



# South King Council of Human Services

*Enhancing the quality, availability and accessibility of human services for South King County*

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## Capacity Building Project: Menu of Services

The Capacity Building Project at SKCHS is available to provide a variety of FREE services to agencies, organizations, and community groups in South King County:

- Grants and Proposals
  - Help with **grant planning**.
  - Organize groups interested in joint or **collaborative proposals**.
  - Provide **volunteer readers** who provide feedback on draft proposals and applications.
  - Assess what funding opportunities might be most appropriate, and where possible, make **connections** to promising funders.
  - The Project does not write grants for other organizations, but can connect agencies to such services.
- Organizational Supports
  - The Project can help agencies improve organizational strength with any of the following:
    - Designing measurable outcomes that will impress funders
    - Strengthen agency leadership and management, especially during transitions
    - Financial management practices that appeal to funders
    - Evaluation, outcome measurement, and service delivery improvement
    - Resources to build better Boards and governance
    - Reaching underserved communities and cultivating cultural competency
    - Policies and procedures: writing them, reviewing them, and using them.
    - Information technology and data management challenges
- Networking and Connecting to Allies
  - Find peer organizations who are doing related work or who have adopted innovative models.
  - Support collaborative efforts between agencies, advice on cooperative projects, and assist in developing coordinated services in SKC.
  - Successful nonprofits learn from peer organizations who are doing related work; we help organizations and promising leaders learn about—and learn from—regional regional service systems.
- Research, Data, and Strategic Planning
  - Help agencies find the data they need to guide decision-making and justify services
  - We undertake research projects that address SKC human services
  - We help agencies plan new lines of business, or plot out strategic initiatives; we can be a neutral sounding board for new ideas or old problems
  - While the Project can't lead an agency's strategic planning efforts, we can connect agencies to people who can provide such services at affordable rates.