

Your Community Update

Building Local Capacity



In October, BCF will be accepting applications for our 9th annual [Capacity Building Grants Cycle](#). We encourage nonprofit staff and volunteers to start reflecting on areas where they want to expand their expertise in anticipation of this critical grants cycle.

BCF's Capacity Building Grants Cycle focuses on the long-term growth and capacity of our local nonprofits. **Last year, grants went towards training on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

(DEI), enhancing communications, fundraising assessments, and strategic planning for 2021. For the first time, BCF fully funded a record 15 applications for the highest dollar award yet totaling \$22,070, with 11 BCF fund advisors who partnered to support the program. Overall, through the Capacity Building Grants Cycle, BCF has supported 35 different organizations with awarding a total of \$84,480 over the past eight years.

“Our Capacity Building Grants Cycle helps us support building the skills and knowledge of nonprofit employees and volunteers, which are critical to ensure the long-term sustainability of these organizations,” says Debbie Kuffel, BCF Program & Finance Officer.

We look forward to seeing what nonprofits propose this year!

Helpline House Survey

Helpline House has begun the important work of facilitating a needs assessment to result in a 5-year strategic plan. They are currently gathering information, and are conducting one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders as well as soliciting information via surveys.



They want to hear from YOU! Please help them collect the data they need to make the greatest possible impact on our community. **Please fill out [this survey](#) that only takes a couple of minutes by Friday, September 10th.** Thank you for your support.

PSE Foundation Extends Grant Deadline



Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Foundation is extending its deadline **for grants up to \$25,000 that focus on housing, food, childcare, or other essential services**. Their HEALing grants are intended to help communities heal from the pandemic through their 2021 competitive grant program. Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofits and tribal governments

serving the public without discrimination within PSE's 10-county service area. **The new deadline is September 24th.**

PSE Foundation is also offering extra support to complete applications by providing grant writing assistance with a professional grant writer as well as offering a [step-by-step video](#) on submitting the application. For questions or help, email rachel.benner@pse.com or visit the Foundation website at www.PSEFoundation.org.



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