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Washington Women's Foundation Awards over \$450,000 to Organizations Promoting Racial and Gender Equity in Washington State

Seattle, WA (June 14, 2022) - Washington Women's Foundation (WaWF) awarded their 2022 Collective Grants, totaling \$453,000, at their Grant Award Celebration June 14, 2022, at Benaroya Hall. WaWF awards Collective Grants to organizations working across Washington State in their three [2022 funding and learning priorities](#): Community Cultural Preservation, Mental Health & Housing, and School to Prison Pipeline.

Founded in 1995, WaWF has collectively granted over \$20 million to the Washington State community. In 2019, WaWF shifted their focus to fund organizations working to increase racial and gender equity across the state.

"In granting nearly a half-million dollars to organizations pioneering efforts in racial and gender justice, our women's collective seeks to move funds from our hands into communities that have been actively denied resources for generations because of systemic inequities," said WaWF President and CEO, Maria Kolby-Wolfe. "At WaWF our members have made investing in Washington State a priority for nearly 30 years. We are proud to be a part of deepening our community's resilience by strengthening our state's leadership and supporting advocacy for issues our members care about. The organizations we are funding today offer hopeful, community-driven solutions to the many deep-rooted inequalities countless Washingtonians struggle against every day."

The 2022 WaWF Collective Grant Award Winners and Merit Finalists:

Collective Grant Award Winners

Community Cultural Preservation Collective Grantee: [Salish School of Spokane](#) (\$105,000)

Mental Health & Housing Collective Grantee: [Firelands Workers United/Trabajadores Unidos](#) (\$105,000)

School to Prison Pipeline Collective Grantee: [CHOOSE 180](#) (\$105,000)

Merit Finalists

Community Cultural Preservation Merit Finalist: [Wa Na Wari](#) (\$30,000)

Mental Health and Housing Merit Finalist: [New Beginnings](#) (\$30,000)

School to Prison Pipeline Merit Finalist: [Community Passageways](#) (\$30,000)



WaWF offered additional Merit Awards totaling \$48,000 to other organizations working in these three fields throughout the Collective Granting Process.

About Washington Women's Foundation:

WaWF is a strong and inclusive collective of informed women who together influence community transformation through individual and collective discovery, high-impact grantmaking, and listening to and respecting all voices in our community. WaWF seeks to change the course of women's philanthropy through the power of collective giving.