



2026 Bank On Annual Forum

Washington

Request for Presentation (RFP): 2026 Bank On Washington Forum

Release Date: March 30, 2026

Event Date: September 2-3, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 27, 2026

Location: Tacoma, WA

I. About Us & The Event

Financial Empowerment Network

The Financial Empowerment Network (FEN) is a nonprofit organization that connects and equips advocates and providers to advance financial thriving across Washington. **FEN works collaboratively with a network of partners across Washington State.** These partners include community-based organizations, government agencies, and financial institutions. We support the delivery of financial education and coaching services, promote low-barrier financial products and services, host workshops, and provide technical assistance for direct service providers.

Bank On Washington

Bank On nationally is focused on access to low-barrier checking and savings accounts certified as meeting the CFE Fund's Bank On National Account Standards. **Bank On Washington**, an initiative of FEN, has a broader focus, advancing financial wellness through cross-sector partnerships that:

- Provide financial services and resources such as financial education, coaching, and other financial empowerment programming
- Understand financial systems were designed to exclude some people and build wealth for others and they continue to operate as designed today
- Foster financial belonging in communities that have been historically marginalized and excluded from mainstream financial systems
- Address the racial wealth gap and the disparities that exist in communities that are furthest from opportunity
- Empower everyone to take action in their respective industries and **foster financial belonging not just in theory, but in practice and on purpose**

BOWA Forum

FEN’s largest convening of the year is our annual Bank On WA Forum. Forum participants generate **new ideas and connections** to improve the financial stability of our un- and underbanked neighbors and those furthest from opportunity. We are expecting between **175 and 200 attendees**. They represent many sectors, including financial institutions, community-based organizations, government, education, small businesses, and more. **Our objective is to foster understanding and partnerships across these sectors**, that may have vastly different systems and strategies, but share a common goal of increasing financial empowerment for everyone.

See programs & agendas from prior BOWA forums: [2025](#) | [2024](#) | [2023](#) | [2022](#)

II. The Request

Scope of Presentation

FEN is seeking presentation proposals for the 2026 Bank On Washington Annual Forum. Each session will be **1 - 1.5 hours** in duration (subject to change as the agenda is finalized). **Sessions can be in any format** (presentation, panel, activity, etc.) This year, we will be offering attendees the opportunity to join one of **four distinct learning tracks**, with each focusing on communities who have historically been marginalized and excluded from mainstream financial systems. We are looking for candidates that can present on topics relevant to the following:

Immigrants & Refugees

Share ideas and resources to provide safe and accessible financial services to immigrant and refugee communities amid tumultuous circumstances and changing federal policy.

Continuum of Housing Stability

Stable housing is a foundation for financial health. Discuss how to increase housing stability at all income levels despite rising rent costs, the high cost of living, and the many barriers along the path to homeownership.

Financial Health is Healthcare

We recognize the critical role finances plays in a person’s physical and mental health. Examine the intersections of mental, physical, and financial health and how to fill the gaps between community need and available resources.

Banking & Resource Deserts

Banking and resource deserts disproportionately effect communities that are low-income, marginalized, or rural, and often drive consumers to riskier and more expensive financial service alternatives. Explore how to increase accessibility in all corners of our state and Tribal lands.

III. About Presenter

1. Name of primary presenter:

2. Co-presenters, if applicable:

3. Email:

4. Phone Number:

5. Organization:

Many of our past speakers have participated within their paid role with a partner organization. If you **will not** be participating as part of your paid work or otherwise being compensated for your involvement:

6. What are your speaker compensation expectations?

All speakers receive **1 free registration**, which includes meals provided during the event.

7. What other accommodations are needed to fully participate in the conference?

Airfare/Mileage

Hotel Accommodations

Other:

8. Bio (100 words maximum):

9. Please tell us about your past speaking/presentation experience:

You may include anything that demonstrates your experience and skills (such as references or examples from prior presentations or speaking engagements)!

Please note if examples will be submitted as separate attachments in the submission email.

IV. Presentation Information

10. Title:

11. Length of presentation:

14. Learning Objectives (2-3)

13. Summary (the Why, What, How) - Approximately 1-3 paragraphs

15. How does your presentation align with the forum's purpose and values?

16. Session Format (select all that apply):

Presentation

Lecture

Panel discussion

Activity

Interview

Other:

17. Learning Community/Track (select all that apply and see page 2 for reference):

Immigrants & Refugees

Continuum of Housing Stability

Financial Health is Healthcare

Banking & Resource Deserts

V. Submission & Selection Process

Requirements & Expectations

- Alignment with forum's overarching theme and objectives
- Alignment with FEN's Mission & Values
- Code of Conduct will be included in speaker agreement

Submission Guidelines

Submit the following by **April 27th** via email to **hello@fenwa.org**
(Include **"BOWA Proposal"** in subject line):

- Completed RFP application
- Resume
- References
- Optional: Examples of prior presentations (videos, slideshows, etc.)

Selection Criteria

- Experience (Lived and/or Professional)
- Subject matter expertise
- Proven ability to engage and connect with audiences
- Alignment with forum's theme, purpose, and objectives
- Fit of presentation with agenda
- Intended audience (Over/under representation of any particular sector will be considered)

Evaluation Process

- Proposals will be evaluated by a cross-sector committee comprised of Bank On WA forum planning team members
- They will be scored according to experience and expertise, quality and creativity of proposals, and alignment with forum objectives
- **Final selections will occur in May 2026**

Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact **Ryan Davis at ryan@fenwa.org.**