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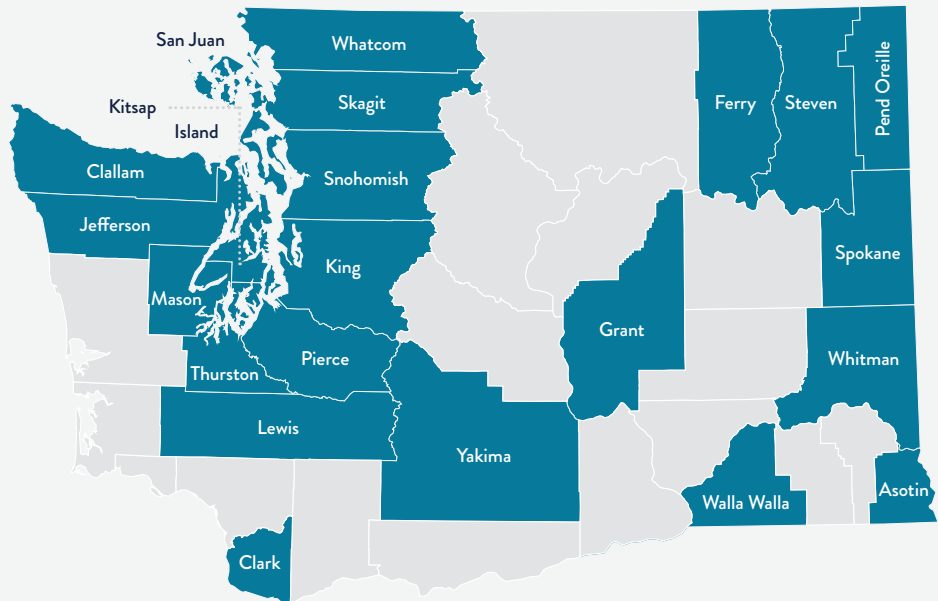
Community Grants Program

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



2023 Impact

Since establishing the Community Grants Program in 2014, the OCOE has awarded more than 49 grants to community-based organizations and Tribes in Washington. This report is a look at the impact in 2023.



\$125,000

Total Grant Money Awarded



9

Grantee Organizations



22

Counties Served



1,600+

Individuals Impacted

“Each corner of the county is unique, so we can’t adopt a one-size-fits all strategy and don’t have the resources to tailor everything that we do to [meet] the needs of each of the populations in our county.”

-PARTICIPANT QUOTE,
 2021-2022 Conversations Across
 Washington Report, Office of Community
 Outreach & Engagement



Office of Community Outreach & Engagement

OUR GOAL

To empower local groups and individuals to address significant health inequities within their communities, implement projects to address community-identified needs, and maintain collaborative activities with key partners.

2023 Grantee Organizations

TOUGH AS NAILS

Giving Love, One Kit at a Time



Created **605+** tie-dye kits for children experiencing long-term hospital stays due to cancer or other illnesses.



Distributed kits through a combination of in-person community events and direct delivery to **13** recipient organizations.



Broadened impact by engaging new volunteer groups and initiating new partnerships with recipient organizations.



Tough As Nails

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled Tough As Nails to expand their community outreach, develop partnerships, and build a foundation for future funding opportunities.

MISSION AFRICA

African Men's Health Advocacy Project



Launched the African Men's Health Advocacy Project (AMHAP), focusing on prostate cancer education, prevention, and detection for African men.

35+

Provided culturally sensitive, community-engaged educational programming on prostate cancer for 35 African men.



Recruited and trained 5 community leaders to serve as advocates, mentors, and trusted sources of information for their communities.



These grants are so important because they give the community members the **resources** and **agency** to address real needs that they are dealing with in their communities.

- KATHY BRIANT, MPH, OCOE Assistant Director

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled Mission Africa to educate community members about cancer, making them more likely to engage in preventative activities and share their knowledge with others.

MARVIN WILLIAMS RECREATION CENTER

Early Detection and Your Protection: Creating Lifestyle Change to Improve Breast Cancer Outcomes in Young African American Women



Hosted a breast health awareness “Pink Out” fair targeting vulnerable, at-risk populations, especially young African American women, in Bremerton, WA.



Engaged **150+** individuals in community-centric educational programming about breast health, cancer risk and prevention, screening, and early detection.



Partnered with local and national organizations (e.g., the American Cancer Society) to share resources, promote healthier lifestyles, and foster community-engaged health education.

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled Marvin Williams Recreation Center to build communal resilience, strengthen support networks among individuals affected by breast cancer, and foster trust and connection between community members and local healthcare institutions.

NORTHEAST TRI COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Cancer Care Fuel Card Program



Successfully expanded the Cancer Care Fuel Voucher Program from **one county to three** and enhanced outreach efforts.



Provided fuel vouchers to **37** individuals across 3 counties to help defray the cost of traveling for cancer treatment.



Streamlined and simplified the application and distribution of fuel vouchers, making it easier for cancer patients to receive travel aid.



Tri Counties Booth

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled Northeast Tri County Health district to modernize and expand their existing fuel voucher program and lay the foundation for continued growth.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Medical-Legal Partnership: Providing Direct Legal Services to Address Health-Harming Legal Needs



Expanded PCHS's medical-legal partnership by hiring a full-time attorney and procuring case management software.



Initiated partnerships with local legal aid organizations in order to provide warm handoff referrals for patients in Mason and Pierce counties.



Our project has helped broaden our organization's understanding of what 'healthcare' can mean, and we observe that in our patients too.

- PENINSULA
COMMUNITY HEALTH

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled PCHS's expansion by providing funding for staffing and equipment and supporting the pursuit of additional funding opportunities.

CANCER LIFELINE

Increasing Access to Mental Health Care for Low-Income and Vulnerable Cancer Patients



Provided fee-free counseling to **130** cancer patients and survivors from marginalized identities (e.g., low-income, BIPOC) in the greater Puget Sound region who would not otherwise have had access to mental health care services.



Increased the availability of counseling services in BIPOC communities through organizational outreach.



Expanded counseling capacity and strengthened infrastructure and support for counselors.



My husband and I used the counseling services at Cancer Lifeline. **He** had a safe place to share **his** feelings and his struggles, and **I** had a safe space to share **my** feelings and **my** struggles.

- EMMIE,
Cancer Lifeline Client

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program allowed Cancer Lifeline to sustainably grow their counseling program and obtain additional funding.

CANCER PATHWAYS

CHAMPS 2.0 (Cultivating HPV Awareness and Mobilizing for Prevention and Screening)



Launched the CHAMPS 2.0 (Cultivating HPV Awareness and Mobilizing for Prevention and Screening) program.



Reached more than **400** teens in rural communities through Cancer Happens programming and distributed **43** cancer care kits to pre-survey participants.



Collected critical demographic and health behavior data from surveys, which will be used to craft tailored approaches to cancer education and prevention in those communities.



Care Kit

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program helped Cancer Pathways pioneer a new, creative way to reach people with important information about cancer risk reduction and healthy living.

SPECTRUM CENTER

Gender-Affirming Products Program



Provided support to TGNC (trans and gender non-conforming) individuals in the form of resources, financial assistance for name change fees, gender-affirming gear and clothing, and more.



Leveraged community partnerships to connect vulnerable TGNC populations to primary care and mental health care, vaccinations, housing resources, mentorship, and more.



People who initially contact Spectrum Center are usually skeptical that a program like this could even exist, but walk away with not only their needs met but also a place to refer their friends.

- SPECTRUM CENTER

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program allowed Spectrum Center to provide critical gender-affirming care and services to TGNC individuals, improving their mental health and potentially saving lives.

Colon Cancer Awareness



Reached more than **300** community members, with a focus on underserved populations such as Black and immigrant communities, through virtual and in-person workshops focused on colon cancer awareness, prevention, and screening.



Collaborated with key community partners to facilitate resource distribution and promote a community-driven approach to health education.



Provided resource navigation services and connected community members with colonoscopy appointments, including registering **13** individuals at a single event.

IMPACT

The Community Grants Program enabled YMCA of Greater Seattle to strengthen community knowledge and health advocacy efforts among underserved populations, leading to earlier detection and better health outcomes for cancer patients.

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