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March 2025

## Partner with the Port, Invest in Your Community



Dear Friends,

In 2019, the Port established the [South King County Community Impact Fund](#) (SKCCIF) to foster community partnerships by providing resources and support to historically underserved, ethnically and culturally diverse near-airport communities. From 2020 to 2024, SKCCIF funded four cycles of the [Economic Recovery](#) (now Economic Opportunities for Communities) and Environmental Grants (now the Environmental Improvement) programs. These

programs supported community-led projects that create pathways to training and well-paying jobs and environmental improvements of public spaces. Since the fund's inception, more than 50 organizations have received a total of \$9.25 million, funding over 80 projects.

SKCCIF's Economic Opportunities for Communities (EOC) program [is currently accepting applications](#) (until April 10, 2025) from community-based organizations working to increase economic opportunities in structurally excluded communities that surround Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) and South King County, extending up to Beacon Hill and the Duwamish Valley. Approximately \$2 million is available in this cycle. Organizations can apply for up to \$115,000 for a single year of funding and up to \$275,000 for multiyear funding (up to 3 years). [Learn more about program eligibility](#) and how to apply.

The EOC Program connects structurally excluded communities near the airport to opportunities for living wage jobs and careers in port-related industries. Funding supports community-led career-prep programs and services that create awareness and access for the next generation of professionals to enter the workforce in aviation, construction trades, green jobs, and maritime. In 2020, the Economic Recovery Program was established to help communities recover from the devastating economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2025, through community listening sessions, partner feedback, and utilization of the [Equity](#)

[Index](#), the Economic Recovery Program evolved into the EOC Program, refocusing funds to advance economic opportunity instead of recovery.

In 2024, the Port of Seattle Commission [authorized \\$14 million](#) over the next five years to continue SKCCIF community-led projects that advance equity, environmental improvements, and access to jobs and careers in port-related industries.

“This opportunity creates access to Port funds for communities facing environmental and economic disparities, many of whom have never received funding support from us before,” said Port of Seattle Commission President Toshiko Hasegawa. “\$14 million is an unprecedented direct investment into communities closest to the issues and leading on solutions.”

SKCCIF is an incredible example of an effective public-private partnership. Over the last five years, the program has strengthened the Port’s relationships with many organizations and communities we serve. In the next five years, we are excited about the new and continued partnerships and community investments. [Partner with your Port](#) and invest in your community.

In Unity,



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Senior Director, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

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## Centering Equity and Taking Action



**Port of Seattle and OneAmerica Citizenship Clinic —  
April 26**



**CLÍNICA GRATUITA DE ASISTENCIA LEGAL PARA LA SOLICITUD DE CIUDADANÍA**

**26 de Abril del 2025**  
**Donde: Seattle, WA**

**Citas REQUERIDAS**  
**Por favor llame para programar (206) 452 8413 o**  
**Visite nuestro sitio web para más información**  
**WNewAmericans.org**

The Port of Seattle and [OneAmerica](#) are partnering for the annual Citizenship Clinic on Saturday, April 26. The clinic is a free event, providing our community of eligible permanent residents with support in applying for U.S. citizenship. Volunteer immigration attorneys, paralegals, and interpreters come together to assist with citizenship applications (N400) for permanent residents in our state. You must make an appointment to attend by calling (206) 452-8413 or visiting [WNewAmericans.org](#).

## Superheroines in Hard Hats: Celebrating Women in Construction Week



To celebrate Women in Construction Week (March 2–8, 2025), organized by the [National Association of Women in Construction](#) (NAWIC), the Port of Seattle spotlighted some remarkable women in our organization. These women represent different backgrounds, different paths, and different views, but all recognize the value and importance of female representation in a male-dominated industry.



[Read the stories](#) of five incredible women working day in and day out to level the playing field across the Maritime and Aviation divisions at the Port.

## Bringing Learning to Life: Harnessing a Powerful Partnership

Since 2018, the Port has partnered with [Washington Alliance for Better Schools](#) (WABS) to help students gain the skills and knowledge needed for success in the workforce. This collaboration has impacted more than 4,000 students in the past three years through educational programs and guided tours.



Recognizing this impactful work, WABS selected the Port as the recipient of its Distinguished Education Partnership of the Year Award, which was presented at its annual Showcase of Success event. The award honors organizations committed to WABS's mission, with a strong focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. [Learn more about the Port's partnership](#) with WABS and local schools.

## Airport and Nearby Communities Partner on Taking Shared Policy Priorities to First-Ever Olympia Day on the Hill



Members of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART), elected officials and staff from nearby cities, and Port staff traveled to the state capital last month to meet with Washington state legislators and Executive Branch staff and discuss five key shared policy priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session.

While operational growth at SEA provides significant economic benefit to the region, StART members are advocating for new approaches to address the unique issues faced by near-airport communities. The group of 20 participants successfully navigated caucus meetings, votes, and busy schedules to speak on the identified state-level policy and budget items. [Learn more about their day in Olympia →](#)

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