



## BECU PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE AWARDS FACT SHEET

As part of its efforts to reinforce the member experience and the value of belonging to the credit union, BECU's Social Impact and Financial Health Programs team is funding local organizations through the annual [People Helping People Awards](#) program.

This year, BECU received over 1,000 nominations from members for their favorite nonprofits in BECU's service areas. During the virtual ceremony, more than 30 organizations were honored for giving back to their communities and tackling a broad range of important issues such as education, equity, child welfare and the environment.

### **BECU's 2022 People Helping People Award recipients include:**

- **Member Volunteer of the Year (\$50,000):** Shaun Glaze was selected as Member Volunteer of the Year for their service helping build capacity for [The Silent Task Force](#). The organization works to heal the impact of systemic, domestic violence in Black families and communities through culturally specific education and trainings.
- **People's Choice Winner (\$40,000):** [Whidbey Environmental Action Network](#) was selected by popular vote from the community. The organization strives to restore and preserve the biological diversity of Whidbey Island and the Pacific Northwest through education, activation and litigation.
- **Employees' Choice Winner (\$30,000):** [Empowering Youth & Families Outreach](#) won by popular vote among BECU employees. A staple in the Black community, this organization raises up resilient and empowered leaders through multi-faceted programs and hands-on support.
- **Past Recipients' Choice Winner (\$30,000):** [Washington CASA](#) was chosen by popular vote among past People Helping People Award recipients. CASA volunteers advocate in the best interest of abused and neglected children in the state of Washington to ensure they are safe and have a permanent home.
- **Community Benefit Winners (\$15,000 each):** [Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association](#), [Dress for Success Seattle](#), [Geeking Out Kids of Color](#), [Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center](#), [Influence the Choice](#), [Joya](#), [NAMI Seattle](#), [Reachout Organization](#), [Readiness to Learn](#), [Sherwood Community Services](#), [Speak with Purpose](#), [Spokane AIDS Network \(SAN\)](#), [Take the Next Step](#) and [WestSide Baby](#).
- **Black Community Development Project:** For its third year, BECU is awarding seven Black-led, member-nominated nonprofits with Nonprofit Capacity Building Grants. The following recipients will each receive \$21,428, for a total of \$150,000:
  - Advancing Education (Pre-K through College): [SWS Fund](#) and [REACH for Literacy](#)
  - Creating Economic Opportunity: [Blessings From My Heart To Your Table](#)
  - Preserving Health and Promoting Wellness: [Free Flo Fit](#)
  - Providing Basic Human Needs: [Young Black & Brilliant](#)
  - Strengthening Local Communities: [Tiplus Washington](#) and [Doing It, Does It](#)

Previous program recipients are encouraged to apply for People Helping People Collaboration Grants, which recognize a joint opportunity for two or more organizations to collaborate on a project.

The following three collaborations each received \$20,000 in Collaboration Grants this year:

- [Seattle Rep](#) and [Young Women Empowered](#) will collaborate on a youth engagement program called Y-WE Speak, giving youth the opportunity to tell their stories and create community through regular classes, group dinners, field trips and Seattle Rep performances.
- [Inside Health Institute](#) will partner with [Friendship Adventures](#) to provide health and wellness programs for adults with disabilities to improve quality of life, independence and health outcomes for this underserved community.
- [Young Women Empowered](#) will partner with [Bike Works](#) with a focus on facilitating fun, adventurous and reflective learning experiences centered on BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ youth in the greater Seattle community.

The following three collaborations each received \$5,000 in Collaboration Grants this year:

- [Open Doors for Multicultural Families](#) and [Benefits Law Center](#)
- [Bonney Lake Food Bank](#) and [the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District](#)
- [Way Back Inn](#) and [Girls Giving Back](#)

In addition, all 2021 and 2022 award recipients will receive a glidepath grant of \$2,500 for the two years following their initial award (note that glidepath funding does not apply to Black Community Development Project or Collaboration Grant recipients). Since the program launched in 2013, BECU has donated more than \$3.5 million to over 130 local nonprofits.

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