FAQ: Seattle Mariners Care Foundation Community Impact Grants

Who is eligible for a Community Impact Grant?

Organizations must be a 501c3 organization, located in and serving Oregon or Washington State to be eligible for a Community Impact grant.

What are the grant focus areas?

Through the Community Impact Grants, the Seattle Mariners Care Foundation seeks to help communities across Washington and Oregon, increase positive health outcomes for youth and accelerate equitable outcomes for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. The Mariners invest in efforts that focus on long-term, systems-level change; preference will be given to initiatives engaged in research and advocacy. Requests for programs that provide direct service without a focus on systemic change will be accepted and considered as a secondary priority.

The Seattle Mariners Care Foundation is currently accepting applications for research, advocacy and programmatic work within the following two categories.

Positive Health Outcomes for BIPOC Youth:

Support will be provided to organizations, partnerships and coalitions working to increase opportunities for young people, especially BIPOC youth, to realize the many rewards of physical activity, including the benefits to their mental health. The Mariners are also interested in efforts that grow organizational or sector understanding of the connection between physical activity and mental health.

Accelerate Equitable Outcomes for BIPOC communities:

Support will be provided to organizations, coalitions, and efforts responding to the issues most crucial for ensuring that everyone, especially BIPOC communities, have equal opportunity to thrive. Preference will be given to efforts leveraging research and advocacy as key elements of systemic change work, and those led by and primarily serving BIPOC communities.

What is the definition of BIPOC community?

BIPOC is defined as Black, Indigenous, People of Color. The Community Impact grants are primarily focused on supporting organizations that reach the BIPOC community and are led by staff and leadership that reflect the community the serve.

What is the average grant size?

Grant amount will vary based on the focus area, program and need with grants ranging from \$10,000 - \$25,000.

When will nonprofits be notified of the grant status?

Grant notifications will be e-mailed to all grant applicants in late October.

Who can I contact if I am having difficulty with the online application?

For any technical questions on the grant application, please reach out to our grant management vendor, Donation Xchange, directly. You can reach them through the <u>online chat</u> on their website, www.donationx.org.

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Please reach out to <u>CommunityImpactGrants@mariners.com</u> with any programmatic questions on the Community Impact grants.