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Allied Arts for From a Childs Point of View	\$ 5,000	A Hope Project: Street Mural for the Neighborhood	A HOPE PROJECT a community public art project. Three teens will lead a street-painting mural project and over 1,600 neighbors will be invited to join and forge much-needed connections between youth and adults. The project is conceived as both a legacy of hope in action, and a moral imperative to act.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$ 5,000	Back to School Block Party	The Back-to-School Block Party on August 19, 2023 will help all students enter the school year ready to learn. A full spectrum of services and information are provided, including free backpacks and haircuts, childhood immunizations and sports physicals, free and reduced priced meal applications, as well as fun activities and food trucks applications, as well as fun activities and food trucks.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation for Sacred Sea	\$ 5,000	Lummi Children's Book	Our project is a collaboration between Sacred Sea (a Lummi non-profit), Jason LaClair (Lummi artist) and Bellingham Public Schools to support the development of a place-based Since Time Immemorial children's book and series of corresponding lessons. The book will tell the Tokitae story, a Pacific Northwest whale and will focus on the reciprocal relationship between killer whales and Lummi Nation.
Bellingham School Foundation for Whatcom Youth Pride	\$ 5,000	Whatcom Youth Pride Parade and Festival	Whatcom Youth Pride requests support for activities and programming cultivate a sense of neighborliness by inviting the entire County to come together and celebrate queer youth. As one of the only Youth Prides in the USA, this festival centers queer youth and their experiences.



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Bellingham SeaFeast	\$ 5,000	From Boats to Tables Across Our Whatcom Communities	From Boats to Tables Across Our Whatcom Communities will unite and inspire diverse community neighbors throughout Whatcom County with a common goal—to build community bridges and provide food made by love and given in gratitude. Over the course of three days in August, professionally prepared and nutritious seafood and vegetarian meals will be distributed at three neighborhood events: 1. East Whatcom Regional Resource Center; 2. The Birchwood Food Fighters Saturday Food Share Spot; 3. Lummi Cultural Center.
Birchwood Neighborhood Association	\$ 5,000	Harvest Celebration at the Share Spot	The Birchwood Food Desert Fighter's (BDFD) Share Spot provides a connecting place for neighbors. Project Neighborly would support Harvest Days, a time for community building activities, fresh food, and resources, for eight weeks.
Chuckanut Health Foundation for the Chardi Kala Project	\$ 2,300	One Whatcom	Founded in 2018, The Chardi Kala Project creates relationships between Whatcom County Sikhs with non-Sikhs to end hate crimes. Project Neighborly would support gatherings and activities focused on community building through the idea of uniting as One Whatcom.
Circle of Care for Kora's Carnival	\$ 2,000	Kora's Carnival	Kora's Carnival brings Point Roberts residents together, celebrating local culture, talent, and businesses. Showcasing live performances, stalls, and engaging experiences, we aim to expand the event by introducing an Interactive Art Row, additional games, and upgraded food. This carnival fosters a connected, vibrant community, creating lasting memories for all.
Community Boating Center	\$ 5,000	Community Boating Center Adaptive Splash Series	The Adaptive Splash Series consists of multiple events in partnership with Cascade Connections, Max Higbee, and the AIROW Project. It will include weekly open boating on Harris Bay for adaptive boaters and will be supported by volunteers. Celebrated with season-opening and closing picnics, this project facilitates connection through water recreation by creating inclusive and accessible space.



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Downtown Bellingham Partnership	\$ 5,000	Downtown Alley Allies Project	This Downtown Bellingham Partnership project seeks to reenergize two dispirited alleyways in the heart of Downtown. The project will involve enhancing the alleys through neighborhood collaboration, collective cleaning efforts, dumpster organization, light installation, and artistic enrichments. Once completed there will be a reveal of the alleys with a neighborhood celebration.
Ferndale Community Services for Connect Ferndale	\$ 1,800	Ferndale History Walk	Connect Ferndale wants to renew Ferndale History Walks, bringing neighbors together to learn a more comprehensive history of Ferndale, especially highlighting BIPOC histories that have been untold or under-represented. The walks will build community by fostering conversation and leave walkers with more knowledge and stronger connections to each other and their community.
Friends of the Deming Library	\$ 2,000	Backyard Summer Concert Series at the Deming Library	Friends of the Deming Library (FODL) will host three, free backyard concerts in July, August and September at the Deming Library. These inclusive events align with the FODL mission to “sponsor culturally enriching programs that support community life” and will connect Foothills residents through mutual enjoyment of beloved local musicians at the community-built and -owned library.
Growing to Give Washington	\$ 5,000	Cultivating Community Cohesion with High-Yield Tomato Volcanoes	This project will bring residents together working together to alleviate food insecurity in Blaine. Growing To Give will partner with the Blaine Community Garden to increase the garden’s impact in Blaine for years to come, bringing community volunteers together to grow and donate tomatoes and other fresh produce to local food banks.



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Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County	\$ 5,000	Build Community Day in the King Mountain Neighborhood	In conjunction and coordination with the King Mountain Neighborhood Association, local churches and businesses, Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom coordinate volunteers to implement a Build Community Day in the King Mountain Neighborhood with the goal of helping financially and/or physically strapped seniors remain safely in their homes by executing critical repairs, property cleanup or other landscaping needs.
Institute for Washington's Future for the Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association	\$ 5,000	Re-Engaging the Lettered Streets Community	Knowing our neighbors creates a happier, healthier, safer community. We hope to create experiences that will allow residents to find a way to connect that fits their style and comfort level. Our community includes people who rent, people who own their homes, people who are houseless, older people, children, people of color and people who are white, students, unemployed, people employed in all kinds of pursuits — all play a role in creating a vibrant place to live. By engaging in activities together — whether learning together about our neighborhood’s history or working together to beautify our central garden or gathering at picnics or social events — we will build a stronger, safer community where we know each other’s names, concerns, and families.
Lummi Island Heritage Trust	\$ 2,000	Grow Another Row	Grow Another Row asks farmers/gardeners who have the space to grow another row to provide fresh produce for food-insecure households. This program unites diverse constituencies and builds community resilience.
Lynden Community/Senior Center	\$ 2,100	Family Day in the Park	This is a new event to encourage people of all ages to come together and enjoy fun and entertainment. We want to connect mature adults in our community to families with children who will be on summer break, as well as encourage grandparents to bring their grandchildren. Multi-generational events are proven to improve communication and elicit strong feelings of joy and companionship.



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Magical Carousel Minis	\$ 5,000	West Wiser Lake Road Gather and Share Event	Magical Carousel Minis will host “Gather and Share” events for the people who live and work along West Wiser Lake Rd. Everyone will be invited to spend time “gathering” at Blossom Farm and “sharing” their stories. There will be tables for displays and the farmers will be encouraged/helped to showcase their farms. Games, food, and miniature animals will boost participation.
NAMI of Whatcom County	\$ 1,047	NAMI Whatcom Compartiendo Esperanza Events	Compartiendo Esperanza Events are opportunities for NAMI Whatcom members and Hispanic/Latinx community members to meet, converse and learn about mental health. Meeting over food and sharing stories builds connection and helps those experiencing mental health issues become less isolated. Healthy relationships and connection build community.
Opportunity Council	\$ 5,000	Kendall Senior Center	The Kendall Senior center opened in 2022 to connect Kendall seniors to vital community services to help them stay healthy and independent. It has been maintained by volunteers who now want to bring more people in to connect with each other. We provide a friendly place where local seniors meet for food, fun and social time weekly; from a healthy meal, to exercise, community resources, cards, or just a good conversation.
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for Happy Valley Neighborhood Association	\$ 5,000	ROC 2: Mobile Home Park BBQs	Happy Valley Neighborhood Association would like to build relationships between mobile home park residents and foster conversations about how to make the housing more sustainable. This project would allow for 10 BBQ events in 10 mobile home parks in nine Bellingham neighborhoods.
Shifting Gears	\$ 3,000	Wild Women Week	Shifting Gears’ 2024 Wild Women Week invites Whatcom County women to gather next spring to celebrate and connect. The support would allow for more events providing women of diverse ages and life stages with shared recreational experiences, serving as common ground to ignite conversation and turn strangers into neighbors and friends!



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South Fork Valley Community Association	\$ 3,200	South Fork Open Mic and Social Hour	The South Fork Valley is filled with talented singers, musicians, poets and storytellers. This project will bring them together at the Van Zandt Community Hall for a monthly Open Mic and Social Hour. The SFVCA piloted the idea this spring, and participation went up steadily each month. This project will allow us to host regular musical gatherings through next Spring.
Unbridled Spirit 7	\$ 5,000	Family Respite & Empowerment Events	Unbridled Spirit wishes to offer two Family Respite & Empowerment events that will bring together 100+ adults/children in a safe, nurturing environment to build community, hope and connection. We bring families in supportive housing programs onto our farm to connect with our volunteers, our animals and each other. We'll celebrate how all of us have dreams that make our community great.
Vamos Outdoors Project	\$ 5,000	Community Bike Day	Community Bike Day is Vamos' opportunity to bring programs to the communities it serves. Vamos and partner organizations bring bikes, food, coaches, and a variety of family friendly activities to provide an engaging community experience for residents of Mount Baker Mobile Estates, Sterling Meadows, and Villa Santa Fe.
Whatcom County Library Foundation	\$ 3,000	Whatcom Grooves Jazz Series at WC	Whatcom County Library System is planning Whatcom Grooves, a jazz series this summer in Blaine, Ferndale, and Sudden Valley that includes programming for children. By engaging neighbors from across the county. the events will spark community connections and highlight libraries as gathering places.
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 5,000	REACH for Connection: understanding and kindness across difference	Regardless of race, class, or the myriad other differences among us, we each need safety, connection, and respect. Funding will support Ethnic and Cultural Heritage workshops that bring different people together to participate in activities that promote cultural awareness and understanding and examine historical and systemic "isms."



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Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 5,000	Peace Builder Summit	In honor of the WDRC's 20th Anniversary of recognizing peace builders throughout Whatcom County, we are excited to bring past recipients and youth poets together — 100+ individuals and groups — to meet one another, share how they are helping our community today, foster connections, and build community on a foundation of shared values.
Wild Whatcom	\$ 5,000	Out and About: nature program for queer adults	Out and About is an affinity program developed by and for members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Queer adults and allies are invited to join this monthly, inclusive outdoor experience to foster community, play outdoors, and nourish our connection with each other and the natural world around us.
WSU Extension Whatcom 4-H Council	\$ 5,000	Opportunity4All Community Club	Imagine a world without barriers where community learns and grows together and build lifelong shareable skills. WSU Extension Whatcom 4-H's project Opportunity4All is a mission to bring youth, adults and community members together to reduce barriers and make an equitable space to bring neighbors together to do just that.

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