



GIVING HERE MATTERS

2018 Project Neighborly Grant Awards

Organization Name	Project Name	Short Project Description
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	Whatcom Cultural Festival	Allied Arts of Whatcom County is coordinating an annual three-day Cultural Festival to take place throughout Historic Fairhaven in June 2018, which will highlight the arts, performances, and food of Whatcom County's diverse cultural communities, with the goal of promoting our cultural identity.
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	The Idea Rover	The Idea Rover is an interactive art installation that travels around Whatcom County on a bike trailer in order to spark creative conversation with neighbors by meeting them where they are, in approachable outdoor spaces and creating dialogue through interactive experiences, discovery, and play.
Alternatives to Hungers	Birchwood Food Desert Fighters for Neighbor to Neighbor - Sharing our Stories	We seek to capture by video the stories of up to three individuals who've been impacted by the closure of the grocery store and our second action is to construct insulated Little Library-type structures where people can share food items like fresh fruits, vegetables and canned goods with neighbors.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	Building Community and Capacity with New Neighbors	The goal of our project is to help build community and capacity for leadership among new families in Bellingham, especially those who have come here from African nations.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	Community Dinner at Options High School	We propose to host a dinner at Options High School for students, families and neighboring community members for the purpose of welcoming folks to the new facility and showing gratitude.
Bellingham School District 501	Birchwood Connecting with Community Night	Birchwood Connecting with Community Night is a neighborhood wide event held at the Elementary School that will help different constituents of our diverse community to connect with one another through food, music, and conversation.
City of Ferndale	The Great Ferndale Midsummer Mystery	The City of Ferndale sponsors a city-wide scavenger hunt encouraging participants to meet their neighbors, rediscover the hidden joys and places of their community and uncover the things they have in common with the people around them.
Communities in Schools of Whatcom County	Building An Alderwood Multicultural Community	This project will expand and increase the sense of welcome, inclusion, voice, and parent leadership among the culturally diverse families of the Alderwood Elementary School community.
Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center	Friend-ships on the Salish Sea	Community Boating Center offers a program that encourages rural and city high school students to get to know their student neighbors while learning to kayaking in Puget Sound.

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Country Partners 4-H Club	Country Partners Fun Fair	Country Partners 4-H Club would like to host a practice fair that would bring 4-Hers from all the Whatcom county clubs together to a practice fit and show for their specific species of animals, along with hosting still life exhibit entries for the public and Grange members to participate.
Futures Northwest	Emerald Lake Neighborhood Connections in the Park	We aim to connect neighbors through a series of events in the community's beachfront park, including working and celebrating together to update, beautify and reclaim the space for neighborhood and family gatherings, community building and events with hands-on activities for children and families.
First Congregational Church of Bellingham	Love & Justice Project Neighborhood Outreach	We are building relationships in our local community in support of youth experiencing homelessness, in preparation for opening a day-use site for services.
Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County	Building Community	Neighbors helping neighbors. Habitat for Humanity homeowners and volunteers will reach out to neighborhood to help with house projects.
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	Interfaith Coalition Family Promise Volunteer Training	Training of up to 600 volunteers and their coordinators from more than 20 diverse congregations and community groups throughout Whatcom County in understanding the culture of homelessness and poverty and offering hospitality to
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	Building Bridges with Books: Reaching Beyond Bellingham	Building Bridges with Books: Reaching Beyond Bellingham will distribute children's books promoting kindness and cooperation to low-income families from rural Whatcom County who will share their ideas and responses on community bulletin boards.
Lynden Community/Senior Center	Get to Know Your Neighbors' Community Dinner	A free, all ages, family style 'progressive' (change table groups for each course) dinner which will bring members of the community together to eat and participate in a variety of fun mixer games and activities.
Max Higbee Center	Artistic Connection	Project Artistic Connection will connect experienced artists, amateur artists, and artists with developmental disabilities to learn and lead alongside each other in free community art classes to create artwork to share with the community at monthly Art Walk events.
South Fork Valley Community Association	Project NeighborShare	South Fork Valley citizens will share their unique knowledge and skills in an effort to weave the community together in a tapestry of learning and collaboration.
Sustainable Connections	YIMBY Happy Valley 2: Build Small Live Large	YIMBY Happy Valley 2: Build Small Live Large will continue the effort to promote new housing that is accessible and affordable for everyone, by implementing a workshop and producing a new video to target specific site-based solutions for urban infill in the Happy Valley Neighborhood.

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Three Rivers	South Fork Watershed Community Forum Series	The South Fork Watershed Education Committee, a volunteer group made up of South Fork residents and landowners, will organize and host a series of quarterly educational forums dedicated to informing our community about issues that affect the quality and quantity of local water resources.
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	Comfort with Conflict: Connecting Across Differences	This project will help neighbors build comfort with conflict, strengthen communication skills, and inspire more openness to connecting across differences.
Whatcom Family & Community Network	Birchwood PTA Family Language Exchange (FLEX) 2018	The Family Language Exchange brings cross-culture participants together in a social setting to gain language skills, build cultural competency and ultimately building stronger communities.
Whatcom Family & Community Network	Birchwood Bilingual Dance Fitness	This dance fitness class connects community members, primarily moms, teens/pre-teens, and local school teachers from diverse linguistic/cultural backgrounds to strengthen school-community relationships and increase access to affordable, healthy, fun and culturally appropriate music-based exercise.