

Skills for Impact

At Washington Women's Foundation (WaWF), we know that our collective impact extends far beyond grantmaking. Our community includes women with deep expertise, diverse professional experiences, and a shared commitment to strengthening organizations across Washington.

Skills for Impact connects WaWF members to grantee partners seeking support on a specific challenge or opportunity. Through short-term, skills-based projects, members can listen, learn, collaborate, and share their expertise to advance the grantee's work.

Why Participate?



For WaWF Members

- Engage in a high-impact volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule.
- Pair your unique skills and experience with causes you care about.
- Build meaningful connections with grantee partners and fellow members.
- See firsthand how your expertise can strengthen organizations and communities.



For Grantee Partners

- Access specialized consulting expertise at no cost.
- Receive practical support for a specific organizational need.
- Build relationships with members of the WaWF community.
- Increase organizational capacity without adding staff or consultants.



How It Works



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Grantee develops request idea and shares it with their WaWF Grantee Engagement Team (GET) member.

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The GET member meets with the grantee to complete an intake form that defines the grantee's project and the desired outcome within a 6-10 hour project window.

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The GET member reaches out to the WaWF members with aligned skills and experience. Based on WaWF member availability, the GET makes a match.

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The GET member kicks-off the **Skills for Impact** project with introductions between the grantee and the WaWF volunteer. The GET member facilitates and monitors progress across the **Skills for Impact** project.

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Upon completion, the GET member debriefs with the grantee and WaWF volunteer for learnings to apply to future engagements.

Our members bring experience in areas such as:



Financial Skills
(accounting, bookkeeping, audits, budgets, etc.)



Organizational Management and Culture



Marketing and Communications



Fundraising/ Development
(grant writing, fundraising plans, sponsorships, etc.)



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Operations & Management



Board of Directors
(management, recruitment, planning, etc.)



Program Management



Education



Skills for Impact does not provide:

- Additional grant funding from WaWF
- Direct fundraising solicitations on behalf of grantees
- Professional legal, accounting, or other licensed services
- Recruitment of paid staff positions



Together, we're leveraging the power of women's collective expertise to strengthen organizations, expand impact, and create lasting change across Washington!