



## Bill Henningsgaard Fund for Children 2018 Giving Guidelines

### **Background and Mission**

The Bill Henningsgaard Fund for Children was created to honor Bill's memory. Proceeds from the fund will be used to better the lives of and opportunities for children of all ages through leveraged programs in the area served by Eastside Pathways. We expect to grant \$5,000 per year.

We will focus on one area each year. Our five-year schedule\* for grants will be:

2014: Summer and Extended Learning – awarded to the Bellevue YMCA

2015: School Readiness and Early Learning –awarded to CISC

2016: Attendance and/or Tardiness – awarded to the Community Truancy Board (Bellevue School District)

2017: Transitions – awarded to the Bellevue Schools Foundation

**2018: College and Career Readiness – middle & high school and post-secondary education**

**2018 Grant Focus:** The ultimate goal of Eastside Pathways is to prepare each and every child to succeed in college and career, so they may have a productive and fulfilling life. By reducing inequalities, increasing career exploration options, focusing on soft skills and social emotional learning, we support all our youth on their own pathways for success. The 2018 grant will be directed to programs that help facilitate this goal.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Eastside Pathways partner organizations (children or families cannot apply directly).
- Grants will be awarded according to the identified focus area and to a different partner organization each year.

### **Grant Criteria**

Projects do not have to meet all of these criteria but we will consider those that:

- Better the lives and opportunities of youth and young adults.
- Impact more than one child. We would like to leverage the funds as much as possible, for example, training staff or training high school students to mentor middle school students.
- Support collective impact and help the Eastside Pathways Partnership achieve our shared goals. For example, partnering with business people to assist with a college/career counseling program.

### **Process**

- **Grants for 2018 will be accepted between May 21 and June 25, 2018.** The grant will be awarded on July 23, 2018.
- We ask that you submit a 1-2 page Letter of Interest (LOI) that includes the sections outlined below.
  1. Description of your organization (100-200 words)
  2. Description of your project (500-700 words)
  3. Description of your project budget, including salary-related expenditures if applicable
  4. Identification of your target project audience including youth's age, demographics, and/or other important descriptors (100-200 words)
  5. Identification of Eastside Pathways Partner organizations involved with or directly impacted by your project (100-200 words)
  6. Description of how you will measure the success of your project (100-200 words)
- Grants will be decided by a committee composed of several Eastside Pathways board members, representatives of the broader community, and experts in the field.

- We will ask for an article, video, or letter outlining how the money was spent, its impact, and any insight you have about strengths and challenges you faced. The story will be shared with the full Eastside Pathways partnership once complete.

**Note:** Please don't make super small margins or use small typeface to get your LOI to two pages. If it needs to be a bit longer, that's okay. We want to make it easy for you.

Please submit your LOI to Eastside Pathways at [bhfund@eastsidepathways.org](mailto:bhfund@eastsidepathways.org).