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Community Grants Program

2024–2025 ANNUAL REPORT

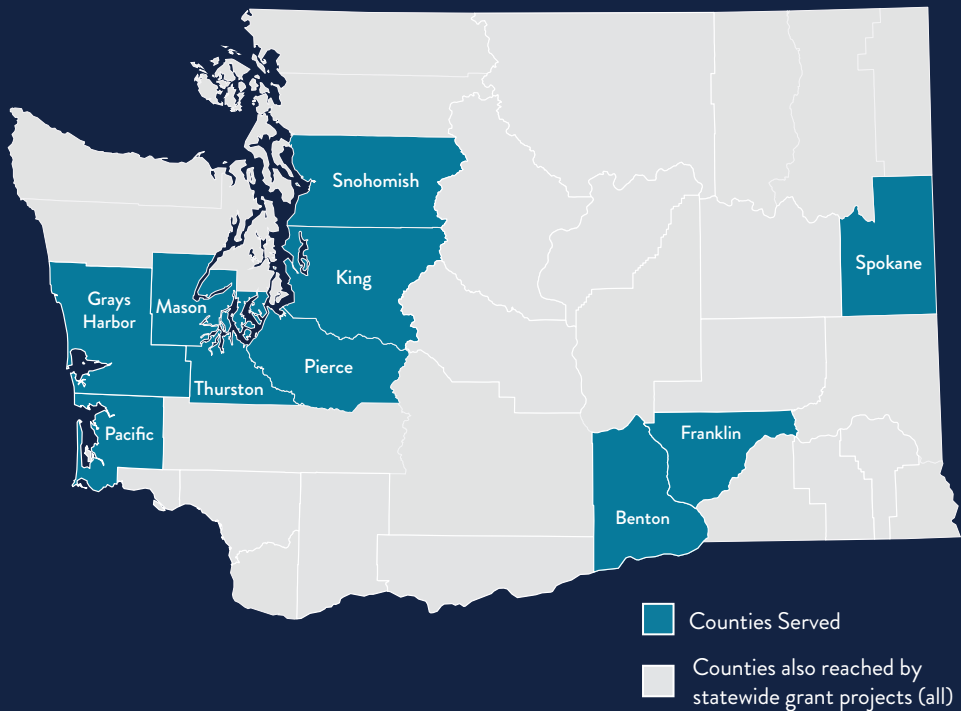


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2024–2025 Impact

Since establishing the Community Grants Program in 2014, the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement (OCOE) has awarded more than 71 grants to community-based organizations and tribes in Washington state, totaling almost \$700,000. This report is a look at the impact in 2024–2025.



\$142,000

Total Grant Money
Awarded



10

Grantee
Organizations



10

Counties Served
(plus two statewide
grant projects)



5,654

Individuals Served



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OUR GOAL

To support community-led solutions that address cancer related prevention, screening, education and access to care with communities and tribes in Washington state. This program strengthens collaborations between the Fred Hutch/University of Washington/Seattle Children's Cancer Consortium, Washington state communities and tribes by building the capacity to design and implement sustainable programs.

2024–2025 Grantee Organizations

BINAYTARA FOUNDATION

The Washington Physician Mentorship Program for Cancer Care Equity



Developed partnerships with leaders in oncology to work with early career physicians



Hosted a summit on cancer health disparities for early career physicians



Connected two Fellows to mentorship in their careers



Binaytara family



The focus on cancer health equity was thought provoking and I learned about specific disparities in cancer care I had not considered prior to the event. I also really appreciated the insightful advice from residents and attending physicians I spoke to. I am hoping to enter the field of oncology and their input provided perspective and nuance to the process. The feedback I received was constructive and encouraging, highlighting areas for growth while encouraging me to continue my commitment to the field of oncology.

- SUMMIT ATTENDEE

IMPACT

This program provided learning opportunities and fellowships for two early-career physicians, connecting them with oncology experts and a rotation at the Binaytara Cancer Hospital in Nepal.

People served: 120

Counties reached: Pierce and Benton

CANCER LIFELINE

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



Provided 12 sessions of free mental health counseling services to 141 cancer survivors



Strengthened community partnerships to offer services to more BIPOC and low income individuals



Increased outreach to BIPOC individuals to offer services



Cancer Lifeline Volunteers

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This was my second cancer diagnosis, and learning that I had metastatic disease was devastating. I lost interest in the things I used to enjoy, and found myself further withdrawing from my close group of friends. My experience receiving the 12 free sessions of mental health counseling at Cancer Lifeline was transformative! Despite knowing that I will always be living with cancer, it helped me change my attitude, and have something to get out of bed for in the morning. Thank you, Cancer Lifeline, and thank you to those who help you with funding. The experience has been a life saver.

– CANCER LIFELINE CLIENT

IMPACT

This program improves quality of life through mental health counseling for cancer patients experiencing disparities in access to mental health care services across Washington state.

People served: 141

Counties reached: All counties

CANCER PATHWAYS

SUNSET Project: Sun Safety, Education, and Training for People of Color



Developed an educational curriculum in English and Spanish on sun safety and skin cancer awareness



Hosted a train the trainer workshop for community health workers to use the curriculum



Partnered with community-based organizations to distribute the resources in Spokane



Cancer Pathways Sun Safety event

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Most Native Americans I know don't think they need sunscreen. They think because of their darker skin they won't get skin cancer. This project helps to dispel this belief.

- INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PARTNER

IMPACT

Created resources and trainings to dispel misconceptions about skin cancer in BIPOC communities and equipped community health workers in Spokane with skin cancer prevention resources. 100% of workshop attendees said they would use the training curriculum in their own community health education work.

People served: 517

Counties reached: Spokane

Representative Community Health Outreach Around the Table



Trained three women from Ukrainian, Afghan and Syrian communities in Spokane to be community health workers (CHWs) and facilitate workshops on women's health and breast cancer prevention



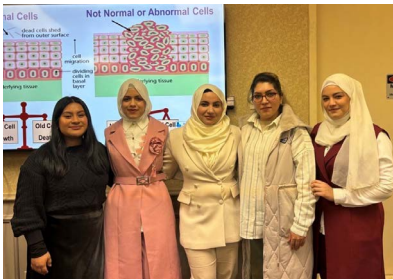
Reached 300 women from 14 countries through 6 community health events



Provided education materials and resource flyers in Ukrainian, Russian, Dari, Pashto, Arabic and English



Cancer prevention workshops with CHWs



Cancer prevention workshops with CHWs



Through the Galentine's Day and Eid Celebration events, women came together for fun and community – but also walked away with powerful information. Women who are able to be themselves, speak their own languages, enjoy traditional cultural food, and celebrate with one another are more ready to learn vital health care information. Events like these breakthrough barriers that may otherwise keep former refugee women from taking action for their own health.

– MAISA ABUDAYHA,
Feast World Kitchen co-executive director
and events collaborator

IMPACT

This project invested in community-driven, culturally grounded approaches to health education. By centering the voices and leadership of CHWs in their own communities, participants showed increased engagement, trust and openness around sensitive health topics like breast cancer.

People served: 300 women, plus their families
Counties reached: Spokane



Cancer prevention workshops with CHWs

CHW Outreach to Improve Preventative Cancer Screening Rates in Underrepresented Populations



Implemented an outreach process for community health workers to identify and connect with patients for screening appointments and resources, now implemented across multiple clinics



Offered free Zumba classes to connect patients and community members with health education, services, and screening appointments



Scheduled 12 community members for mammograms through the Breast and Cervical Screening Program, helped 120 people get colorectal cancer screening, and 76 people started the HPV vaccine series



Being part of the CHW Primary Care Project was an honor. It reminded me that public health isn't just about data, it's about people. Every screening, every outreach call, every moment of connection is a step toward equity. I've learned that behind every number is a story, a barrier, a person who deserves care without complication. This work must continue, because health equity isn't a moment, it's a movement.

– YESENIA CRUZ,
quality improvement coordinator

IMPACT

This project helped identify and connect patients with breast and colorectal cancer screenings and HPV vaccinations through a more streamlined in-clinic and community outreach process that changed screening systems for multiple clinics.

People served: 543

Counties reached: Benton and Franklin Counties



Kadlec and Fred Hutch staff

Increased Access to Women's Cancer Screenings for Uninsured Adults



100% of patients with abnormal findings were referred to appropriate follow-up care



50% reduction in wait-times for breast and cervical cancer screenings



100% of patients received nurse case management support

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These special clinics have made it much faster for the patients to be seen and increased the consistency of screenings.

- MARIA,
nurse case manager



Lahai Health mobile screening van



Patient screening appointment

IMPACT

Improved access to screenings by reducing wait times, leading to earlier detection of abnormalities, stronger patient compliance, and reinforced trust in the importance of preventive care through strong partner collaboration.

People served: 990 (80 patients seen at new cancer screening clinics; 910 patients seen at primary care appointments)

Counties reached: King and Snohomish

NUESTRAS RAÍCES

Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening Education and Care Referrals for Hispanic/Latine People



Hosted bilingual breast, cervical, and HPV cancer workshops and trained 9 staff and students to continue outreach



Shared resource flyers during pantry days, support groups, and mental health workshops



Expanded awareness through tabling and community events



I'm going to go home now and talk to my mom about this.

- UNIVERSITY STUDENT



Nuestras Raíces cancer prevention workshops and student trainings

IMPACT

Reached over 1,200 people through 26 community events, using the tailored resource flyer to motivate women to schedule screenings. Culturally sensitive conversations helped reduce stigma around mammograms, especially among older women, increasing comfort and willingness to seek preventive care.

People served: 1,200

Counties reached: Spokane

SOUTH PUGET INTERTRIBAL PLANNING AGENCY (SPIPA)

Pathways to Wellness: Outreach to Reduce Breast Cancer Amongst Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish and Squaxin Island Nations



Planned community outreach activities with all five SPIPA Consortium Tribes to promote early breast cancer detection and prevention



Organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Cancer Prevention Color Run focused on healthy lifestyles and regular



Addressed AI/AN health disparities and social determinants of health through culturally tailored, evidence-based interventions.



SPIPA team

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Many traditional people do not have faith in the written word. The cultural transparency that comes with food, music, dance and above all, prayer is what has truth. When any teachings are brought in events in a cultural manner, the people will collect the memorable teachings and share with others in time of need. The new teachings will become generational knowledge.

– RITA ANDREWS
Skokomish Tribal Elder

IMPACT

SPIPA hosted three culturally tailored cancer prevention events, reaching nearly 400 attendees with education, screening resources, and on-site patient navigation. These efforts led to scheduled mammograms, increased awareness — highlighted by the inflatable colon display — and expanded access to financial assistance. Three new partners joined the Cancer Programs Advisory Committee, supporting long-term advocacy and improved screening follow-up through enhanced tracking tools.

People served: 393

Counties reached: Thurston, Pierce, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Mason

Breast Health Navigators



Educated African American women ages 40 and older in Pierce and South King Counties on breast health, aiming to improve outcomes through increased screening access



Navigated 150 women to mammogram appointments at Carol Milgard Breast Center, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and Lakewood Tacoma Radiology Associates with support including scheduling, follow-up, and \$10 incentive cards



Expanded the Breast Health Navigators Program by training four community health workers, including a Spanish speaker, and implementing a HIPAA-compliant tracking and follow-up system



Leaders in Women's Health team



I wish to thank your organization for innovative ways to reach and serve underserved communities. Through your organization I was able to have a mammogram screening all paid for your efforts. I am not on medical Insurance, and it's been four years since the last screening. I felt such a relief to have a mammogram screening yesterday. Thank you, to your organization. Keep up the good work of advocacy for the underserved population.

- ESMERALDA

IMPACT

Breast health navigators empower patients by eliminating barriers to timely diagnosis and treatment, providing personalized support across the care continuum, and ensuring equitable access to life-saving breast cancer services — especially for underserved communities.

People served: 150

Counties reached: King and Pierce

Empowering Resilience: Advancing Breast Cancer Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment through Community Engagement



Delivered culturally relevant education and mobile mammography events to increase breast cancer awareness and early detection among Black and immigrant women



Provided support services like transportation and childcare to reduce barriers and improve screening access



Advanced health equity by addressing social, economic, and systemic barriers to reduce racial disparities in breast cancer outcomes



When communities are informed, and supported, health equity becomes not just a goal—but a reality.

IMPACT

The program reduced breast cancer disparities among Black and immigrant women by reaching over 1,300 community members with culturally relevant education and providing personalized navigation for 200 women to complete screenings. By addressing access and trust barriers through transportation support and one-on-one guidance, the program advanced health equity and strengthened community engagement in preventive care.

People served: 1,300

Counties reached: King and Snohomish

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