



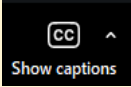
Park CommUNITY Fund

Seattle Parks & Recreation



WELCOME!!!

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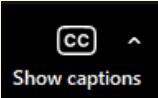


Please type into the chat:

- **Your full name**
- **Your neighborhood**
- **Any park-relevant groups you participate in**
- **Your favorite activity in a park**



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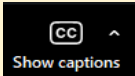


Today's Agenda:

- Welcome & Updates
- Park CommUNITY Fund Overview
- Evaluation Summary
- Workshop Series Overview
- Closing & Next steps
- *Optional: Q&A*



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Thank you Frontline CommUNITY Partners!!

Frontline CommUNITY Partners

- Africa Community Housing and Development
- Cham Refugees Community
- Hip Hop is Green
- Lake City Collective
- Mary's Place Seattle
- Rainier Beach Action Coalition

City of Seattle Commissions

- Indigenous Advisory Council
- Seattle Disability Commission
- Seattle LGBTQ Commission





Overview

Overview

The fund invests in **large and small capital** projects using **participatory budgeting** and equitable grantmaking practices. The Seattle Park District allocated **dedicated funding** for investment in Seattle communities between 2023 and 2028.

Frontline communities work alongside Seattle Park and Recreation (SPR) staff through the process.



Purpose

The Park CommUNITY Fund will advance park equity through a community-led funding process by:



Expanding inclusive access
to clean and safe parks that
foster healthy people,
thriving environments, and
vibrant communities.



**Closing gaps in access to
quality parks and park
facilities** that
disproportionately affect
frontline communities.



**Centering efforts in
partnership and
transparency** with
communities to build
ongoing trust, relationships,
and investment.



Frontline Communities*

Communities that experience high displacement risks, disproportionate exposure to environmental harms, and a history of disinvestment and lack of green space access; these include:

- Black people
- American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander People
- Tribal communities in the Seattle region
- Communities of color
- Immigrants and refugees
- People with limited English proficiency
- People with disabilities
- People who are trans, non-binary, or gender non-conforming
- People experiencing housing instability or homelessness
- People who have been incarcerated
- People experiencing poverty
- Older adults (65+)
- Youth (14 - 24)

Priority Areas

Geographic areas defined broadly by zip code or neighborhood, where communities of color, immigrants, refugees, people experiencing poverty, and limited-English proficiency tend to live, which are also areas highly impacted by socioeconomic and environmental challenges.



4-Stage Pilot Cycle

2023 - 2025 Pilot Cycle Stages



Idea Collection

Project were submitted in person and online **(1.5 Months)**



Program Requirements

- **Eligible**

- Benefits the public
- Project must be a **capital project** on Seattle Parks and Recreation property
- Any project size, but project **award did not exceed \$1.5M**
- Open to anyone who lives, works, and plays in Seattle or is part of a Tribal community or government

- **Not Eligible**

- Projects that are not under the purview of SPR
- Projects that are **not capital projects**, such as new programs or events
- **Land acquisition**
- **Routine or ongoing maintenance projects**, such as new wood chips in playgrounds



Project Development

Proposal Development (1.5 Months)

Staff and community:

- Screened for eligibility
- Reviewed orgs/applicants
- Vetted with CIP-funded projects
- Categorized project tier and type
- Refined and combined ideas as needed
- Developed vetted ideas into detailed proposals for review



Proposal Reviewers

- Community Review
 - Frontline Community Partners
 - LGBTQ Commission
 - BPRC
- Feasibility Review
 - SPR Landscape Architects (LA)
 - SPR Planners, Capital Project Managers, LA Interns



Project Development

Project Review (1.5 Months)

Feasibility and Cost Estimates

- Feasibility
- Maintenance and Operational Costs
- Restoration/Extension of Park Life or Facility
- Project Costs

Project Benefits

- Safety
- Access
- Community Outcomes
 - Healthy People
 - Thriving Environment
 - Vibrant Community

Community Support

- Community Project Readiness and Asset Planning
- Reach of Impact
- Frontline Community Priority
- Priority Area



Final Selection

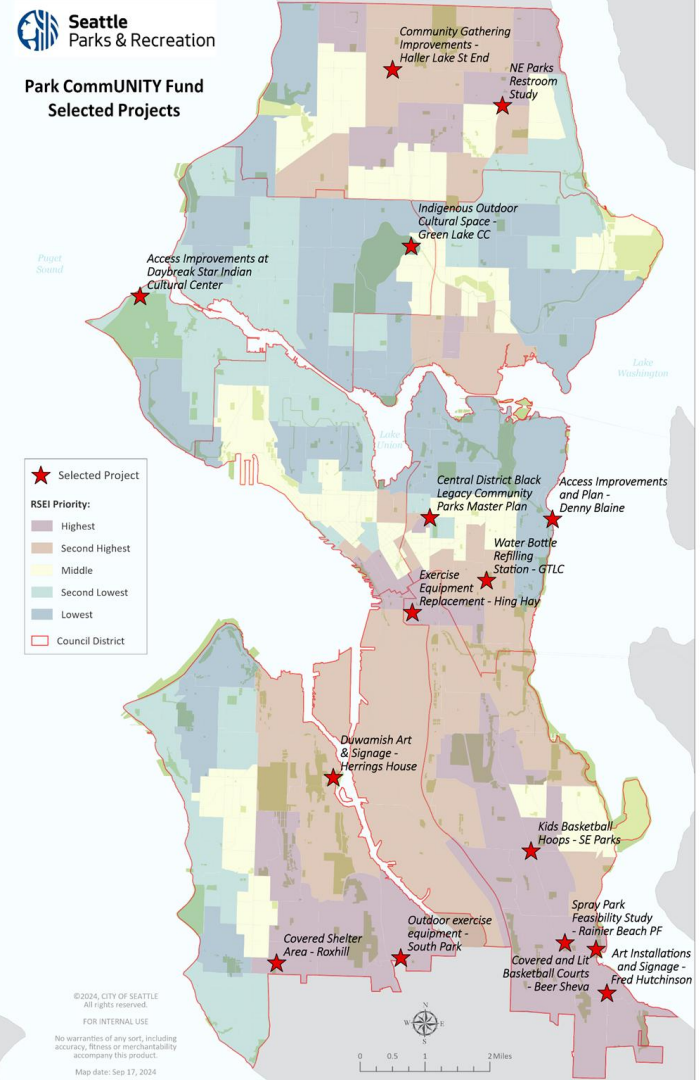
1.5 Months

1. **Community Selection** (*1 month*) – Community members prioritized projects either online or in person.
2. **BPRC Recommendations** (*2 weeks*) – The BPRC subcommittee reviewed Project Development and Community Selection results to determine project recommendations to present to the full BPRC.
3. **Superintendent Approval** – The BPRC subcommittee presented recommendations to the Superintendent for final approval.



Summary of Recommendations

- Nearly **2,900 people** participated in Community Selection
- **15** total projects were recommended
 - **11** - Tier 1: Up to \$150k
 - **4** - Tier 2: Between \$150k to \$1.5 million
- At least **3 - 4 projects** were selected in each region North, Central, West, and South
- Recommendations were based on:
 - **Top voted projects** from Community Selection
 - Advisement from Frontline Community Partners and BPRC Subcommittee to **ensure projects reflected high priority needs of frontline communities**





Project Updates

Recommended Projects

Tier 1: Under \$150k

Central

- Exercise Equipment Replacement at Hing Hay
- Water Bottle Refilling Station at Garfield Teen Life Center

North

- Bathroom Study in NE Seattle Parks
- Outdoor Cultural Space at Green Lake Community Center
- Community Gathering Improvements at Haller Lake

South

- Art Installations and Signage at Hutchinson Playground
- Spray Park Feasibility Study in Rainier Beach
- Kids Basketball Hoops at SE Parks

West

- Covered Shelter Area at Roxhill Park
- Duwamish Art & Signage at Herrings House Park
- Outdoor exercise equipment in South Park

Tier 2: Between \$150k to \$1.5M

Central

- Access Improvements and Plan for Denny Blaine Park
- Black Legacy Community Parks Master Plan in the Central District

North

- Access Improvements at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center

South

- Covered and Lit Basketball Courts at Be'er Sheva Park



Central Recommended Projects



Exercise Equipment Replacement at Hing Hay

Replace existing exercise equipment at Hing Hay Park with older adult-friendly equipment tailored towards more Eastern-style exercises.



Water Bottle Refilling Station at Garfield Teen Life Center

Install a new water bottle refilling station at Garfield Teen Life Center to replace the old, non-refillable water fountains.



Access Improvements and Plan for Denny Blaine Park

Conduct a comprehensive study and implement some improvements at Denny Blaine Park to enhance multi-modal transportation access, accessibility, restroom feasibility, and other necessary amenities.



Black Legacy Community Parks Master Plan in the Central District

Develop a long-range master plan to improve and maintain several Central District parks, such as William Grose Park, Powell Barnett Park, Judge Charles M. Stokes Overlook, and other priority parks.



North Recommended Projects



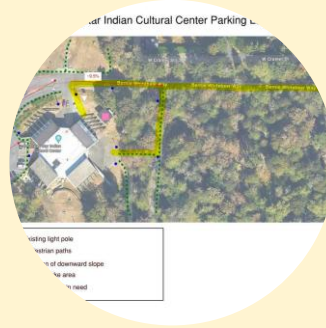
Bathroom Study in NE Seattle Parks

Study to add bathrooms in several NE Seattle priority parks, including Haller Lake, Hubbard Homestead Park, Matthews Beach, and Virgil Flaim Park.



Outdoor Cultural Space at Green Lake Community Center

Create a cultural outdoor space that will include a garden, shelter, and community gathering elements. Will make spaces like Green Lake more inclusive and welcoming to frontline communities.



Access Improvements at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center

Improve accessibility and visibility to the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center facilities.



Community Gathering Improvements at Haller Lake

Add community gathering and play elements to Haller Lake street end such as tables, benches, bench swing, sandbox, or other small desired amenities to make the park more welcoming.



South Recommended Projects



Art Installations and Signage at Hutchinson Playground

Install a sculpture and a welcome sign in multiple languages at the entry way to Hutchinson Playground to reflect the diverse neighborhood where the park is located.



Spray Park Feasibility Study in Rainier Beach

Conduct a feasibility study to determine potential locations for a spray park or water play in Rainier Beach



Covered and Lit Basketball Courts at Be'er Sheva Park

Add a basketball court cover with lights to Be'er Sheva.



Kids Basketball Hoops at SE Parks

Replace at least one regular-size basketball hoop with a 7-foot kid hoop at several basketball courts in SE Seattle priority parks, including John C. Little, Othello, and Benefit Park.



West Recommended Projects



Covered Shelter Area at Roxhill Park

Add culturally relevant artwork, signage, and an all-weather covered shelter that local community members and school classes can use at Roxhill Park.



Duwamish Art & Signage at Herrings House Park

Install Duwamish cultural artwork and environmental education signage, under Tribal consultation, to reflect the importance of the Duwamish River's salmon and the land being a sacred place of the Duwamish Tribe.



Outdoor exercise equipment in South Park

Add a fitness area at a South Park area park with exercise equipment for all ages.





Evaluation

Select Findings from Eval

Park CommUNITY Fund got a bunch right!

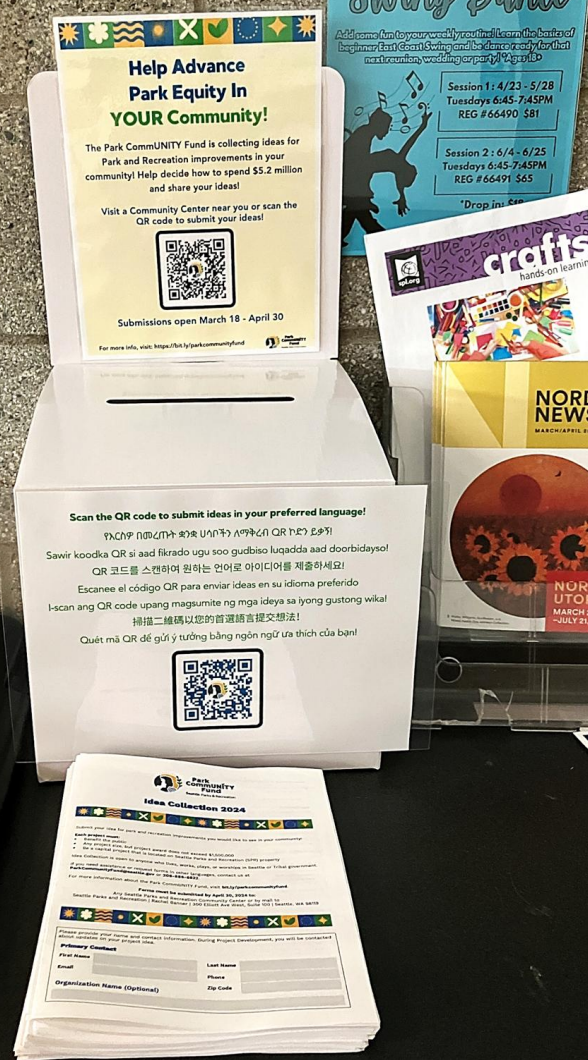
- Idea Collection produced 236 entries!
- The 27 proposals for Community Selection were:
 - Spread across the city
 - Spread across 10 project types
 - Proposals from all FCP orgs
- Each region had 3–4 of the 15 awarded projects
- *FCPs felt that the process showed progress on community partnerships & power-sharing*



Select Findings from Eval

Potential updates to process & structure

- Share project ideas online clearly & consistently
- Clarifying Equity & Site/Project eligibility
- Providing alternative routes for funding
- Providing better info on feasibility & cost info for project development
- Perhaps issue & priority area shifts each cycle



Select Findings from Eval

Community Partnership Restructuring

- Frontline Community Partners did a lot in 2024: outreach to project development
- In 2026, we propose separating development/decision-making from outreach & engagement:
 - Local ***Outreach & Engagement Consultants***
 - City-wide ***Equity Review Panel*** for project development and recommendations

Parks will be recruiting for these positions in 2026!





Workshops

Workshop Overview

Dec 18 Park Development 101

- *2-hour In-person workshop* for community input on PCF 2026
- Relationship-building with Parks and among frontline communities

Jan 22 Power Building in Your Community

- *1-day In-person workshop* to work on community-identified challenges
- Feedback on Evaluation recommendations
- Networking and fellowship together

Feb 5 Updates to the PCF Program & Process

- *In-person workshop* to collaborate with Park CommUNITY Fund staff to refine and improve the PCF process for the second cycle.



What do you hope to get from the Workshops?

Reflect on the questions below and type your thoughts in the chat.

- What would you like to walk out of these Workshops feeling? ...understanding? ...fired up about?
- Do you anticipate new partnerships? ...project ideas?

Feel free to share any other thoughts.



Save-the-Dates

<i>Dec 18</i>	Park Development 101
<i>Jan 22</i>	Power Building in Your Community
<i>Feb 5</i>	Updates to Park CommUNITY Fund Process
<i>Mar-May</i>	Engagement & Review Panel consultant recruitment
<i>Summer</i>	Target launch for 2026 Park CommUNITY Fund



Thank you!



**Park
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Recommended Funding

Tier 1: Up to \$150k

Project	BPRC Subcommittee Recommendations	Adjusted Recommendations
North	\$290,000	\$240,000
Bathroom Study in NE Seattle Parks	\$40,000	\$40,000
Outdoor Cultural Space at Green Lake Community Center	\$150,000	\$100,000
Community Gathering Improvements at Haller Lake	\$100,000	\$100,000
Central	\$50,000	\$50,000
Exercise Equipment Replacement at Hing Hay	\$40,000	\$40,000
Water Bottle Refilling Station at Garfield Teen Life Center	\$10,000	\$10,000
West	\$450,000	\$450,000
Covered Shelter Area at Roxhill Park	\$150,000	\$150,000
Duwamish Art & Signage at Herrings House Park	\$150,000	\$150,000
Outdoor exercise equipment in South Park	\$150,000	\$150,000
South	\$210,000	\$210,000
Art Installations and Signage at Hutchinson Playground	\$120,000	\$120,000
Spray Park Feasibility Study in Rainier Beach	\$50,000	\$50,000
Kids Basketball Hoops at SE Parks	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total	\$1,000,000	\$950,000



Recommended Funding

Tier 2: Between \$150k to \$1.5M

Project	BPRC Subcommittee Recommendations	Adjusted Recommendations*
North	\$1,200,000	\$1,075,000
Access Improvements at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center	\$1,200,000	\$1,075,000
Central	\$1,600,000	\$1,100,000
Access Improvements and Plan for Denny Blaine Park	\$700,000	\$400,000
Black Legacy Community Parks Master Plan in the Central District	\$900,000	\$700,000
South	\$1,200,000	\$1,125,000
Covered and Lit Basketball Courts at Be'er Sheva Park	\$1,200,000	\$1,125,000
Total	\$4,000,000	\$3,300,000

Total Funding

Region	BPRC Subcommittee Recommendations Total	Adjusted Recommendations Total
North	\$1,490,000	\$1,315,000
Central	\$1,650,000	\$1,150,000
West	\$450,000	\$450,000
South	\$1,410,000	\$1,335,000
Total	\$5,000,000	\$4,250,000

