while in the building. This project is Phase 2 of work on this building.

—● Children's Therapy Center (CTC)

CTC requests funds to replace two rooftop HVAC units that were originally installed in 2003 and are at the end of their useful lives. The HVAC units have already had several repairs completed and utilize refrigerant that is comprised of hazardous chemicals. Replacement of units is critical, as failure of the units will present a hazard to the children and families served by the organization.

—● City of Tukwila Parks and Recreation

The City of Tukwila Parks and Recreation requests funding for the repair of an inadequate HVAC system in their multi-purpose community center. The City of Tukwila Community Center is the only facility in the greater-Tukwila area that provides recreational, educational, child-care, emergency shelter and community services. Tukwila Community Center's HVAC system replacement qualifies as a critical repair by way of the threat to the facility's services in the event of failure, as well as the needed energy efficiency improvements provided for the City of Tukwila to move towards decarbonization and cleaner energy usage and sustainability.

—● **East African Community Services (EACS)**

EACS is seeking funding to address key health and safety repairs for their community center. Funding will be used for four key projects including HVAC repair, kitchen plumbing repair and renovation, existing bathroom repair, flooring and drywall restoration. These changes maintain EACS' ability to create a safe and healthy environment for the communities that rely on the center's diverse array of services.

—● **El Centro de la Raza (El Centro)**

El Centro is requesting funds to make life-safety seismic and electrical improvements to the 100+ year-old historic El Centro building. Major project components include tuckpointing the brick foundation, increasing electrical capacity, and upgrading the two commercial gas stoves to commercial electrical stoves for health, safety and environmental reasons.

—● **Encompass Northwest (Encompass)**

Encompass seeks funding to complete several health and safety renovations and updates at its early learning center.

Renovations include privacy/security landscaping for their play yard, a new water heater, replacement of outdated, harsh fluorescent lighting, replacement of the damaged kitchen floor, replacement of gutters for the play yard storage structure, and replacement of building entry doors to better accommodate a security system and improve handicap accessibility.

—● Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle

The Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle requests funding to replace their community center's inadequate, one-person wheelchair lift. Best Starts for Kids funds will cover the installation of an elevator that will serve the basement through the second floor to increase access for disabled participants of their programming. This meets the definition of critical health and safety repairs by improving accessibility and reducing the risk of trip and fall.

—● **Muslim American Youth Foundation Early Learning Center (MAYF)**

MAYF is seeking funding to complete renovations on their multi-use community center. The proposed renovations will create a safer and more ADA-accessible environment for children and staff, as well as create a more comfortable and welcoming space for parents. Proposed renovations include ceiling repair, commercial elevator installation to promote ADA accessibility, installation of a double door to provide additional security to the facility and bathroom renovations per ADA standards.

● Primm ABC Child Care Center (Primm ABC)

Primm ABC requests funds to repair exterior siding and painting, repave an ADA parking space, complete a prewired security and access control system and repair foundation cracks that are causing flooding of lower-level bathrooms. These renovations promote the health and safety of children, aged 1-12, who the organization serves.

—● **Southeast Youth & Family Services (SEYFS)**

SEYFS is a community and early learning center in Columbia City in need of critical repairs to its flooring and HVAC system, which present significant health risks to those served. The building, which was originally a jail, is a historic landmark and reflects decades of use. At present, the 17-year-old carpets present a tripping hazard and have water damage, which suggests mold. The HVAC system is 70 years old and non-functional. The straightforward repairs for which funds are requested are feasible, relatively simple and will ensure the health and safety of those served.

—● **The Children's Center at Burke Gilman Gardens (TCC)**

TCC is seeking funding to renovate its facility to improve safety through critical system updates and accessibility through ADA repairs. This work will expand the number of subsidy-eligible slots by 18 and promote the use of the entire space for community use and benefit.

—● **Vashon Youth and Family Services (VYFS)**

VYFS' Family Place is seeking funding to renovate its early learning center's outdoor play area. VYFS' playground plays an important role in overcoming isolation and barriers of the Spanish-speaking, low-income, BIPOC and LGBTQ parents on Vashon Island and supports school-readiness. Renovation work includes replacing of hazardous and aging materials and play structures and securing the playground with a fence. This work will ensure that Family Place is maintained as an inclusive (and celebratory), safe, accessible and age-appropriate, nature-based playground and gathering area supporting families with children ages 0-5.

—● YouthCare Orion Center (YouthCare)

YouthCare is seeking funding to conduct repairs to their downtown site that serves youth that are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness. Critical repairs include HVAC system replacement, roof repair, entry door repair to reduce flooding, bathroom repairs to reduce backup and flooding, commercial kitchen hood/ventilation system and oven/range repairs, maglock system upgrades to promote safety, and painting work.