



Seattle
Office of Sustainability
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The Environmental Justice Fund

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Project Example #1: A trusted community-based organization seeks funds to conduct a visioning process with their community members. The process involves understanding the priorities for a community hub that can provide benefits to the community including cooling during extreme heat events, distribution of air filters, and intergenerational programming.

Project Example #2: A mosque works with their members to collect stories about the efforts their community members are leading to advance environmental and climate justice. These stories are captured on video and are assembled into a short film. The completed film is shown at a community screening and used for climate and environmental justice education.

Project Example #3: Black, Indigenous, and youth of color have asked their trusted community-based organization to develop programming that will prepare them to join the environmental workforce. The community organization works with the youth to develop and facilitate a 10-week training series that will prepare them to join apprenticeship programs. Participants provide feedback to inform the programming for future cohorts.

Project Example #4: A community group organizes a walking tour that highlights environmental justice challenges in their neighborhood. It also creates a community-based participatory research program where community members from the neighborhood suggest solutions. These recommendations are collected and formally presented to elected officials and other decision-makers.

Project Example #5: A school club expands the activities of its youth leadership program by working with youth to collect stories from within their community about efforts community members are taking to address environmental and climate justice. These stories are captured on video and are assembled into a short film. The completed film is shown at a community screening.

Project Example #6: A community group serving indigenous communities launches a Native food initiative where native plants and vegetables are planted, grown, harvested, prepared and delivered to urban Natives in need. Culturally relevant education and outreach events for the Seattle urban Native American community are provided year-round. The project supports a sustainable local food system and builds healthy soil.

Project Example #7: A community-based organization removes asphalt and installs rain gardens at a local community center to treat stormwater and provide heat island mitigation. The project includes a community education component to raise awareness about stormwater, climate resilience and the health benefits of green infrastructure.