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CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Elfers, Evers, Hochstatter, Isaacs, Kenna, Malcolm and Wilsey

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Community Partners Fund - Applicant Presentations

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

AGENDA SETTING

1. Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
2. Council Committee Meeting Agenda Calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. For individuals who may require special accommodations, please contact the City Clerk at (253) 299-5590, 24 hours in advance.

SUBJECT: Community Partners Fund - Applicant Presentations

CATEGORY: Information Only

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation
 2. Staff Memo
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STAFF CONTACT: Ryan Windish, Community & Economic Development Director

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget process, Community Partners are given the opportunity to apply to the City Council and request funding for their organizations. This is only the third time that the City Council has done this process. Historically, the City Council provided funding support to community partner organizations such as the Sumner Main Street Association and the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center. In 2022, the City Council started the Community Partners Fund process. The current budgeted amount for the Community Partners Fund is \$250,000.

The City Council will hear a 5-minute presentation from each of the 10 applicants for the community partners funding and have an opportunity to ask questions. They will learn more about these organizations and their benefits to Sumner residents and businesses.

The City Council will then have an opportunity to discuss and decide on the funding for these organizations.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Staff has provided a recommendation for funding amounts in the staff report.



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Community Partners Fund

2027-2028 BIENNIAL BUDGET

WHAT IS TODAY'S DESIRED OUTCOME?



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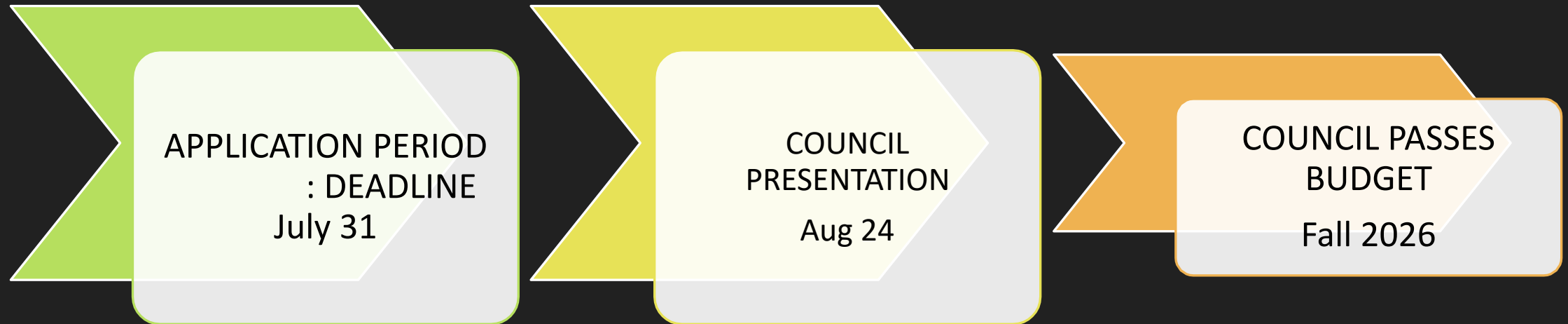
Direction

Policy Question

How much do you want to allocate to each Community Partner?



PROCESS REMINDER



WHERE WE ARE

HISTORICAL FUNDING

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



- Traditionally funded the Sumner Main Street Association and the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center as community partners in providing needed services, community events and economic development.
- **2023-2024** Community Partners Fund awarded grants to five (5) organizations for a total of **\$200,000**.
- **2025-2026** Budget was the second time the City Council awarded eight (8) grants for a total of **\$250,000**.
- **Total Funding Available 2027-2028: \$250,000**

'27-28 PROCESS OBJECTIVES

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND

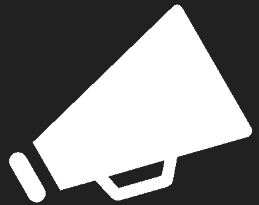


- Allow other non-profit organizations to apply for funding and make an 'ask' to evaluate overall community needs
- Give these organizations a chance to request funding and highlight what they do for the community
- Gives the City Council opportunity to make changes regarding funding based on Council Priorities
- Purpose of funds are to support the poor / infirm or support business and economic development



Welcome Community Partners!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



We will hear from each of the Community Partners who have applied for funding and how the organization would help Sumner residents and businesses.

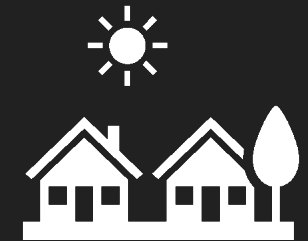
Exodus Housing

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Assists households fleeing domestic violence by providing access to permanent housing, tailored services and community resources.

Funding Request: \$60,000



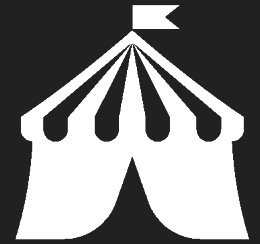
Generous Influencers – Night Market

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Manage, promote and facilitate a community Night Market in downtown Sumner in conjunction with summer concerts.

Funding Request: \$20,000



MI CASA HOUSING, LLC

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Own and manage 5 properties in Sumner totaling 18 affordable housing units serving low-income families.

Funding Request: \$30,000

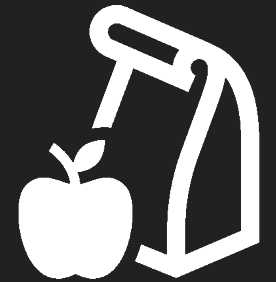


Mother 2 Many

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Help families that have been struggling with meals, coats and food items. Provide lunch to youth at sports complex twice a week.



Funding Request: \$40,000

Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Promoting an economically vibrant and competitive region where community, family, and business prosper. Will provide business assistance through marketing, education, government affairs, and collaboration.



Funding Request: \$20,000

Save Ryan House

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Goal is to preserve, celebrate, and share Sumner's history and artifacts through a mobile museum and eventually a permanent museum.



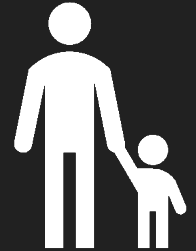
Funding Request: \$18,000

Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center Bank

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Mission: to build safe, stable and nurturing relationships, as well as environments, for children and youth.



Funding Request: \$70,000

Sumner Community Food Bank

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Provide supplemental food to Sumner families and connect them to other services in the community.

Funding Request: \$80,000



Sumner Main Street Association

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Works to stimulate economic growth, promote revitalization & beautification, support historic preservation and ensure the vitality of downtown Sumner.



Funding Request: \$60,000

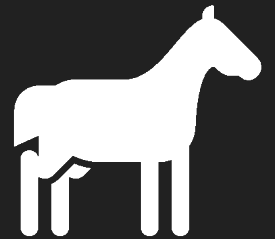
Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND



Provides accessible therapy with horses that fosters growth, connection, and lasting transformation for individuals and families.

Funding Request: \$25,000



WHAT IS TODAY'S DESIRED OUTCOME?



Information Only



Direction

Policy Question

How much do you want to allocate to each Community Partner?

Funding Recommendations

ORGANIZATION	Request	Staff Recommend
Exodus Housing	\$60,000	\$15,000
Generous Influencers - Night Market	\$20,000	\$10,000
Mi Casa Housing	\$30,000	\$15,000
Mother 2 Many	\$40,000	\$15,000
Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce	\$20,000	\$15,000
Save Ryan House	\$18,000	\$0
SBLSD - Family Resource Center	\$70,000	\$70,000
Sumner Community Food Bank	\$80,000	\$50,000
Sumner Main Street Association	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation	\$25,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$423,000	\$250,000



DATE: August 12, 2026 **UPDATED**
TO: Mayor Bowman and City Council
FROM: Ryan Windish, Community & Economic Development Director
CC: Carmen Palmer, Communications Director
RE: **Community Partners Fund – 2027-2028 Biennium**

I. Background

The Community Partners Fund was created to allow for various organizations to apply for City funding that provide needed services in the community for individuals and families or focus on economic and business development. Based on state law, public funds can only be granted to these organizations if their mission is to assist the “poor and infirmed” or for supporting business and economic development. The investment that the City makes in these organizations leverages their services to assist Sumner residents and businesses depending on the mission of the individual entities. The various organizations range from services assisting with affordable housing, food needs, business development, to community events and engagement.

The Community Partners Fund began in 2022 with the City Council allocating \$200,000 for the 2023-2024 biennium to five (5) organizations that included Sumner Main Street Association, Mi Casa Housing and other entities that had not received funding from the city in the past.

The 2025-2026 biennium saw eight (8) organizations receive funding for a total of \$250,000.

This is the third biennium for the Community Partners Fund, and the 2027-2028 Biennium will have \$250,000 available.

II. Applicant Summary – Recommendations

Exodus Housing

Request: \$60,000 No previous requests

Exodus Housing assists families fleeing domestic violence situations and provide housing, household necessities, and allows for a safe location for a transition. This keeps vulnerable families off the streets and offers financial assistance to pay rental arrears and 3 months subsidized rental assistance. Up to 80% of the families they serve successfully exit the program with all rental arrears paid and 70% will have improved their financial situation. They estimate to serve about 50 people in Sumner.

Staff recommend funding them at \$15,000 given the need and direct assistance that is provided to families in crisis and their success rate. Those relying on their services typically have nowhere else to turn before potentially being homeless.

Staff Recommendation: \$15,000

Generous Influencers

Request: \$20,000 2025-2026 Funding: \$2,000

An organization that promotes, manages and coordinates a “night market” in downtown Sumner and has done so for the last 3 years. This last summer included 4 night markets with between 25-35 vendors, several food trucks, and overall successfully paired with the concerts and a beer garden. Generous Influencers are requesting \$20,000. Last biennium they received \$2000. The first 2 years of the night market were challenging and it was apparent that the event would benefit if in conjunction with the summer concerts. This last summer was the most successful. Over the next 2 years, GI desires to put on 6-8 night markets and grow to 40-60 tenants per event.

Staff sees this as an entity that continues to grow and gain momentum in the years ahead with significant benefits to downtown that might include more concerts in the summer. Staff would anticipate that as this organization gains experience, it will require less staff oversight. in the next biennium.

Staff Recommendation: \$10,000

Mi Casa Housing, LLC

Request: \$30,000 2025-2026 Funding: \$15,000 2023-2024 Funding: \$10,000

Mi Casa Housing, LLC provides affordable housing for 18 families in the City of Sumner and maintains 5 buildings. They specialize in allowing for long-term housing options that can create housing stability that benefits families and children. They have received funding from the City over the last 2 budget cycles receiving \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively. Mi Casa has reported that the funds have gone to capital improvements and needed maintenance on the units that they own. The current request is for \$20,000. Given other priorities, and the limited number of buildings and units in the City, staff is recommending holding funding at \$15,000.

Staff Recommendation: \$15,000

Mother2Many

Request: \$40,000

2025-2026 Funding: \$0

Mother2Many is a non-profit organization that operates independently serving youth in the Sumner community by providing after-school meals twice a week at the sports complex in Sumner during the school year and throughout the summer. This is anticipated to result in over 29,000 direct youth interactions within the City and access to resources, and help. Mother2Many also provides seasonal emergency supplies, and warm clothing during the winter months. The organization receives funding from other philanthropic sources and has confirmed funding of \$9,000 plus anticipated funding of an additional \$41,000.

Given the direct benefits to Sumner youth and families, staff is recommending that Mother2Many receive \$15,000.

Staff Recommendation: \$15,000

Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce (PSCC)

Request: \$20,000

2025-2026 Funding: \$14,000

The PSCC mission is to be the champion of business; promoting an economically vibrant and competitive region where community, family, and business prosper. Funding PSCC will enable them to: support and expand annual events and festivals, host additional business-focused events, including Wake-Up Networking, Business After Hours, ribbon cuttings, Lunch & Learns, and the Leadership Institute. They will be able to hold annual events such as the East Pierce County Business Expo and Women in Business at Knutson Farms, and the Economic Forecast at The Hansen Place. And other events that will foster stronger business connections, promote community engagement, and enhance business educational opportunities, driving overall business growth and vitality within the Sumner area.

Staff recognize the contributions that PSCC makes to Sumner businesses through engagement, educational events, and generally supporting city and community events. Staff believe that the current level of funding is adequate with a small increase to adjust for increasing costs.

Staff Recommendation: \$15,000

Save Ryan House (dba: Friends of Sumner History)

Request: \$18,000

No prior requests

Save Ryan House is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is focused on developing a permanent museum to house and celebrate the history of the Sumner community. This organization works in partnership with the Sumner Historical Society. The immediate goal

is to build a mobile museum that could be a precursor to a permanent facility while also providing historical educational opportunities and bringing access to historic artifacts to the community and schools in Sumner.

Staff recommend that Save Ryan House is not funded because the purpose of the Community Partners Fund is to provide needs for those less fortunate and are poor and/or infirmed or provides for business and economic development assistance. This project does not accomplish either of those objectives. From other funds, the City is already supporting a history display in the new Sumner library, which this group had input to help shape as well.

Staff Recommendation: \$0

Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center

Request: \$70,000

2025-2026 Funding: \$70,000

The Family Center has been receiving funds from the City since 1998 and is in partnership with the City of Sumner and the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. Located on the campus of Sumner Middle School, the Center serves as a community-based hub where families can access multiple coordinated resources and services that promote stability in times of immediate need, self-sufficiency, and long-term well-being. The Center is the only resource site with trained staff in the Sumner and Bonney Lake communities who provide in-person navigation and referrals to basic need resources. They help families address financial hardships, food insecurity, housing instability, social service needs, and other challenges before they become crises. The Center reduces the need for more costly emergency interventions while strengthening the overall health and resilience of our community.

Staff sees the Family Center serving a critical and active role in supporting Sumner students the most vulnerable families in the community and they have a track record of success and positive impact over decades. This is a valuable partnership and a good use of leveraged tax dollars. Staff recommendation is the same amount of funding as it has been for several years at \$70,000.

Staff Recommendation: \$70,000

Sumner Community Food Bank

Request: \$80,000

2025-2026 Funding: \$50,000

2023-2024 Funding: \$40,000

The Sumner Community Food Bank provides supplemental food to Sumner families and connects them to other services in the community. The number of people and families served by the Food Bank has increased exponentially over the last several years. This has partially been the result of increased inflationary costs, rising food and housing prices and increased influx of people to the area. The Sumner Food Bank performs a crucial service

that is clearly needed to help those poor and vulnerable who need food assistance. This includes low-income families, senior citizens, and others. The Food Bank does receive funding from other philanthropic sources.

Staff recommends funding the Sumner Food Bank at the same level as the last biennium.

Staff Recommendation: \$50,000

Sumner Main Street Association (SMSA)

Requesting: \$60,000 2025-2026 Funding: \$60,000 2023-2024 Funding: \$50,000

SMSA is the foundational organization that coordinates, and promotes Sumner's historic downtown area through promotional events, fundraising, educational activities, advocacy, and hosting large city events such as Rhubarb Days and the Santa Parade. This organization works closely with the City to ensure that these events are a success and businesses benefit from them. In addition, SMSA supports the other 3 pillars of the Main Street program including economic vitality, design, and a strong organization.

Staff recognize the efforts and events that SMSA staff organize and implement. This effort mirrors and complements other City events such as the summer concert series, Mayor public listening sessions, business promotions, etc. Staff believes that they are a valuable partner and should be funded as they have been for the past several years.

Staff Recommendation: \$60,000

Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation

Requesting: \$25,000 2025-2026 Funding: \$0

The Sundance Foundation provides hippotherapy (horse riding therapy) for disabled children and adults who need this highly specialized treatment to gain or regain their ability to walk. Their operations are about 3 miles south of Sumner in unincorporated Pierce County. They conduct about 7,000-7,500 therapy sessions per year and have numerous volunteers from the area to assist with the horses, treatments, and grounds maintenance. They estimate the number at 50 individuals benefited in Sumner from their work.

While this is a needed service and there are some benefits to the Sumner community with this facility available for those who need it, there needs to be a broader impact and more people or businesses benefiting from this organization to support funding. Staff recommends not funding the Sundance Foundation.

Staff Recommendation: \$0

Summary Table: 2027-2028 Community Partners Fund Requests

Applicant	27-28 Amount Requested	Staff Recommendation	23-24 Amount Received	25-26 Amount Received	Number of People in Sumner Served
Exodus Housing	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	50
Generous Influencers	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	2500
Mi Casa Housing	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	64
Mother 2 Many	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	-	-	250
PSCC	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 14,000	10000
Save Ryan House	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1000
SBLSD - Family Center	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	2,900
Sumner Food Bank	\$ 80,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	500
SMSA	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,000	10595
Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	50
Total	\$ 423,000	\$ 250,000			

III. Next Steps – Schedule

Next Steps include a presentation to the City Council on Augusts 24, 2026 by staff and each applicant for Community Partners Funds will have an opportunity to present for 5 minutes to City Council and respond to questions.

Following the presentations, City Council will deliberate and make a decision on funding these organizations with three options:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Provide more funding then recommended
3. Provide less funding or no funding this biennium

These results will then be entered into the budget with final budget approval anticipated in December.

IV. Exhibits

Community Partner Fund Applications

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Organization Name

Exodus Housing

Primary Contact

Tonya Tunnell-Thornhill

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

www.exodushousing.org

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

60000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

0

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

We can help keep City of Sumner families who are experiencing domestic violence (DV) and have a pay or vacate/eviction notice stay housed, by offering financial assistance to pay rental arrears and 3 months subsidized rental assistance. This is a good investment for the city because we are trying to end/reduce the occurrence of families being homeless on the streets. This is particularly important for DV families whose risk factors for DV occurrences and lack of safety increase when homeless. Children are also at risk for not getting their needs met due to lack of shelter, as well as experience poor school performance. Keeping people off the streets also cuts down on the usage of city services such as emergency and police, which can be taxing to a city's resources. We also provide customized case management services that offer further support for long term stability. Families meet with their case manager once a month to do goals and budgets that are geared towards breaking down their barriers to increase self-sufficiency. Rental arrears are paid up to \$1500 and subsidized rent is paid out at 75, 50 and 25% over a three month period.

What will you accomplish with their support?

Our goal is to keep as many Sumner families who are rent burdened, housed as much as possible. We plan to offer housing assistance services to the general public, as well as work with the Sumner school district to help target families who are at risk of losing their housing. Our goal is that at least 80% of the families we serve will successfully exit the program with all rental arrears paid in full and 70% will have improved their financial situations by paying down debt, increasing income and so forth.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

50

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

The population we serve are low income families in Pierce County who are currently experiencing domestic violence, have some income and have at least 1 minor child (or a confirmed pregnancy). Families must be rent burdened and be able to provide us with a lease and account ledger to show rental arrears. They must also be willing to participate in paying a portion of their rental arrears and monthly rent at an amount they can afford.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

We are currently supported by the Medina Foundation and Tulalip Foundation. We also had funding from the Muckleshoot Charity Trust, but we have already spent their funds.

Confirmed Funding Amount?

77500

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

We are awaiting to hear if we are receiving funding from the Snoqualmie Tribe Foundation, Ellison Foundation, June & Julian Foss Foundation, Norcliffe Foundation, and Banner Bank.

Anticipated Funding Amount?

35000

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Organization Name

Generous Influencers

Primary Contact

Patti Hogenson

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

www.generousmarkets.com

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

20000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

2000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

Generous Influencers believes that small business is the backbone of every community. When small businesses thrive, families thrive. When families thrive, communities thrive. The Sumner Night Market was created to strengthen those connections by providing affordable opportunities for entrepreneurs while creating vibrant community gathering spaces for residents and visitors. Working in partnership with the City of Sumner, Music Off Main, Sumner Main Street Association, and Township20, we helped activate Heritage Park and Hops Alley as vibrant, family-friendly community gathering spaces during its inaugural season. This collaboration demonstrated what is possible when public, nonprofit, and business partners work together. By programming these public spaces with welcoming, well-managed community events, we help ensure they remain active, safe, and inviting destinations for residents of all ages. Highlights from the 2026 season include: • Four successful markets were held during Music Off Main. • Approximately 25-35 vendors participated in each market. • Two local downtown businesses set up pop-ups at the market. • Attendance consistently exceeded expectations, demonstrating strong community interest and support. A Community Partner Fund investment in Generous Influencers is an investment in Sumner's local economy, small businesses, public spaces, and community connections. It supports much more than a market—it increases foot traffic for downtown businesses, provides affordable opportunities for entrepreneurs to grow, and creates recurring community experiences that encourage people to gather, connect, and shop locally. The enthusiastic response from residents and visitors during this past season demonstrated both the demand for and value of this program, while highlighting the potential of these public spaces as community destinations. Our goal is to increase the number of Sumner Night Markets each season featuring approximately 50-60 local vendors per event, attracting thousands of residents and visitors to downtown Sumner while creating consistent opportunities for local businesses to benefit from increased foot traffic. Generous Influencers sees itself as a long-term community partner, working alongside the City of Sumner to continue activating public spaces, supporting local businesses, and creating experiences that strengthen Sumner's sense of place. With continued partnership from the City of Sumner, we are committed to building on the success of the 2026 season and establishing the Sumner Night Market as a sustainable community tradition that residents look forward to year after year.

What will you accomplish with their support?

Community Partner Fund support will allow us to build on the success of the 2026 season while keeping vendor participation affordable for small businesses. Funding will help us expand marketing efforts, improve event signage, strengthen partnerships with community organizations, and attract additional visitors from throughout the region to support Sumner's local economy. Just as importantly, it will allow us to continue building on the collaborative

relationships established during the inaugural season with the City of Sumner, downtown businesses, and community organizations to ensure the Sumner Night Market continues evolving in ways that reflect the needs of the community. We will continue to collaborate with downtown businesses and encourage their participation in the market, creating opportunities for both established businesses and emerging entrepreneurs to thrive together. We also plan to expand our Junior Entrepreneur Program, which provides youth under 17 with an affordable, supervised opportunity to operate their own business in a safe, supportive environment. This program encourages creativity, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and confidence while helping develop the next generation of local business leaders. With Community Partner Funds, we will:

- Produce additional high-quality Sumner Night Markets each season.
- Maintain affordable vendor fees that support participation by approximately 50–60 small businesses at each market.
- Expand our Junior Entrepreneur Program to serve 5-10 young entrepreneurs annually.
- Provide complimentary booth space for local nonprofits and community organizations at every market.
- Increase regional marketing efforts to attract more visitors who shop, dine, and explore downtown Sumner.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

2500

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

The Sumner Night Market creates measurable benefits across the Sumner community. Working in partnership with the City of Sumner, the Sumner Night Market will continue activating Heritage Park and Hops Alley 6–8 evenings each season, maximizing the community's investment in these public spaces while creating a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike. The community enjoys free, family-friendly gatherings that create opportunities to connect with neighbors while supporting local businesses. Downtown merchants benefit from increased foot traffic and exposure to new customers. Small business vendors gain access to an affordable marketplace where they can grow their businesses and build lasting customer relationships. Each market provides affordable business opportunities for approximately 50-60 vendors, while thousands of residents and visitors enjoy free community programming throughout the season. Local nonprofit organizations, service groups, and community partners also benefit through complimentary booth space, allowing them to share resources and connect directly with residents. We also anticipate serving 5-10 Junior Entrepreneurs annually. Through our Junior Entrepreneur Program, Sumner youth can experience business ownership in a supportive environment, helping develop future entrepreneurs and community leaders. The overwhelmingly positive response from residents, vendors, downtown businesses, and our community partners confirmed that the Night Market filled a need for regular, family-friendly community gatherings in downtown Sumner. Together, these efforts strengthen Sumner's sense of community while supporting economic vitality, local entrepreneurship, and meaningful connections among residents, businesses, and community organizations. For Sumner taxpayers, this investment delivers year-round value by maximizing the use of public spaces, strengthening the local economy, supporting entrepreneurship, and providing free community programming for residents and visitors alike.

Confirmed Funding?

No

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

Murrey's Disposal - Anticipated

Anticipated Funding Amount?

2500

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Organization Name

Mi Casa

Primary Contact

Holly Emerson, Board of Directors Secretary

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

MiCasaHousing.org

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

30000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

No

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

15000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

Mi Casa is a 501©3 non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to providing safe and affordable housing to low-income families since 1991. Mi Casa owns and manages 12 buildings scattered in Puyallup, Sumner and Edgewood. These 38 rental units are in duplexes, triplexes, and fourplex buildings which provide housing for up to 164 adults and children. Our 5 Sumner properties are scattered in areas where low-income families can live in stability, and in good neighborhoods, while building better lives for themselves and their children. Our rentals are in neighborhoods with access to excellent schools, transportation and shopping. Stable housing is a foundation for personal and community well-being. Long-term affordable housing is key to reducing intergenerational poverty, increasing economic stability and ensuring that children are stable in their schools. Research shows that increasing access to affordable housing is the most cost-effective strategy for reducing childhood poverty and increasing college enrollment and increasing in future earnings. Success is when a person has housing stability, their children are not bouncing from one school to another, and parents can focus on rebuilding their life. Your investment benefits Sumner businesses as families have more money to spend in the community and our well-kept buildings help preserve the beauty and property values of these Sumner neighborhoods.

What will you accomplish with their support?

For 34 years Mi Casa has provided long-term affordable housing to low and very-low-income households. Being an all-volunteer organization means all of your funding goes to maintaining affordable housing in this community. Our Sumner properties have been in constant use by renters for the past 2 decades and have successfully housed many families in financial need. Our tenants stay in our rental units until they can establish themselves in the standard housing market. This could take more than a decade or as short as 1-2 years. Our long-term commitment helps break the cycle of homelessness. We keep our properties safe and well-kept, being a place for citizens to live who might otherwise be a burden to the community. With your funding Mi Casa will be able to continue to rent to low-income families and keep their rents at 30% of their income including utilities and maintain our properties so these tenants can live in a safe and stable home. Your support will help to pay for essential costs associated with rent subsidy, maintenance and repairs, property management and lawn care.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

64

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

Alongside other agencies, Mi Casa is part of housing solutions. Since 1991, tenants have been referred to us by other nonprofit organizations, social workers, churches, and local support organizations. Our ability to provide long-term housing complements other nonprofit organizations who can focus on temporary shelters or short-term housing. By having our rental units scattered in local neighborhoods, families rebuilding their lives can achieve a degree of anonymity and normalcy, especially for their school age children. In addition, businesses benefit as lower housing costs increase household spending in the local economy. Well kept buildings help preserve the beauty and property values of Sumner neighborhoods. Safe and stable housing is essential for healthy lives and healthy communities. We pledge to treat families with dignity as they forge a path out of poverty. Our aim is to keep our buildings in good condition so our tenants have a place which they can call "home".

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

Pierce County Operations and Maintenance grant

Confirmed Funding Amount?

65000

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

City of Puyallup

Anticipated Funding Amount?

25000

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Organization Name

Mother 2 Many

Primary Contact

Joann Wittler- Executive Director

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<http://mother2many.org>

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

40000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

0

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

An investment in Mother 2 Many provides a direct, high-yield return for the taxpayers of Sumner by keeping our city's most vulnerable children fed, supported, and protected from the elements right where they gather. Last year alone, our mobile outreach unit facilitated 14,610 direct youth interactions entirely within Sumner city limits, offering an average of 224 school-aged youth life-essential meals, hydration, and seasonal clothing twice a week. By allocating \$20,000 per year, the City of Sumner secures a vital municipal safety net at an incredibly efficient cost of just \$1.36 per child interaction. This investment will directly sustain the mandatory infrastructure required to keep our mobile distribution trailer active on Sumner's streets every single week, rain or shine. This includes bulk nutritional food inventory, emergency weather gear, localized vehicle fuel, secure trailer storage garage rental, and the strict pest control and utilities necessary to keep youth supplies safely maintained. Along with these physical supplies, this funding supports the direct program coordination hours required to manage our volunteer teams and execute these twice-weekly mobile runs. Partnering with Mother 2 Many ensures that Sumner's taxpayers are directly protecting local children, creating supportive community spaces anchored by reliable adult mentorship during our visits.

What will you accomplish with their support?

With the City of Sumner's support, Mother 2 Many will directly sustain its critical mobile safety net across the 2027 and 2028 calendar years, ensuring uninterrupted basic needs coverage for the city's most vulnerable youth. Over this two-year funding cycle, we will facilitate approximately 29,220 direct youth interactions within the city. We will accomplish this by maintaining a reliable, 100% scheduled presence at our Washington Street hub at the Bill Heath Sports Complex twice a week during the school year and throughout the summer months. Specifically, this funding allows us to accomplish the following operational objectives: First, we will secure and distribute thousands of pounds of life-essential nutritional food items, healthy meals, snacks, and immediate hydration directly to school-aged children and adolescents ages five to eighteen who are navigating extreme poverty, food insecurity, and housing instability. Second, we will procure and distribute emergency seasonal gear, including winter coats, gloves, socks, and warm clothing, ensuring that local youth are protected from harsh weather elements while spending time outdoors. Third, we will maintain the vital physical infrastructure that makes our mobile model possible. This includes funding the secure garage rental, utilities, and strict pest control protocols required to store our bulk food inventory safely and keep it completely free from contamination. It also covers the vehicle fuel and essential trailer maintenance needed to keep our distribution vehicle operating safely on Sumner's streets every week, rain or shine. Ultimately, this investment will allow us to accomplish more than just resource distribution. By ensuring total consistency, our volunteer team will continue to build deep relationships with local youth, transitioning from strangers

into trusted adult advocates who provide consistent mentorship and emotional stability for the children of Sumner.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

250

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

The primary beneficiaries of Mother 2 Many are school-aged children and adolescents ages five to eighteen living within the City of Sumner. Specifically, our program targets vulnerable youth who are navigating extreme poverty, food insecurity, housing instability, or a lack of traditional after-school support systems. Because our mobile model meets these youth directly on their own turf at our Washington Street hub, we deliberately lower the barrier to entry for kids who cannot access traditional, centralized human services due to a lack of transportation or family resources. Beyond the youth themselves, the broader community and taxpayers of Sumner benefit directly from this effort. By establishing a predictable, twice-weekly presence, we provide a vital community anchor that transforms local public spaces into safe, supervised environments. Our volunteer team delivers not only immediate hunger relief and seasonal weather gear, but also consistent emotional stability and trusted adult mentorship. This proactive, grassroots approach ensures that isolated young people are kept safe and supported, ultimately fostering a healthier, more resilient, and more connected community across the City of Sumner.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

Mother 2 Many has secured \$9,000 in confirmed funding to support our upcoming operational cycle. Rather than relying on one-time donations, we pride ourselves on building deep, multi-year relationships with local philanthropic partners who trust our model year after year. This confirmed funding includes: 1) The Korum for Kids Foundation (\$8,000): This trusted partner has supported Mother 2 Many consecutively for multiple years, providing general operating support that helps sustain our overall organizational capacity. 2) The White River Hometown Fund (\$1,000): Administered through the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, this fund has also partnered with us consecutively for multiple years to support our localized outreach efforts at our Buckley hub. These recurring investments demonstrate our organizational stability, fiscal health, and the deep trust local foundations place in our ability to deliver consistent support to youth in Pierce County.

Confirmed Funding Amount?

9000

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

To sustain our operations, Mother 2 Many relies on a diverse, healthy mix of anticipated funding sources, including recurring grants, community events, and local business partnerships. This prevents us from relying on any single source of income and ensures our long-term resilience. Our anticipated funding plan includes: 1) Tribal Grant Support (\$5,000): We anticipate \$5,000 in recurring grant funding from the Nisqually Indian Tribe, which has provided consistent, multi-year support for our mobile outreach model. To expand our grant portfolio further, Mother 2 Many has also contracted a professional local grant writer for the first time to actively identify and pursue new partnerships with philanthropic foundations. 2) Annual Community Fundraiser (\$15,000): We host an annual fundraising event that consistently averages \$15,000 in net proceeds. This event is supported by local community members and serves as a key pillar of our annual operating budget. 3) Local Business and Faith-Based Partnerships (\$21,000): We maintain deep roots within the local community that yield reliable, year-round support. This includes our partnership with Fred Meyer of Sumner, which graciously hosts Mother 2 Many for three annual food collection drives, bringing in vital cash and in-kind resources. Additionally, several local churches provide regular, ongoing financial support. Combined, these business and faith-based avenues generate a reliable \$21,000 annually.

Anticipated Funding Amount?

41000

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Organization Name

Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce

Primary Contact

Alison Shaffer

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<https://www.puyallupsumnerchamber.com>

We are ...

Other (please specify) - 501(c)6, we also have a 501c3 foundation

Amount requested

20000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

14000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

This funding represents a strategic investment for the people of Sumner by enhancing collaboration among various community stakeholders, including residents, businesses, schools, and local government. The key benefits include:

- **Support for Local Businesses:** The funding will help us provide local businesses with essential resources, increase their visibility, drive customer traffic, and offer networking opportunities. We will also facilitate access to educational events and ensure their representation in local government affairs.
- **Community Engagement:** By partnering with businesses, non-profits, and the Sumner Main Street Association, we will co-sponsor events, coordinate marketing efforts, and create more volunteer opportunities. These initiatives will improve the quality of life for residents by offering family-friendly events, social activities, and enhancing overall community cohesion.
- **Educational Partnerships:** Collaborations with schools and educational institutions (Sumner-Bonney Lake SD) will foster career development through career days, internships, job opportunities, mentorship programs, and exposure to local career options.
- **Economic Impact:** For the city government, this funding will contribute to increased tax revenue from successful businesses and events, elevate the city's image, and support economic development initiatives.
- **Regional Collaboration:** We will engage in joint initiatives with nearby cities for regional economic development, cross-promotion of events, and shared resources for larger signature events. This will help promote and preserve the city's rich culture and history while benefiting the broader region.

Overall, this funding will drive economic growth, enhance community well-being, and strengthen educational and business networks in Sumner.

What will you accomplish with their support?

With this support, the Puyallup Sumner Chamber will be able to significantly bolster community and business initiatives. Specifically, the funding will allow us to:

- Continue supporting and expanding annual events and festivals.
- Host additional business-focused events, including Wake-Up Networking, Business After Hours, ribbon cuttings, Lunch & Learns, and Leadership Institute Cohort. Signature Annual Events-East Pierce County Business Expo & Women in Business at Knutson Farms, and Economic Forecast at The Hansen Place.
- Support more community-building events such as Rhubarb Days, Come Walk with Me, and other markets.
- Partner with local businesses and members to conduct educational events, including business expos, job fairs, and various seminars and workshops.
- Develop and expand programs through our Chamber Business Acumen Series, Leadership Institute, South Sound Futures Foundation

These initiatives will foster stronger business connections, promote community engagement, and enhance educational opportunities, driving overall growth and vitality within the Sumner area.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

10000

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

The Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce serves as a community convener, connecting businesses, nonprofits, schools, local government, and tourism partners to strengthen the economic vitality and quality of life in Sumner. This support would allow the Chamber to expand its role as a catalyst for collaboration, promote Sumner as a destination, and leverage its network to amplify the impact of community organizations while driving tourism, economic activity, and community engagement. Community Partner Fund investments would help the Chamber:

- Promote Sumner as a destination for visitors, shoppers, dining, and community events.
- Increase tourism by marketing local attractions, festivals, and experiences that bring visitors to Sumner businesses.
- Strengthen partnerships with local nonprofits, schools, tourism organizations, and civic groups.
- Support downtown revitalization and destination development alongside the Sumner Main Street Association.
- Promote community events and initiatives that increase visitation and generate economic impact for local businesses.
- Expand workforce development efforts through partnerships with local school districts and higher education institutions.
- Connect businesses with volunteer, sponsorship, and philanthropic opportunities that strengthen the community.
- Enhance leadership development and civic engagement through Chamber programs.
- Serve as a central hub for visitor information, business resources, community connections, and regional collaboration.
- Create opportunities for community organizations to access business expertise, marketing support, volunteer resources, and promotional opportunities.

Community Partners Who Benefit • Sumner Main Street Association • Sumner-Bonney Lake School District • Gordon Family YMCA • Helping Hand House • Sumner Food Bank • Tourism and hospitality partners • Local nonprofit organizations and community event organizers

By investing in the Chamber, the City is investing in an organization that connects people, promotes tourism, strengthens partnerships, supports local businesses, and multiplies the impact of community initiatives throughout Sumner.

Confirmed Funding?

No

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

City of Puyallup LTAC Grant

Anticipated Funding Amount?

204000

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Organization Name

Save Ryan House (Formal name change to "Friends of Sumner History" is in progress)

Primary Contact

Nick Biermann

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<https://givebutter.com/c/t0hl0y>

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

18000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

No

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

0

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

Sumner has lost its only history museum. The historic artifacts that were in the museum are now being stored indefinitely. Our group is working hard to find a way to bring the museum out of storage and make this history accessible to the public again. With support from the community and the cooperation of organizations like the Sumner Historical Society, we can--as Friends of Sumner History--find a way to display Sumner's history pieces in a temporary museum for now as we explore options to eventually move into a permanent facility. In the short term, we are seeking financial support to help design and build a mobile museum to begin the process of bringing a museum back to Sumner again. Note that we are a registered non-profit with the Washington Secretary of State office and are a 501(c)3 organization, both under the current name "Save Ryan House." We are transitioning to "Friends of Sumner History" and we are expecting to register a dba under this new name to reflect our broadening scope. We currently have a UBI with the State of Washington and will be seeking an endorsement to do business within the City of Sumner.

What will you accomplish with their support?

Up until now, we have been a self-funded and donor-funded organization. Our goal is to use community funding in addition to other sources to build a more solid foundation toward creating a new museum to house Sumner's history. The short-term vision is to purchase and convert a trailer or similar vehicle to a mobile museum to bring Sumner's history to the people wherever they are at various events and functions around town. A traveling museum on wheels has the benefit of mobility and can be brought to different locations, even on short notice. A mobile museum also brings history to the schools, without requiring the expense of a field trip. A traveling museum also provides a more cost-effective approach to begin the process of re-establishing a museum, without the added cost of renting or buying space in a physical location until we are ready to do so. We hope this will be one step of many on the long journey to bring our museum back and provide at least temporary public access to our shared history while we seek a more permanent solution.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

1000

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

From school-age children to high-schoolers and from long-term Sumner residents to

newcomers and visitors alike, everyone in the community will benefit from having access to a temporary museum. History is a common tie that binds us all together, regardless of individual or personal background. Part of understanding who we are as a community is based on exploring and experiencing our shared history together. Building on the foundation of our shared history can also serve as a guide for shaping our future together. Your support now will help us fund this mission to preserve the past, celebrate our history, and invest in our collective future.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

Self-funded/donors

Confirmed Funding Amount?

1180

Anticipated Funding?

No

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Organization Name

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District #320 / Family Resource Center

Primary Contact

Marilee Hill-Anderson

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<https://www.sumnersd.org/services/family-resource-center/overview>

We are ...

Other (please specify) - Public (non-profit) School District (operating a multi-agency consortium/family resource center) in Washington State. Please note: School Districts are not required to have municipal 'business licenses' per RCW.

Amount requested

70000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the City of Sumner.

No

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

70000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

The Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center has been a trusted investment partner of the City of Sumner through its Community Partner program since 2021, and through earlier direct allocations from the City since 1998. Our Center's staff and partners will continue to provide a robust return on your investment of taxpayer resources to help Sumner's families during the 2027-28 biennium. Located on the campus of Sumner Middle School, the Center serves as a community-based hub where families can access multiple coordinated resources and services that promote stability in times of immediate need, self-sufficiency, and long-term well-being. Investing in the Family Resource Center is an investment in prevention. The Center is the only resource site with trained staff in the Sumner and Bonney Lake communities who provide in person navigation and referrals to basic need resources. By helping families address financial hardships, food insecurity, housing instability, social service needs, and other challenges before they become crises, the Center reduces the need for more costly emergency interventions while strengthening the overall health and resilience of our community.

A. SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES: Provision of Basic Needs:

During the 2025 calendar year and 2025-26 school year (September 2025-June 2026), over 900 adults and families contacted the Center to access goods, services and to receive urgently needed referral information to financial resources. Over 1000 referrals to specific local and county resources were shared with local families during the first six months of 2026. All visitors coming to the Center were asked if they needed assistance accessing basic food and health insurance programs and offered help in applying for these opportunities if needed. In addition to sharing information, our staff and partnering agencies provided immediate assistance to our families who came directly to the Center (see percentage of client visits or calls in which clients requested assistance with specific items.) (1) Diapers/Wipes (over 350 families annually – with supplies available monthly) (2) Personal hygiene items – 30% of clients (3) Gordon Family YMCA – Membership (three-month) vouchers – about 15% of clients requested these or were referred to the Center from local schools. Referrals are screened for program eligibility. (4) Household cleaning supplies – app. 20% (5) Children's clothing bank items – app. 10%

Resource Navigation: Our City funded Center Coordinator provided information to clients about formal and informal points of access for other items our families needed. Over three dozen specific areas of requests were noted, including: Food Bank information or shelf stable food – 8%; Utility (electricity) assistance – 5%; Baby Formula – 6%; Laundromat cards – 4%; Rental assistance – 7%; Job searching assistance – 5%; Gas cards/transportation – 3%. The Center's Coordinator works one-to-one with clients to track down help – either through our partnering agencies or online resources. Day by day, Center staff and partners stand ready to discuss the specific issues a family is facing, with the goal of providing tailored referral plans, as well as hope, to our visitors.

WIC: Women, Infants and Children Program – MultiCare staff provides 2.5 days a week of staff time at the Sumner-

Bonney Lake Family Resource Center to see WIC program clients on site in a local setting. The WIC program currently serves 140 residents in the City of Sumner through this federal funding source. WIC program staff meet mothers in person or consult with them via online meetings to monitor the health, growth and development of their children on a quarterly basis. This program's utilization in Sumner has grown by 40% over the last two years, in part through the co-location of services at our local community hub. Extensive evaluations of the WIC program (nationally) demonstrate an association between women participating in WIC during their pregnancies and lower rates of preterm birth, low birth weight of babies, and reduced infant mortality. Many other strong health indicators are enhanced through ongoing mentoring and education around dietary and health promotion behaviors. Promoting WIC in the Sumner community is one more way our partnership will continue to improve the health of the community and reduce the costs of health and educational interventions as babies continue to grow.

(B) EDUCATION AND PREVENTION BENEFITS: The Family Resource Center is able to host needed classes for community members at our site as an in-kind contribution of space from the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. Our community partnership with the City allows us to have paid staff at this location to monitor usage and assist our guests. Examples of educational, skill building and family support programs include:

- a. English as a Second Language Classes, offered by the Tacoma Area Literacy Council (TALC), meet weekly at the Center from 9 to 11 am, serving 15 to 25 adult students per week. TALC has been able to build their program in Sumner through the Center's ability to offer ongoing meeting room space at no cost. Our team has prioritized the allocation of space for this program so participants have a place to not only learn new language skills, but also – to access other resources the Center has to offer.
- b. Valley of Esperanza (VoE) – Puget Sound Educational Service District provides a full-time family advocate to work with Spanish speaking families and students in Sumner and around the school district. Spanish speaking adults and youth (65, total) regularly participated in VoE parent leadership workshops and events, held at Daffodil Valley Elementary and Sumner Middle School. Families engaged in discussions around building financial security, banking systems, understanding local school systems, and learning about community resources. Additionally, traditional cultural celebrations were held where parents and children created art projects together and met other local families. Outside funding for this program was secured through Pierce County to keep activities in place through the 2026-27 school year.

C) ECONOMIC STABILITY AND GROWTH: The Center for Strong Families (CSF) program, delivered by Sound Outreach* staff, currently provides financial and employment coaches at the Center two days per week. Thirty-five of the participants listed a contact address within County Council districts #1 or #2 and 17 clients currently live in the city limits of Sumner. Coaches meet with their clients individually a minimum of six times per year. Other mentoring conversations occur by request of the client as needed. By helping families achieve self-sufficiency, the Center's programs can reduce the reliance on emergency services and other public resources. This potentially saves the City money but also promotes economic stability and growth as families become more financially secure and build capacity to contribute to the local economy. Services provided at our Center provide additional layers of support (i.e., assistance with SNAP, Apple Health and Working Family Tax Credit benefit applications.) Families can also receive help applying for educational resources (FAFSA, WAFSA and free school meals if they are eligible.) Our Center's Coordinator works closely with Sound Outreach staff to weave together an individualized plan of support for clients as they determine their financial and employment goals.

- Funding for the Center for Strong Families program comes from United Way of Pierce County, Kaiser Permanente Foundation, Washington State Department of Commerce and local donations to Sound Outreach.

(D) COMMUNITY STRENGTH AND COHESION: The Center serves as a hub for community engagement, bringing together

residents, local businesses, and other organizations. Our team partners with City and non-profit organization staff to make large scale efforts, benefitting our families, possible. More importantly, families who have experienced barriers to building social networks in the community – due to language and cultural differences – have designated the Center as a safe place they can gather, turn to in times of stress, and most importantly – to volunteer and contribute back to their community. Program staff have become trusted key messengers, assisting both the school district and local organizations in getting information to our Hispanic community. Dozens of community members regularly volunteer on site at the Family Resource Center, packing backpacks for our ‘back to school’ supply distributions, unpacking shipments of baby items and organizing our diaper bank, as well as assisting with greeting visitors to our Center location. It is often said that our Family Resource Center is a place to ‘give’ as much as it is a place to ‘gain resources.’ Examples of the impact this cohesion has in Sumner is illustrated in our annual ‘Back to School’ events, held in Sumner at Daffodil Valley Elementary and Sumner Middle School. In 2025, these events provided backpacks, school supplies, food, shoes and information about community resources to children in over 425 families and 900 students living in the valley. Additionally, the Center was a primary partner with Sumner Police Department, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, alongside the Gordon Family YMCA in hosting the 2025 Community Toy Box. Our Center staff coordinated the referrals of families to this program, which served 555 children and teens from around the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. Daffodil Valley Elementary referred over 20% of their students to this program (79) with participation rates from our other schools in the valley hovering around 10%.

What will you accomplish with their support?

(1) Coordinator: Funding received from the City of Sumner will continue to directly support Center based programming and client contact, as well as partial costs associated with the role of our Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center Coordinator’s position for 2027 and 2028 as follows: \$30,000 per year will be devoted to salary and benefit costs (28% in 2027 and 27% in 2028.) The total cost of this position, which ensures the ongoing operation of our Center and provision of individualized support for City residents, will be shared with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (\$45,000 per year toward the position); City of Bonney Lake (\$12,000 per year) and the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (remainder of costs, averaging between \$20,823 and \$25,000 annually, dependent upon increases in health benefit rates.) Program Impacts of this Investment: The types of concerns families bring to the Center require that we have a highly trained Coordinator available to assist families who disclose sensitive information to us as they seek assistance. The Coordinator also must juggle several responsibilities, including coordination of logistics for multiple programs, and inventory control of the generous donation of goods from local community groups. Having a Coordinator perform this work leverages the Center – and City’s – ability to co-locate investments of our partners’ agency staff, as well as over \$50,000 worth of donated goods each biennium to the citizens of Sumner. NOTE - HOMELESSNESS and CHILDREN: Additionally, we continue to serve a number of students and families experiencing homelessness within Sumner: In 2025-26, 160 students who attended a school (6 locations) within City limits were identified as meeting the definition of ‘homelessness’ under the federal McKinney-Vento Education of Children and Youth Act. This is the same percentage of students (about 50%) that the District served from all school sites within our boundaries (16) during 2024-25, despite a slight 1.5% decrease in enrollment. ‘Serving’ would be best defined by: Researching shelter and housing options; tailoring referrals to local food, clothing and

basic need resources; and ensuring students have the supplies and clothing they need to attend school. (2) Expanding Classes: \$5000 per year will support programs organized by staff housed at the Family Resource Center. Program Impacts: Providing learning and recreational opportunities for parents and their children will build skills within families to mediate conflict, reduce stress, and encourage communication between adults and children within the home. Our ultimate vision remains constant and is consistent with the standards our Center follows through the National Family Support Network: “Centers will work to offer services which promote a safe, stable and nurturing relationships, as well as environments, for children and youth.” Through funding provided by City of Sumner, we will continue to enhance our class offerings to parents throughout Sumner by: (a) \$1000 - Expanding capacity for participation in parent/family nights through the Valley of Esperanza (formerly – Latinx Family Advocacy Program.) Funds will be used to provide program supplies, child care, and to purchase class materials, if needed, for additional camps offered in partnership with KTBC and PBS (STEM/Science, Technology Engineering and Math). Twenty children enrolled in these free programs in June 2026. Many of these children did not have the financial means to participate in other *fee for service*extra-curricular programs. The camp, as well as family programs, were offered at the Family Resource Center and well as at Daffodil Valley Elementary, Sumner Middle School and the Sumner Early Learning Center. (b) \$3000 – Expanding access and opportunities to offer parenting and family management skills classes (in English) in Sumner, in cooperation with the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District, WSU Cooperative Extension, Puget Sound ESD and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Program funds will be dedicated toward bringing program instructors for Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and Parenting With Love and Logic classes to local schools or community sites. Additionally, staff from the Cooperative Extension Program have offered to repeat their successful – and free - ‘Healthy Eating’ class at the Center this fall. When needed, City funds will pay for class materials, childcare staff, class instructors, and miscellaneous supplies. Fees may be offset by charging parents a nominal amount, which would be waived if a family had an inability to pay. Participants will complete course evaluations , the results of which will be available for review. Funding would cover program sessions each year of the biennium. (c) \$1000 – Family Night Arts and Crafts Night supplies / event costs / In 2027 and 2028, Center staff will create opportunities to encourage joint parent and children participation in ‘arts and crafts events’ at the Family Resource Center. While we were unable to create a larger project this year, City funds supported art supplies for two dozen families to create individual pictures (painted) as parents and children talked about the images they were creating. These pictures were photographed and combined into a keepsake book that each family in the program took home with them at the end of the school year. We plan to continue our efforts in drawing together additional parent support groups to do like projects. Establishing social networks between our parents is a cost-effective strategy to prevent health risks brought on by loneliness and stress, as well as to connect our marginalized families to existing support services. Program goals will be evaluated by participant surveys and focus group feedback.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

2900

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

Our hope is that the entire community of Sumner benefits from our programs and efforts: Knowing that anyone is able to call our Center and ask for help in locating local or regional

assistance is our goal. While our mission is to strengthen families and promote the healthy youth development of our students, we welcome calls from our food banks or senior center, when they don't know where to refer one of their clients for help, or when a resident has been unable to complete difficult County or agency applications to unlock safety net resources. We are part of a collaborative network of providers in the Sumner community who realize the power of maximizing our talents, compassion and skills to provide families a strong safety net, as well as hope for the future. Summary: In both years (2027 and 2028), the SBLFRC will directly serve a minimum of 2900 individuals in Sumner (98390 Zip code) as follows: + 1100 students/adults – Back to School; + 600 – outreach at school and community events; + 500 – children, teens and adults at holiday events, i.e. Community Toy Box; + 70 – classes and workshops; + 400 individual clients through our partnering agencies and direct assistance from our Coordinator; as well as garnering resources to serve 150 students/80 parents experiencing homelessness within Sumner schools. Please note that this total reflects 'one point of contact' – while many of our programs will see clients (parents or students) on repeated occasions. Of that total, we anticipate app. 500 of our program participants will interact with staff to increase 'contact opportunities' to 3270 for that specific subgroup (2400 + 3270 = 5670.) NOTES: Back to School Events: 1100 students and adults through two 'Sumner' based 'Back to School' events: We will distribute over 800 donated backpacks and sets of school supplies to children and teens in August 2027 and 2028. Parents will receive packets of community resource information, food from the Sumner Community Food Bank, as well as referrals to Center based programs. Outreach: 600 - Each year, Center staff work at school and community events in Sumner, including 'Street of Screams'/Halloween and YMCA community events, as well as school parent nights. Holiday Support: 500 – City of Sumner children, teens and adults supported during winter holidays through Community Toy Box. + Appointments, Calls and School Referrals: 400 individual clients from 98390 will have individual conversations with Center staff regarding specific basic needs or concerns, including access to our diaper bank. + Individual agencies will continue their program services, assuming their federal and state budget support remain intact: WIC – 140 or more clients; Valley of Esperanza – 60-70 participants; Sound Outreach – 20 to 30 clients; TALC – 25 class participants; Pierce County Clothing and Textile Advisors (Sewing Class) – 10 students. + Time Sensitive Response: We will continue to assist Sumner residents, and families coming into Sumner for business or educational purposes, with tough circumstances. Center staff received a Pierce County commendation in December 2025 for our staff's coordination of resources on behalf of Spanish speaking families who had lost their shelter due to unprecedented flooding in our area. We were able to collaborate with Amazon and United Way of Pierce County to provide \$700 per family in assistance to find emergency shelter and replace items, rendered unusable, in their mobile homes due to flood water and rodent infestations. Additionally, our staff team worked with Fire Marshalls from East Pierce Fire and Rescue in 2025-26 to help three families who lost their homes due to fire. These are the types of incidents difficult to predict – but – which also require an immediate social service response. Our Center is uniquely positioned to work seamlessly with many local first responders to coordinate help on short notice when a crisis strikes a Sumner resident and/or a student's family. Lastly, our advocacy work on behalf of Sumner will continue to benefit the City's residents: Center staff work on an ongoing basis to negotiate with additional non-profit groups in order to bring help closer to where help is needed. Examples of this include partnerships with business, Rotary Club of Sumner, local school parent groups, WSU Cooperative Extension and more.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

Note: total funding required between our partners for Coordinator Position (\$218,940) 2027: total funding needed for Coordinator position = \$107, 823 2028: total funding needed for Coordinator position = \$111,117 CONFIRMED future funding of Position: Role of Family Center Coordinator - \$45,823 Sumner-Bonney Lake School District = \$20,823 for 2027 and app \$25,000 for 2028, pending information regarding health benefit costs. Additional Information: + Grants to sustain the Valley of Esperanza Program Advocate (Puget Sound ESD) and Center for Strong Families / Sound Outreach staff are approved for 2027. New applications will be submitted by these agencies to continue their positions for the 2028 fiscal year. MultiCare WIC staff report program funding is secure for 2027 as well. + Program Facility: Portables 705, 706 and 707 will remain available, at no cost to the City, as an in-kind donation to the Family Resource Center and Family Support Partnership (TPCHD) of Pierce County. + Administrative and Infrastructure Support: The Sumner-Bonney Lake School District will maintain its provision of administrative oversight, secretarial time, custodial services, technological access and facility space during the 2027 and 2028 fiscal years at no cost to Center partners.

Confirmed Funding Amount?

45823

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

Multiple Sources: \$192,000 - this includes funding for both the Coordinator position AND programs combined plus our request to City of Sumner: 2027 - City of Bonney Lake = \$12,000 (budgeted and pending Council approval) 2028 - City of Bonney Lake = \$12,000 (budgeted and pending Council approval) 2027: Tacoma – Pierce County Health Department = \$49,000 / Pending grant approval 2028 – Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department = \$49,000 / Pending grant approval * \$45,000 of each year's grant supports the salary and benefits of the Coordinator's position, while \$4000 funds each year included for additional substitute staff time or program expenses. 2027 and 2028: City of Sumner Funding is requested / Total = \$70,000 + \$35,000 per year for the Coordinator position (\$60,000) with the additional \$5000 per year (\$10,000) budgeted for program activity support described earlier in the application.

Anticipated Funding Amount?

192000

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Organization Name

Sumner Main Street Association

Primary Contact

Lori Waltier

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<https://www.sumnermainstreet.com/>

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

60000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

60000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

An economically healthy and vibrant downtown benefits all Sumner residents. It provides places for residents to shop, dine, gather, celebrate, and connect close to home. It contributes to Sumner's identity and sense of place, encourages private investment, and creates a welcoming environment that residents can take pride in. Maintaining and strengthening this asset benefits not only downtown businesses and property owners, but the broader community. The Sumner Main Street Association plays an important year-round role in that work. While our public events are the most visible part of what we do, they are only one component of our work to strengthen downtown and engage the community. Backed by Washington Main Street and Main Street America, SMSA uses the Main Street Approach to address the long-term health and vitality of downtown. We work in partnership with the City of Sumner and other community organizations, facilitate communication between community stakeholders, and provide opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in committees. SMSA is a responsible steward of taxpayer funds. City support is part of a diversified funding model that includes private sponsorships, grants, volunteer contributions and SMSA's own resources, allowing the City's investment to leverage additional community resources. In 2025, 51 volunteers contributed approximately 1,100 hours to SMSA's work, representing nearly \$46,000 in volunteer value (based on state-specific values from Independent Sector and the Do Good Institute at the University of Maryland). SMSA also secured a \$20,000 Pierce County lodging tax grant and developed additional private sponsorships and community partnerships. Continued City funding would therefore be an investment not simply in an organization or individual events, but in the long-term health of one of Sumner's most visible and important community assets. A thriving downtown contributes to quality of life, community pride, economic vitality and opportunities for residents to connect with one another. SMSA's role is to help ensure that this asset continues to serve the people of Sumner well.

What will you accomplish with their support?

With the City's support, SMSA will continue its year-round work to strengthen downtown Sumner as a vibrant, attractive and connected community asset. In 2027-2028, we will build on the progress made during the current funding cycle while focusing on long-term improvements, community engagement, economic vitality and organizational sustainability. We will continue investing in the physical environment and character of downtown. During the current funding cycle, SMSA invested approximately \$40,000 of its own reserves to complete the first phase of a commercial-grade, building-lighting project. We will continue working toward additional improvements that make downtown more welcoming, attractive and distinctive, while continuing our partnership with the City on downtown holiday decorations, and we may potentially consider expanding that footprint. Community engagement will remain a central part of our work. We will continue providing opportunities

for residents to participate through volunteer activities, serving on our (five) committees, community events and other programs. We will build on the work of our committees and board, and encourage more people to help shape downtown priorities. We will also continue our Merchant Meetups and provide other resources to the businesses as part of promoting our downtown's economic vitality. SMSA will continue strengthening our partnerships. We will work closely with the City, local nonprofits, service organizations, property owners, businesses and other community partners. We will also strengthen relationships with downtown property owners, including those who live outside the community, and develop better information about downtown conditions and businesses to help inform future work and investment. Finally, we will place greater emphasis on fundraising and diversifying SMSA's revenue sources. Our goal is to leverage City funding with private sponsorships, grants, volunteer contributions and other resources so that public investment produces the greatest possible community benefit. We are implementing a "friends of SMSA" monthly donation program that will encourage smaller, yet meaningful, donations by both businesses and residents alike. We will continue drawing on the expertise, training and resources available through Washington Main Street and Main Street America and sharing best practices with other Main Street communities. Together, these efforts will help SMSA maintain and strengthen downtown as a place where Sumner residents can gather, connect, shop, dine, celebrate and take pride in their community.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

10883

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

The people of Sumner benefit from SMSA's work in many different ways, whether they engage directly with SMSA or not. Someone who never volunteers, attends an event or serves on a committee still benefits from a thriving downtown. This is why quantifying the number of Sumner residents we serve isn't about adding up the number of event attendees, people receiving walking maps, social media followers or volunteers, it's about how our work benefits all of Sumner's residents. SMSA works year-round to support an important community asset, downtown Sumner. People throughout Sumner benefit from a thriving downtown that contributes to the overall quality of life, economic health and sense of community. Families and individuals benefit from SMSA's work to provide meaningful opportunities for community members to contribute their time and talents to Sumner. Downtown businesses and property owners are important beneficiaries as well, because a healthy business district encourages investment and helps maintain a strong community asset.

Confirmed Funding?

No

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program (B&O tax credit program) Implementation of a
“Friends of SMSA” monthly donation program Sponsorship revenue Event income

Anticipated Funding Amount?

150000

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Organization Name

Sumner Community Food Bank

Primary Contact

Katie Garling

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

www.sumnerfoodbank.org

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

80000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

Yes

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

50000

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

The rise of food insecurity in our community is well documented: • In June 2021, the Sumner Community Food Bank had 12 families visit the food bank a day; now, we have 75 families a day. • According to the WAFOOD studies done by University of Washington & Washington State University, food insecurity now affects 55% of respondents in our state as of 2025, growing from 27% in 2021. • Diet quality is also at risk: 43% of respondents from these studies said their diet has worsened during the pandemic, putting families at risk of nutrition-related diseases. • Food prices have increased by 33.5% since 2020, causing families to pay more for the same foods. This funding will be a good investment for the people of Sumner since the food bank program provides emergency food and stability for Sumner families during a time of uncertainty and food insecurity. By providing nutritious food and groceries, your funding will help these families focus on succeeding and getting back on their feet without worrying about their next meal. To provide this support, we are requesting \$40,000 a year (\$80,000 total) to meet the increasing food insecurity in Sumner families in need, specifically in running the food bank marketplace and warehouse used to provide services to the public. Funds will be split between major expenses in these categories: payroll; building, equipment & vehicle costs; food purchases of staple foods and non-perishable groceries such as cleaning & hygiene products (including food backpack program foods for local schools); administration; and operations supplies & costs. This funding also supports our weekday evening shopping sessions Monday-Thursday. Thanks to volunteer teams from local churches and food bank staff, we've increased our weekly capacity by 40%, leaving more appointments for local working families. Because of these convenient evening shopping sessions we've also seen an increase in the number of Sumner residents visiting the food bank.

What will you accomplish with their support?

The requested support will help our low-income Sumner neighbors in need to feed their families by providing nutritious food and groceries so they can focus on succeeding without worrying about putting food on the table. In the last three years, over 1,250 households from the 98390 ZIP code have used the food bank. With the requested funding, we will: • Distribute more than four (4) million pounds of food each year through our marketplace and warehouse partnerships • Provide access to nutritious food for over 500 Sumner households each year • Provide 900+ weekend food backpacks each month to local schools • Continue to offer access to volunteer opportunities which provide Sumner residents with social ties, community, and incredibly rewarding and vital work

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

Our programs benefit a number of groups in Sumner, specifically through those receiving benefits as customers, those engaged in serving their community as volunteers, businesses in Sumner, and other Sumner-based organizations. - Our customers benefit by receiving supplemental food, which allows them to focus on succeeding without worrying how they will feed their families. Our new evening sessions also benefit working families in Sumner as the hours are more convenient. Our food bank also connects customers with other resources they may need besides food such as free dental, parenting resources, and human services organization sign-ups. - Our volunteers benefit by engaging in community, which brings a sense of community and purpose. They also benefit from meeting new people and enjoying the social aspect of volunteering at the food bank. Seniors, students, and the business community make up a large portion of our volunteer base. - The business community in Sumner also benefits from our food bank. When families in Sumner have the food they need, they have additional money to meet other basic needs, increasing the amount they can spend in local stores. Warehouses and logistics companies in Sumner also benefit as they can donate surplus or rejected food, increasing their efficiency. Additionally, when businesses donate or volunteer with the food bank, we enjoy sharing their support on our social media and newsletter, highlighting their work in the community. - Our partner organizations benefit directly as we supply food for other local food banks, schools, & outreach programs, which serve the people of Sumner directly. We currently partner with over 10 other Sumner-based organizations, as well as those in the greater community.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

**Confirmed Funding: Kroger Zero Hunger Zero Waste -- \$10,000 Muckleshoot Charity Fund - \$5,000 Puyallup Tribe Charitable Trust - \$35,000 City of Sumner - \$25,000 Korum for Kids Foundation - \$10,000 Lindberg Foundation -- \$3,000 WSDA - \$184,000 Cafaro - \$500 Whisper Foundation - \$90,000 Puget Sound Energy Foundation - \$3,000 Starbucks Foundation - \$2,000

Confirmed Funding Amount?

367500

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

Pending Grants: HealthEquity Community Foundation: \$2,500 Carrs Foundation - \$10,000
William E Dean III Charitable Foundation - \$10,000 Tulalip Cares Charitable Fund - \$15,000
MultiCare Health Systems - \$15,000 Liberty Mutual Foundation - \$25,000 John and Maria
Laffin Trust - \$10,000 Donations, events, and other sources - \$350,000+ per year estimated

Anticipated Funding Amount?

437500

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Organization Name

Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation

Primary Contact

Demarie McCurdy

Contact's Phone

[REDACTED]

Contact's Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Website

<https://www.sundancehippotherapy.com>

We are ...

a registered 501(c)3 Non-Profit

Amount requested

25000

Would you accept a lesser amount?

Yes

My organization has a business license to conduct business within the

City of Sumner.

No

Amount Received from the City of Sumner in 2025-2026

0

Why would this funding be a good investment for the people of Sumner?

Located in Sumner's historic agricultural district, Sundance Circle Hippotherapy provides equine-assisted physical and occupational therapy to children and adults with disabilities throughout the region. Since 2017, Sundance has become a valued community resource, serving more than 70 patients each week while engaging over 150 active volunteers who help make our programs possible. Our vision is to be a leading provider of accessible therapy with horses that fosters growth, connection, and lasting transformation for individuals and families. The City of Sumner is known for investing in strong relationships, supporting local organizations and small businesses, fostering youth development, and ensuring that all members of the community have opportunities to thrive. Sundance shares these same values. We provide specialized therapy that helps individuals with disabilities build strength, independence, confidence, and meaningful connections while creating a welcoming environment where families feel supported, connected, and included. Investing in Sundance is an investment in the people of Sumner. Many of our patients, volunteers, donors, and community partners live, work, or attend school in Sumner. Our volunteer program brings together students, retirees, professionals, and families who contribute thousands of hours each year, strengthening civic engagement and community connection. We also partner with local schools, businesses, and organizations to expand opportunities for individuals with disabilities and to promote inclusion throughout the community. City of Sumner funding would help ensure that specialized therapy remains accessible for local families while supporting an organization that enhances the health, well-being, and quality of life of its residents. The impact extends far beyond the therapy arena—creating stronger families, engaged volunteers, meaningful partnerships, and a more inclusive community where individuals of all abilities can thrive. Supporting Sundance is a lasting investment in the compassion, resilience, and connectedness that define the Sumner community.

What will you accomplish with their support?

With the City of Sumner's support of \$50,000 over two years, Sundance Circle Hippotherapy Foundation will continue and expand access to equine-assisted physical and occupational therapy for children and adults with disabilities in our community. This investment will directly support:

- Approximately 7,000–7,500 therapy sessions over two years, serving more than 70 individuals each week with consistent, quality care.
- Improved outcomes for patients in areas such as strength, balance, coordination, mobility, sensory regulation, and independence in daily life.
- Scholarship support for approximately 15–20 families each year, helping reduce financial barriers so more individuals can access therapy.
- Ongoing care for our therapy horse herd, including feed, veterinary care, farrier services, and training, which is essential to providing safe and effective therapy.
- Continued support of our 150+ active volunteers, who give their time each week to help make every session possible.
- Strengthened

partnerships with local schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations that help connect more individuals to services and support. At its core, this funding helps ensure that individuals with disabilities in our community are not limited by cost or access. It allows us to continue showing up consistently for the families who rely on us, while also strengthening the volunteer and community connections that make Sundance such a special place - right in the heart of the Sumner community. With this support, we can continue building a stronger, more inclusive city—one where individuals of all abilities have access to meaningful therapy, connection, and the opportunity to grow in independence and confidence - one stride at a time.

Number of people in Sumner you estimate you serve?

50

Describe who in Sumner benefits from your program/effort

Sundance serves individuals and families throughout Sumner and the surrounding Pierce County communities who are navigating life with a disability. The people who benefit from our program include children as young as three, teens working toward greater independence and confidence, and adults who continue to build strength, mobility, and connection through therapy. We serve individuals with a wide range of diagnoses and needs, including autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, genetic conditions, traumatic brain injury, and other physical, cognitive, and sensory challenges. While every patient's journey is unique, they all share the same goal: to gain greater independence, improve their quality of life, and be part of a supportive community where they are seen, valued, and encouraged. Some of the families we serve live right here in Sumner and are connected to our schools, local businesses, and neighborhoods. One of our patients, Marki, is a Sumner resident living with a rare disease. According to her sister, Lindsey, their family has witnessed tremendous growth in Marki's confidence, resilience, and independence since beginning therapy at Sundance. While Marki continues to face significant medical challenges, the strength and self-assurance she has gained through hippotherapy have had a lasting impact. Beyond the physical benefits, therapy has supported her emotional well-being and helped her reconnect with her community after the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, she is more willing to try new experiences, engage with others, and embrace life with renewed confidence. Sundance has provided more than therapy—it has given Marki a place where she feels capable, supported, and empowered. The impact of Sundance extends beyond our patients. Our volunteer program brings together students, parents, retirees, and professionals from throughout the Sumner community who generously give their time each week. For many, Sundance is more than a place to volunteer—it is a place to build relationships, give back, and be part of something that makes a meaningful difference. In many ways, the impact of Sundance reaches far beyond the therapy arena. It touches families, caregivers, volunteers, local businesses, and community members who are all part of a network of care, compassion, and support that strengthens the Sumner community. We would be honored if the City of Sumner would consider partnering with Sundance to support the patients, families, and community members we serve. Together, we can ensure that this life-changing therapy remains accessible, sustainable, and available right here in the community we proudly call home.

Confirmed Funding?

Yes

Confirmed Funding Source?

The Names Family Foundation Korum for Kids Foundation

Confirmed Funding Amount?

237500

Anticipated Funding?

Yes

Anticipated Funding Source?

The Kelly Foundation Multicare Community Fund

Anticipated Funding Amount?

35000
