



# —● Stopping the School-to-Prison Pipeline Awardees



# —● African Community Housing & development

African Community Housing & Development's (ACHD) program uses culturally-relevant trauma-informed outdoor education, academic supports, and career exploration to build economic possibilities and foster positive cultural identity development for African Diaspora immigrant and refugee youth ages 12-19 in King County, leading to increased academic and career achievement, improved social-emotional skills, proud cultural identity development, and reduced justice system involvement.

# —● Community Passageways

Community Passageways' expanding CP-FIT program serves King County's Black and Brown youth along all points of the school-to-prison pipeline. We provide culturally relevant community support services, courtroom advocacy, reentry services, career development opportunities, and individual, family, and group counseling. We propose hiring two additional FTE staff to expand our service capacity and provide extended participant support and monitoring to evaluate the long-term impacts of our services.

## —● **Creative Justice (fiscal sponsor: Rainier Valley Coalition)**

Creative Justice builds community with youth most impacted by the school-to-prison-(to-deportation) pipeline, creating healing spaces that help us all live our best lives and thrive. Participants and mentor artists work together to examine the root causes of incarceration, like systemic racism and other forms of oppression, creating art that articulates the power and potential of our communities.

## —● **Destinies First Shuttles, LLP**

Destinies First Shuttles (D1) provides safe, reliable transport for young people for activities including court dates, internships and moves into shelters, filling a need for organizations working with youth involved with the legal system or at risk. D1 transports protect ages 12-24 from gun violence on mass transit, and from disrespectful, unreliable rides by taxis. Training in driving, mechanics, and operations management for the same population will guide them along a path toward success.

## —● Life Enrichment Group

Young Queens will provide a holistic set of community supports that will establish a healthy sense of self within African American girls located throughout Martin Luther King County. Efforts will be focused in two sections of the county-Seattle and Renton. The focus will be first reconnecting to self through cultural identity and personal development, reconnecting with others through the power of sisterhood, and growing a strong community base of support through parental empowerment.



## Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House's Youth Advocacy team program pairs primarily Black and Brown youth from 12 to 24 years old with a stable adult mentor who helps them re-engage in school, employment, and community. We remove systemic and individual obstacles caused by racism, poverty, homelessness, punitive legal systems, and other factors, and build a foundation for youth to fulfill their potential based on their strengths and interests and break out of the school to prison pipeline cycle.

## —● **Para Los Niños De Highline**

Para Los Niños' Latinx Youth Programs provide culturally relevant academic support, career exploration and social/emotional skill building for middle and high schoolers from Latino immigrant and refugee communities. The program supports young people to build emotional and relational skills, become confident leaders, explore career pathways, and to celebrate their cultural identity and pride as Latinos.

# —● **Rainier Valley Leadership Academy (RVLA)**

Pathways to Liberation is an RVLA initiative designed to support Black, Indigenous, and Global Majority youth aged 12-24 who are at risk of involvement in the criminal legal system. This program integrates outdoor education, performing arts, leadership development, and global awareness to foster positive identity and economic self-sufficiency. Rooted in South Seattle, it addresses systemic inequities by promoting healing and empowerment among marginalized youth.



# The ACE Academy

ACE Academy creates transformative career pathways by connecting black males and males of color with paid work-based experiences at minority-owned businesses in our community. This program empowers young individuals through orientation training, monthly workshops, and work-based experiences while fostering meaningful mentorship relationships with successful entrepreneurs who share their cultural backgrounds.

# —● **Urban American Indian Alaskan Native Education Alliance**

Clear Sky Native is a free, year-round youth development program that serves urban native youth ages 5-24. We provide weekly, after-school academic support, tutoring, mentorship, multigenerational cultural learning, leadership development, paid Internships, athletics, health and wellness education and organizing training. The program focuses on four pillars: Leadership, Life Skills, Language and Literacy.

# —● **Washington Multicultural Services**

Washington Multicultural Services Link (WMSL) will provide one-on-one support (navigation, advocacy, mediation, mentoring) to Black youth with disabilities and special health care needs and their families. Support will help youth to navigate conflicts in their schools and communities and access resources so that they can remain engaged in school, avoid school disciplinary processes, stay out of the juvenile justice system, find jobs, and live healthy, thriving lives.

# —● **White Center Community Development Association**

Program supports youth ages 12-24 in King County through workforce training, mentorship, financial literacy, and creative arts. We prioritize BIPOC, immigrant, refugee, low-income, and justice-involved youth, ensuring culturally responsive support. By addressing systemic barriers, we create pathways to economic stability, personal growth, and career success.