

2018 Funds for Whatcom County Grant Awards

Organization Name	Project Name	Project Description
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	Community Arts Involvement Trio	Community Art Involvement Trio is a collaborative project with Allied Arts of Whatcom County, Bellingham and Whatcom Libraries, local businesses and professional artists to provide opportunities for the community to create art and low income artists to exhibit and sell their artwork.
Animals as Natural Therapy	Finding the Leader Within	At the invitation of Blaine Middle School - which is experiencing crisis numbers of youth reporting depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts - ANT is piloting a mobile on-site Bully-Awareness/ Leadership workshop as a necessary intervention.
Bellingham SeaFeast	Bellingham SeaFeast -- FisherPoets-on-Bellingham Bay	SeaFeast, with 10,000+attendees in 2017, showcases our rich maritime heritage, thriving working waterfront, seafood industries, and the culinary bounty of the PNW. FisherPoets-on-Bellingham Bay, through literary & performing arts, connect attendees with our important waterfront heritage.
Brigid Collins House	Incredible Years: Expansion of Parenting Classes for Teen Parents at Options High School	Incredible Years, a parent education program for teen parents of infants and toddlers, will expand to serve Options High School. This program will provide six 6-week parenting classes for teen parents participating in the Bellingham School District GRADS program.
Children of the Setting Sun Productions	Children of The Setting Sun Productions; 'Spirit of The Sockeye' film production	Spirit of The Sockeye: This documentary will share the interwoven lives of the Sockeye salmon and the Coast Salish people, the salmon people.
Compass Health	Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) Team	The Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) team is part of a continuum of services provided for individuals in the community who need additional support to access and maintain benefits, food, vocational support, healthcare and housing.
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County	The DVSA Behavioral Health Program	The Behavioral Health Program will improve access to behavioral health services and increase the effectiveness of these programs for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
Downtown Bellingham Partnership	Alley Activation	This project will engage artists and other community members in the creation of artistic installations and coordination of compelling activities in select downtown alleys. The goal of the project is to enhance these typically overlooked streetscapes while increasing safety and walkability.
Ferndale Community Service Cooperative	Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) for Enhancing Whatcom Resilience through Senior Emergency Preparedness	The Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) proposes to prepare vetted training materials in emergency preparedness, and schedule, advertise and conduct training sessions for seniors in the eight County senior centers.
Ferndale School District	Expanding Our Trauma-Responsive, Resilience-Building School Environment	The Ferndale School District will take the next step in becoming a trauma-informed educational environment by forming a task force, developing an implementation plan, training all staff at pilot schools, and implementing trauma informed, resilience-focused practices.
First Congregational Church of Bellingham	The Ground Floor Community Engagement	As FCC prepares to open The Ground Floor, a daytime program space for Northwest Youth Services, they will engage the congregation and the wider community in learning about youth homelessness. They will also help continue conversations about preventing and responding to youth homelessness.
FuturesNW	From One to Many: Addressing Barriers to Higher Education for Lummi Youth	Disproportionate numbers of Native Youth miss the opportunity of college. FuturesNW will address this through peer to peer financial aid and access training. Lummi Nation trainers will facilitate community meetings where families learn and engage in financial planning for college.
Girl Strong Foundation	GirlStrong Foundation Women's Youth Coaching Alliance	Today, 78% of youth coaches are men and twice as many girls drop out of sports by age 14 as boys. The Youth Women's Coach Alliance will address the lack of female coaches in youth sports. This Program will recruit new women coaches and support them through training, networking, and coaching.
Institute for Washington's Future for Community to Community Development	Cooking up Racial Justice	Ten farmworker youth will work in the agroecology training garden reflecting on their multicultural identities as Latinos and Oaxacan indigenous people, in relation to their traditions. The project will culminate in two garden-to-table community celebrations of Whatcom diversity.
Jet Oldsters of Ferndale Association	Hi! Tech	The Hi! Tech project will partner sixth graders with seniors to learn the basics of electronic communication, composition, computation, and data organization and storage using common email apps and the Windows Office Suite Word and Excel programs.
Kuntz Community Arts	Dialog(s)	Occurring in the community, and with the community, "Dialog(s)" is a series of dance/theatre pieces in which two individuals will engage in a movement dialog. Over 12 months, 12 different "Dialog(s)", involving 24 different people, will be created and performed in various locations in our community.
Lummi Nation Service Organization	Native Youth 2 College	The Native Youth 2 College program is a college preparatory program designed for Native American youth. Participants are guided by 6 mentors/staff in writing a college essay, performing ceremonial practices, experiencing college lectures, and engaging in hands-on marine science.
Lydia Place	Campus Support Program	The Campus Support Program (CSP) is comprised of three Lydia Place owned and managed sites, providing housing and essential support services for mothers with young children. This project is focused on building social and community supports for CSP.
Musical Artists Society of America dba Bellingham Music Enrichment Project	Women's Choral Festival	Bellingham Music Enrichment Project and Allegra Women's Choir are hosting a Women's Choral Festival in the Spring of 2018. All women and girls's choirs in Whatcom County, including Middle, High School and Collegiate ages are invited.
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	Nooksack River Stewards Program	This program provides salmon-focused education to residents and recreational users of the North Fork watershed and creates opportunities for youth to learn about fish, fishing regulations, and how to minimize negative impacts while enjoying this special place.
North Cascades Institute	Youth Leadership Adventures in the North Cascades	Youth Leadership Adventures (YLA) inspires a lifelong conservation ethic in the next generation of leaders. YLA blends leadership training, stewardship, science education and outdoor skills during 8-12 day summer canoeing and backpacking trips.
RE Sources	Youth Action Committee (formerly Youth Volunteer Corp)	The Youth Action Committee project will be piloted this Spring, engaging youth as community change-makers. By focusing on civic engagement and youth-driven community improvement projects, this volunteer program empowers young adults, while safeguarding our natural resources.

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Seattle Goodwill Industries	Seattle Goodwill Industries - Immigrant Rights Project - Whatcom County	They will continue their successful project offering immigration rights workshops, toolkits, access to legal services, and mental health support for students. They will build on best practices identified in the project's first year to increase the effectiveness and impact of this work.
Skookum Kids	East County Foster Families	This project will help locate, train, and support a cohort of foster families in the eastern half of Whatcom county who would care for children from that community who find themselves in need of foster care.
South Fork Valley Community Association	Community Information Hub (CIH) Coordinator	The SFVCA aims to continue expanding its events and program offerings while maintaining a safe, affordable venue for community gatherings and providing information of local relevance to residents of the South Fork Valley and neighboring areas.
Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation	Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation Trailblazer Learn to Fish Day	Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation will hold a hands-on "learn to fish" day. Participants will get opportunities to catch, clean and prepare fish they have caught. Volunteers from the local fishing community will help to teach proper techniques.
Sustainable Connections	Bellingham For Everyone	Sustainable Connections, along side many community partners, will develop and launch a broad public education campaign aimed at promoting housing friendly strategies throughout Whatcom County. They will help the public understand how we can improve the current housing crisis through improved policies
Western Washington University Foundation	Using drones to survey cold-water refuges for salmon and bull trout in the Nooksack Basin	This project adds capacity to ongoing salmon and bull trout restoration efforts in the Nooksack River Basin, a collaboration between scientists of WWU and the Nooksack Indian Tribe, through the use of drones, thermal imagery, and high resolution color imagery.
Western Washington University Foundation	Food Sovereignty: Migrant Teens Acting for Justice from Whatcom to the World	WWU's BRIDGES and Sterling Meadows Apartments collaborate to offer migrant/bilingual youth a place-based, culturally relevant learning experience that puts their lives and histories at the center. The focus is food sovereignty/justice, learning & acting from local to global context.
Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement	Latino Community Voice to Latino Community Health: A Rural Community Health Partnership	In partnership with the Nooksack Valley School District's (NVSD) "Family Resiliency" Project, WAHA will convene rural Latino families around health equity, health disparities and solutions. WAHA will elicit the community voice to create solutions and produce better health outcomes.
Whatcom Family & Community Network	Community Capacity & Resilience Building in Opportunity Neighborhoods	Place based community capacity building in Roosevelt, Birchwood and Columbia Valley neighborhoods aimed at building hope and resilience through social and family support strategies that decrease exposure to childhood trauma and increase community health & well-being.
Whatcom Land Trust	Harrison Reserve-Kendall Community Outdoor Education Program	This program will make improvements to the Land Trust's Harrison Preserve to create an outdoor learning site that will promote science and conservation education and recreation opportunities for Kendall Elementary School and the surrounding community.
Whatcom Literacy Council	Connecting with Parents through Literacy	This project would help the Whatcom Literacy Council establish partnerships with organizations that serve families by identifying and connecting with existing parent resource services, and developing and prioritizing programs and collaboration with those agencies for the following year.
Whatcom Peace and Justice Center	Active Nonviolence Trainer Development & Community Workshops	A cohort of five community members will form a study group on active nonviolence and complete a 2-day training-for-trainers to prepare them to facilitate active nonviolence workshops in Whatcom County, which will be offered to the community in late 2018.