



Kitsap
**RACIAL
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Fund

About Kitsap Racial Equity and Empowerment Fund

A diverse representation of community leaders have come together as a Steering Committee in partnership with [Kitsap Community Foundation](#) and [United Way of Kitsap County](#) to launch a new focus area of the [Unity in the Community Kitsap COVID-19 Response Fund](#) called the [Kitsap Racial Equity and Empowerment Fund \(KREEF\)](#).

KREEF is meant to move our community towards equity, understanding, and unity by awarding grant funding to groups and organizations working to lessen the inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis for communities of color, with an emphasis on the needs of the Black community.

Funding Priorities

There is an ongoing need to address systemic inequities, which disproportionately impact Black and other communities of color. Meanwhile, there is an urgent need to address how these inequities are amplified by COVID-19, with increased disproportionate adverse impacts on the Black community.

These grants are meant to help end systemic racism in our community by supporting culturally relevant programs*, services, and activities in Kitsap County that:

- Are aimed at lessening the inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis in or for communities of color, with an emphasis on the needs of the Black community, and
- Have leadership or boards that are reflective of, and accountable to communities of color, in particular the Black community.

At this time we can only accept applications from 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and fiscally sponsored* projects. If you are interested in becoming a 501(c)3, fiscally sponsored or if you are **unsure if you qualify for this grant please contact us at** kreef@kitsapfoundation.org before applying.

Grant Types and Amounts

These grants, up to \$10,000, are for “general operating support.”*

KREEF will award up to \$100,000 in grants during this application period.

*See Definitions



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How to Apply

Submit an application on or before June 1, 2021.

You can submit an application by downloading either the PDF or Word document and emailing it to kreef@kitsapfoundation.org.

Award recipients will be notified by June 30, 2021 if they have been approved for funding or not. If KREEF has follow-up questions during the review process we will reach out to the contact listed on your application.

Accessibility

KREEF is committed to creating an equitable grant process. Please contact us at kreef@kitsapfoundation.org you are in need of:

- Documents translated to different languages or written in large format
- Alternative application methods, including phone interviews, video or voice recording and paper versions
- Need support or advice from one of our grant writers

Definitions

Fiscal Sponsorship refers to a non-profit organization offering their legal and tax-exempt status to groups engaged in activities related to the sponsoring organization's mission.

Culturally Relevant Programs means you are engaging in meaningful and impactful ways with the Black community and other communities of color.

Total Yearly Budget is the total amount of expenses you have in one year.

General Operating Support or unrestricted support, means awardees can use funds as they see fit to reach their goals. This can include salaries, overhead, technology, outreach, seasonal programs, activities, services and more.