

Hello Washington State Legislators,

Thank you for engaging in the hard work of turning community needs into policy, especially in a tough budget year like this one.

Investing in community collaboration always pays dividends!

Every dollar of community support is amplified by community-based coalitions working to improve the financial well-being of our friends and neighbors.

[Community Asset Building Coalitions](#) cover 19 counties and hold an important part of coordinating poverty reduction services. Without Asset Building Coalitions, state offices such as Commerce, DSHS, OST, and DFI would have to fill the gap of coordinating services and re-creating local partnerships. We are far more cost effective.

We ask that you support and include the budget provisos submitted by Senator Lovelett and Representative Rude in the Operating Budget for FY 2026-27, providing **\$2.62 Million for the Asset Building Coalitions of Washington**.

Here are a few examples of the capacity that Asset Building Coalitions bring to their community:

David and Jaclyn graduated from the Family Self Sufficiency program at the Pierce County Housing Authority. Thanks to partnerships with the [Pierce County Asset Building Coalition](#), their program coordinator was able to support their housing *and* financial goals. They are now making a thriving wage, built savings, and have significantly improved their credit.

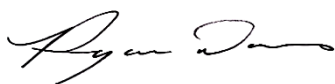
Three Yakima Valley families successfully completed the year-long EMERGE empowerment program through Love INC and the [Yakima County Asset Building Coalition](#). At graduation, the families were in control of their budgets and paying off over \$50,000 of debt.

The [Thurston County Asset Building Coalition](#) hosted the We Rise Economic Empowerment Retreat, a free retreat packed full of financial education and opportunities for low-income individuals to connect to service providers in support their financial wellness journey. One participant shared that they had been experiencing a financial crisis without hope and the event helped them create a plan to move toward homeownership.

Asset Building Coalitions improve the lives of community members and the economic resilience of the community itself through strengthening partnerships so people can access available resources.

The most important thing we can ask for is the continuation of funding.

In Community,



Ryan Davis, Director of Community Impact
Financial Empowerment Network

In Collaboration with Supportive Partners on following page

Community Asset Building Coalitions

Cowlitz County ABC
 Chelan-Douglas Counties ABC
 King County FEN
 Kitsap County ABC
 Klickitat-Skamania Counties ABC
 Mason County ABC
 Northwest Native ABC
 Okanogan County ABC
 Pierce County ABC
 Skagit County ABC
 Snohomish County ABC
 Spokane County ABC
 Thurston County ABC
 Walla Walla County ABC
 Whatcom County ABC
 Yakima County ABC

Supportive Partner Organizations

American Financial Solutions
 Beneficial State Foundation
 Blue Mountain Action Council
 CIELO
 Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund
 City of College Place
 City of Everett Housing Authority
 Community Action of Skagit
 Community Frameworks
 Community Network Council
 Connect Casino Road
 Connection CU
 Edmonds College
 Enterprise for Equity
 Evergreen Goodwill of NW Washington
 Express Credit Union
 Family Support Center of South Sound
 Fiscal Finesse Consulting
 FuturesNW
 Garden-Raised Bounty
 Go West Credit Union Association
 Guia Education & Consulting
 Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County
 Homes and Hope Community Land Trust
 Housing Resources Bainbridge
 Interfaith Family Shelter
 Kitsap Credit Union
 Kitsap Community Resources
 Latino Educational Training Institute
 Made Rich Financial
 Mason County Therapeutic Courts
 Mason Health
 Metropolitan Development Council
 MOXIE Entrepreneurial Support Services
 Northwest Native Development Fund
 Okanogan County Community Action Council
 Opportunity Council
 Peninsula Community Federal Credit Union
 Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest
 Remi Advisors LLC
 Sno-Isle Libraries
 Sound Learning
 Sound Outreach
 Spaceworks Tacoma
 Statewide Poverty Action Network
 Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity
 Take Charge Consulting
 United Way of Central Washington
 United Way Pierce County
 United Way Spokane County
 United Ways of the PNW
 Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
 Volunteers of America - Dispute Resolution Center
 WaFd Bank
 Walla Walla Community College
 Walla Walla Housing Authority
 Washington Bankers Association
 Washington Homeownership Resource Center
 Washington State Budget and Policy Center
 Washington State Community Action Partnership
 WECU
 Whatcom Dream
 Whatcom Literacy Council
 WWU—Small Business Development Center
 William Factory Small Business Incubator
 Yakima Housing Authority

Supportive Individual Partners

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