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**IMPACT 100 Seattle plans to award \$150,000
In three unrestricted grants to local nonprofits**

SEATTLE, Washington (May 19, 2022) — Closing out its third grant cycle, Impact 100 Seattle will award \$150,000 in unrestricted funds to three nonprofit organizations tackling inequities in marginalized communities in the Puget Sound Region. The amount each organization will receive will be decided by a vote of the members at the June 6 annual meeting of Impact 100 Seattle.

Representing the collective giving of its members, currently numbering 150 women who donate at least \$1,000 annually, funds are awarded each year to community-based nonprofits. Including these 2022 grants, Impact 100 Seattle members have provided over \$375,000 in unrestricted funds to regional nonprofits since the organization’s founding in 2020.

Each of the finalist organizations will receive an award of either \$100,000 or \$25,000, as determined by the vote of current Impact 100 members. Finalists were selected by a Grant Review Team (GRT) and application process.

This year’s finalists are small, local, community-based organizations led by BIPOC women. Organizations must operate in the Puget Sound Region. In addition to transformative funding, Impact 100 members may provide “help beyond the check” by volunteering with recipient partners, connecting them with resources, or with other forms of support.

The 2022 finalists, chosen from 49 applicants, are:

[Global Perinatal Services](#) (GPS), a birth equity organization with an office in Federal Way whose mission is to provide community-based doula services.

[The Good Foot Arts Collective](#), a Seattle-based 2021 Grantee Partner, which prevents youth violence through arts education and equips youth to end relationship violence before it begins.

[Project Be Free](#) (PBF) provides crisis response to individuals affected by Domestic Violence.

Headquartered in Renton, they utilize partnerships within the community that allow support and navigation of mental health needs to increase advocacy and promote individual wellbeing.

Impact 100 Seattle practices collective grant making through the lens of trust-based philanthropy, recently popularized by Mackenzie Scott, which tries to reverse some unhealthy power dynamics that exist in traditional philanthropy. Core tenets of this approach include unrestricted funding, simplified application and reporting requirements, transparency and responsiveness, and offering support beyond a check, such as mentoring, volunteering, or assisting with strategic planning. It also promotes mutual learning while aiming to address power imbalances between foundations and nonprofits.

“We envision a world where nonprofits spend time transforming communities, not fundraising,” said Anna Graves, Impact 100 Seattle co-founder and president, “and hope to support them in any way we can.”

The organization continually evolves and learns from each granting cycle, tweaking the application and process based on feedback from applicants as well as members who volunteer to review the applications. This year 29 women evaluated 49 applications and narrowed them down to the 3 finalists. Dr. Erin Cassidy, one of the Grant Review Team volunteers said: “I love Impact 100 even more after participating in the GRT and learning about so many community-focused organizations in our region. It was a humbling and educational experience for me on so many levels.”

More information about Impact 100, its grantee partners, and its grant making principles can be found on the [Impact 100 Seattle website](#). The site outlines the five broad areas of support, explains the priority for community-centered organizations and the focus on organizations with \$2 million or less in revenue.

Note to editors: Journalists are invited attend the Impact 100 Seattle Annual meeting on June 6 at Metropolist in Seattle (2931 1st Ave S., Suite A) to learn more about the organization, its members, grantee partners and 2022 grant recipients by contacting Anna Graves at anna_graves@impact100seattle.org.