



—● **Healthy and Safe
Environments RFP Awardees**





BELONG Partners

DOOL Program

The BELONG Partners DOOL Program will expand and increase student voice in SEL programming. The Designing Our Own Learning (DOOL) Expansion Project will expand equitable learning environments impacting thousands of youths across King County. This project empowers students to drive systems change in their schools by co-creating policies and practices that promote equity, inclusion, and safety, with a focus on addressing discipline disparities and enhancing academic outcomes. Through youth-led initiatives, there will be fostering a sense of belonging, dignity, and agency, improving both the school climate and students' educational experiences.

—● **Communities of Rooted Brilliance**

The PEACE (Preventing violence through Education, Advocacy, and Community Empowerment) project aims to reduce community violence in South King County by focusing on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) youth leadership and civic engagement. The initiative will address various forms of violence, with a particular focus on immigrant and refugee communities. The PEACE project will empower young people through education and advocacy, partnership development, and community driven violence intervention.



Cultivate South Park

Cultivate South Park proposes to gather young people and communities to come together in bringing healthy, culturally rich foods to food deserts, with a particular emphasis on system change for culturally appropriate food access and related health issues. Cultivate South Park will expand and promote grassroots partnerships for lasting change. Cultivate South Park aims to increase access to building sustainable community leadership with young people, regarding programming in their exercise, and wellness programs. Cultivate South Park will also support young people in learning how to reduce unhealthy substances in their communities.

—● Ella Baker elementary

Ella Baker Elementary will support students in ensuring equitable access to physical activity for all students to participate in recess activities, regardless of size, skill level, or physical ability.



Empower Youth Network

Empower Youth Network (EYN) aims to reduce teen substance use in the Snoqualmie Valley through school-based campaigns like using digital content, focus groups, and partnerships with schools. EYN also seeks to promote help-seeking behaviors in the community with campaigns aimed at reducing the stigma around asking for help and expanding their reach to sustain and grow these initiatives.



FEEST will focus on youth led food justice and mental health campaigns. Train youth of color and working-class youth to organize for systemic change in their schools, focusing on student health, well-being, and social, racial, and environmental justice. FEEST's youth will Lead a new campaign for food justice as well as continue their mental health work. In addition, FEEST will leverage relationships with district decision-makers to improve food policies in Seattle and Highline Public Schools.

—● **International Rescue Committee**

International Rescue Committee (IRC) Empowers refugee and immigrant youth to become advocates for food and environmental justice. Youth will learn about the local food system, the climate crisis, and inequalities around food access. IRC will engage with youth in service-learning projects that focus on promoting healthy food access and creating safe, health-promoting environments.

—● **King County Play Equity Coalition (fiscal sponsor: Seattle Parks Foundation)**

King County Play Equity Coalition will shift power back to communities to expand and build stronger connected cross-sector network of organizations to ensure all youth - particularly youth disproportionately impacted by health inequities can experience the transformative mental, emotional, behavioral, and physical benefits of play and physical activity.

—● **New American Alliance for Policy and Research**

New American Alliance for Policy and Research will develop and strengthen refugee and immigrant youth's policy advocacy skills, expand refugee and immigrant voices in addressing safe and healthy environments, and promote policies that create equity for our refugee and immigrant communities to decrease their exposure to environmental toxins.

—● **Tubman Center for Health and Freedom**

Aims to empower youth leaders, particularly from Black communities in King County, to promote changes around mental health. Youth to identify mental health needs in their community, build organizing skills to promote and educate peers. The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom will increase awareness of community-driven solutions to mental health challenges.

—● **Vietnamese Family Autism Advisory Board**

Vietnamese Family Autism Advisory Board will improve school nutrition by creating a more inclusive and culturally relevant school meal system that addresses the dietary needs of all children, particularly those with disabilities and cultural food preferences.

—● **Whitewater Community Aquatics Management**

Whitewater Community Aquatics Management addresses economic disparities in unincorporated King County to expand their scholarship program to improve access to a historically unaffordable resource.

—● **Woodland Park Zoo**

Woodland Park Zoo will improve youth mental health and community wellness in South King County by providing equitable access to nature. The project will involve historically marginalized youth, primarily from immigrant and refugee communities to develop leadership skills and promote environmental stewardship.