



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

Skyway has a rich legacy of community-led advocacy, and we're proud to carry it forward. Together, we work to address the historic disinvestment and unfair policies that have impacted our Black, Indigenous, and people of color community.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Skyway Coalition.

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Skyway Coalition is a nonprofit that addresses the historic lack of investment, inequitable policies, and harmful systems that have impacted our urban, unincorporated, majority BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) community of Skyway in south King County. Building on decades of advocacy, we are working to empower our wonderfully Black and Brown community to continue to build knowledge and power in centering the needs and interests of our community. We had a big year! We are grateful to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund for your partnership and pleased to share an update on the work you helped us achieve in 2024.

Becoming a Community Development Association: Skyway Coalition will continue to champion and center the community's voice in our new role as Skyway's Community Development Association (CDA). As a CDA, Skyway Coalition will deal with affordable housing, community growth, and stewardship. A CDA can also be involved in a wide range of community services that meet local needs, such as education, job training, healthcare, commercial development, and other social programs on behalf of the community.

As we embrace the CDA model, Skyway Coalition will continue to practice a bottom-up approach, meaning we work from the heart of our community to center community voices in our decision-making processes. By shifting from a traditional nonprofit to a nonprofit CDA, Skyway Coalition can take on new initiatives that fully embrace comprehensive, community-driven development. This shift enables us to address crucial community needs through locally rooted solutions.

Skyway Resource Center: Our first community ownership project will be the Skyway Resource Center (SRC). Skyway Coalition has been building our capacity to take on ownership of the SRC where we will have an office. The SRC will be the first community-owned asset in the neighborhood. Core services that will be offered include: affordable housing resources and services, mental health services such as counseling and therapy, economic development, workforce development, small business support, food justice resources including food distribution and the Skyway Farmers Market, and more. We are gearing up for the SRC grand opening early in 2025!

Skyway Business Collective: The Skyway Coalition team is dedicated to uplifting local businesses through the Skyway Business Collective (SBC). SBC's purpose is to drive economic growth for our amazing entrepreneurs and small business owners living or working in Skyway. The SBC aims to create a supportive and inclusive space for our small businesses to grow, connect, and thrive through FREE professional services that are tailored to the needs of the businesses in our community. Current businesses in the SBC are: Aisle4our Studios; Angel City Deli BBQ; Beach



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Comber Bar & Grill; Beauty of My Blackness; BMSNW Inc.; Crazy Corn; Gracie's Delightful Table; Grocery Outlet; Horizon Cleaning Service; La Casita Bilingual School; Leiz & Floralz by Honey; Moon Village Bakery; Mopad; My Black is Beautiful; Nevzat's Espresso; Salima's Specialties; Skyway Strength; Small World Order LLC; Sunflower Alley; TeaMoss Shop; Tribal Electric LLC; Winnie's Ethiopian Café. *(The above picture is an SBC meeting at Winnie's Café.)*

Skyway Homeownership and Greenspace Project: We are working with Homestead Community Land Trust and Community Land Conservancy on an innovative 14-acre project that will integrate greenspace with affordable homeownership through the community land trust model. This project will allow for about 57 new homes. A community land trust model holds land for community benefit. It makes homes affordable to income-qualified households and keeps them permanently affordable for future generations. The surrounding green space has the potential for walking trails, urban farming to help address food insecurity, and opportunities for green job training programs. To reduce the harms of displacement, the project will prioritize current and former BIPOC residents of Skyway. Our goals include:

- Promoting community land and homeownership
- Collaborating with government and organizations
- Implementing green building practices (such as Net Zero and Salmon Safe)
- Reducing carbon emissions and conserving wetlands and other natural habitats
- Addressing food insecurity through urban farming

Throughout 2024, we gathered community input from hundreds of Skyway residents on what they envision for the greenspace portion of the project. We also hosted the following community gatherings:

1) July 2024: We hosted a community event that interwove themes of housing, food, and environmental justice! It was a free, family-friendly event. Event activities included: Introduction to the project and the concept of community land trusts to support affordable homeownership; Tours of the housing and greenspace site; Opportunities to share ideas about the site's designs; Community arts & crafts related to the project; And more! *(Members of our team and the site topography model at our July event is pictured to the right!)*

2) September 2024: We hosted a Community Design Party to present the insights and feedback we've gathered over the past year through surveys and community outreach. The event included the following elements: Look & Learn: Discover what community members envision for the project; Visualize: Explore a model design of the upcoming development; Film Screening: Enjoy a film that highlights the project's impact; and Giveaways: Door prizes and Raffles.



In Closing: Skyway Coalition's power lies in uplifting the voices, experiences, and expertise of our Black and Brown residents, families, business owners, and leaders. Together we are envisioning and activating community revitalization efforts that meet our direct needs for a thriving, vibrant neighborhood. We are excited about our momentum and eager to see what our community will do together in 2025. **Thank you for being part of our growth and achievements in 2024!**

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