Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest  
$15,000 – Snohomish County

This project focuses on education, outreach and community organizing with the major ethnic and language groups in the Everett-Lynnwood region—Arabic, Russian/ Ukranian, Bhutanese, Burmese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese and African origin. The organization will conduct a series of culturally appropriate workshops about transit oriented development and planning along the north corridor and potential impacts on their communities. Participants will also be provided with the tools and encouragement needed to be able to become effectively involved in the policy development and planning processes. The program will include:

- **Workshops:** Recruitment and education of members of targeted ethnic groups to raise awareness about the concerns, issues and opportunities brought by transit oriented development along the north corridor. Two workshops for each ethnic group will be conducted in both Lynnwood and Everett in a bilingual and bicultural setting.
- **Natural Leaders:** Through the workshops, motivated individuals from each ethnic group will be identified and emerge as Natural Leaders to represent the interests and give their communities a voice in the decision making process. These leaders will receive additional training and mentoring to represent their ethnic communities at public meetings and to become involved in planning processes.
- **English as a second Language training:** Because good communication skills are essential for effective civic engagement, workshop participants will be encouraged to enroll in ESL classes.

Snohomish County Transportation Coalition c/o Senior Services of Snohomish County  
Up to $5,000 – Snohomish County

The Snohomish County Transportation Coalition is a diverse group of human service agencies, transit agencies, advocacy groups, people with special transportation needs, and others. The coalition fosters collaboration to create a coordinated, countywide special needs transportation system. Seniors are a growing population in the central Puget Sound region and it is critical that we plan communities and transportation systems that can meet the needs of our seniors. This project will work with senior centers and senior housing locations along the north corridor to collect data on the needs, priorities and concerns of seniors.

- **The Coalition will develop a survey** which includes topics such as types of transportation utilized and awareness of resources, barriers to transportation use, demographics and a range of other TOD issues.
- **The Coalition will then conduct a series of presentations and discussions** at senior centers and senior housing locations in cities along the north corridor. The goal is to engage the senior community in discussion around transportation issues and its relationship to their daily lives, housing and other issues pertaining to transit oriented development.

Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County  
$7,000 – Snohomish County

The Housing Consortium led a communitywide planning process to determine the need for affordable housing in Snohomish County and to develop strategies that address the identified need. To address some of these recommendations, the Consortium convened a work group that is seeking to develop a mixed-income transit oriented development project. Through this proposal, the Housing Consortium will incorporate the priorities of low-income residents currently residing along the Evergreen Way corridor into planning for a mixed-income, mixed-use development. The Consortium, working with several community partners, will seek out and
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document the concerns and priorities of low-income community members. This will inform the decision-making process to select a site within walking distance of a bus rapid transit stop as well as future planning at this site and a structure for community input. This process will include focus groups, surveys and/or interviews. This information will be compiled into a final report that will be presented to the work group and other decision makers.

Hopelink/ Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative

$5,854 – East King County

Hopelink/Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC) seeks to increase the options for transportation disadvantaged individuals, including older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income individuals, in East King County. Their proposal includes two types of activities to enhance community involvement in transit oriented development and planning along the east corridor.

- Transit Communities Exchange Forum: The event will enable a diverse group of stakeholders to share information and ideas, as well as learn about best practices that promote equitable development and support underrepresented communities along the East corridor. This event will include an overview of transportation planning, Southeast Seattle community stakeholders will share their historical perspective and “lessons learned” from the Central Link light rail project and discuss opportunities and potential impacts on development, housing, jobs, small businesses, community services, recreational activities and parking along the corridor.
- Neighborhood Conversation Cafes: EERC will host five Neighborhood Conversation Cafes in the cities of Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond to obtain feedback and data specific to service gaps and needs of underrepresented communities living and/or working along the east corridor. Findings will be compiled into a summary report and shared with participants and local jurisdictions. The report will also include existing data on demographics and community assets and will serve as a resource tool to support community engagement in decision-making and promote equitable development.

Rainer Beach Community Empowerment Coalition

$15,000 – South Seattle

RBCEC will engage youth and resident leaders to develop a Rainer Beach Transit Priorities Action Plan. This action plan will serve as a platform for residents to engage in the local and regional transportation and transit oriented development decision making processes that impact Rainer Beach. It will also be used to build coalitions along the South corridor. RBCEC will also share experiences with other communities “down the line”. Components of this project include: outreach, education and training, a resident survey, research and resident recommended TOD priorities, and coalition-building.

- Support a resident led engagement process to identify transportation, equitable TOD priorities for Rainer Beach. Conduct Leader Link training, design survey with leaders, compile analysis of neighborhood/transit plans impacting Rainer Beach, recruit 10-12 Rainer Beach youth and provide trainings for leaders and youth, conduct survey and compile data.
- Residents develop transit priorities and participate in larger regional planning. Compile survey data, leaders analyze intersection with current transit plans affecting Rainer Beach, communicate survey findings and report back (door knock/phone bank, present finding at community event), transit residency group development action plan to address their priorities.
- Use the priorities to engage broader south corridor around equitable TOD priorities. Rainer Beach leaders present findings to broader community.
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation Development Authority

$15,000 – Seattle

International District is the starting point for the East corridor and a new streetcar through the neighborhood will connect to the Capitol Hill light rail station. Little Saigon, part of the International District, serves as a social, cultural and economic hub to the region’s 30,000 Vietnamese-American residents. Since Little Saigon is not in a historic preservation zone it is ripe for development projects that could displace residents and businesses, destroying this community hub. SCIDPDA intends to address the need for an effective voice by building capacity in the Vietnamese community to advocate for Little Saigon and influence its development into a culturally rich and economically thriving transit-oriented development (TOD) focused neighborhood.

- Identify and recruit local stakeholders to form a TOD Leadership Committee. This Committee will represent and engage a diverse body of interests from Little Saigon, including: local business owners, community leaders (both current and new), property owners, customers, and residents. The Committee will get training on TOD history and implications, and a “how to” advocacy training.
- The Leadership Committee will then convene three times to formulate a social equity framework for TOD in Little Saigon. This framework will build upon Little Saigon Vision 2030 and include components of cultural anchors, business and economic development, housing (with a focus on family and senior housing), and transportation. The Leadership Committee will craft this framework into a report.
- The Leadership Committee will meet with key community members to garner wider support for the Core Vision. Once the Core Vision report is published, the Leadership Committee will meet with at least five decision makers to advocate for the Core Vision to be included in future decision making. This process will engage community stakeholders in immediate and long-term TOD issues, providing a sustainably active TOD-educated body of local residents advocating for equity in their community.

East African Community Services

$14,520 – South King County

East African Community Services (EACS) mission is to develop and strengthen the capacity of East Africans living in King County at the individual, family and community levels. This proposal focuses on three outcomes.

- EACS will organize local African business owners and entrepreneurs into the African Business Alliance of Puget Sound. This will help business community members identify and discuss common concerns about how public policies along the light rail corridor affect their enterprises. EACS will conduct direct outreach to local business owners in their own language and through EACS’s community network. EACS will facilitate guided discussions around topics related to transportation, land use, local economic and community development. The creation of the business alliance will allow EACS to accurately map these businesses to make them visible to policy makers, resource providers and the general public.
- EACS will conduct a research survey of African communities living along the south corridor, from the Beacon Hill station to the SeaTac/ Airport station. The focus of this survey will be to gauge the community’s awareness, opinions and concerns about transit-oriented development along the corridor. The data from these surveys will be compiled into a report and presented to policy makers.
- The African Business Alliance of Puget Sound will provide a stage for community organizing and engagement in policy creation. A Memorandum of Interests will be drafted detailing the business community’s concerns regarding transit oriented development along the corridor and suggestions to
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achieve greater equity. Once this draft is finalized, EACS will facilitate three forums engaging business members, policy makers, social service providers and other stakeholders.

Refugee Federation Service Center
$11,000 – South King County
Conduct research with refugee and immigrant communities in South King County to engage these communities and make recommendations for future policies and plans. RFSC will partner with the Lao Community Services Center, the Khmer Community of Seattle-King County and the East African Community Development Council. RFSC and partners will conduct ten focus groups in five languages, involving a minimum of 100 participants. The focus groups will collect information on how the refugee community is being impacted by current transportation investments, how they can be better served by public transit, how they can access opportunities as part of these investments (such as employment) and suggestions for opportunities closer to where refugee communities live, and how they can continue to be consulted with regard to recommendations for planning and policy development. RFSC will then compile a comprehensive report that will include recommendations for future involvement of refugee and immigrant communities. This report will be finalized with feedback from grant staff to ensure a useful tool that can inform future planning and policy making. A long-term outcome of their project is that future policies and plans address social equity concerns in refugee and immigrant communities.

Cross Cultural Collaborative of Pierce County c/o Multicultural Health Foundation – El Camino
$15,000 – Pierce County
The Cross Cultural Collaborative formed a diverse partnership in 2000 that includes over 20 community-based organizations promoting community health. Its core member organizations represent one of six ethnically, linguistically, socio-economically, culturally diverse and underserved populations in Pierce County: Native American, Latino/Hispanic, African-American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning; and Low Income. Their project includes three components:

• Community-Planner Exchange: Establish a dialogue with planners, transportation agencies, and policy makers by inviting them to Collaborative meetings. Members will learn about sustainability and TOD and about planning processes along the south corridor and in Tacoma. Planners, etc will learn more about concepts and local realities of social equity and justice and their members’ views of transportation and planning issues affecting them and their communities. Discussion will include ways to engage individual and community voices in planning and policy development.

• Researching needs and priorities: The collaborative will conduct 10-12 focus groups with their six priority populations and 4-6 additional focus groups within priority neighborhoods to gather information on issues relevant to those communities. These will be organized through their existing Community Planning Groups for each priority population. Focus groups will include a range of community stakeholders.

• Community organizing and engagement: The Collaborative will engage their communities and policy makers in a series of forums, or guided conversations. These will include forums to talk about the intersection of transit, health, built environment, mixed use centers, economic development, education, housing and other social determinants of health.
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Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Coalition

$7,500 – Pierce County

This proposal focuses on education and outreach in Pierce County. The Coalition will broaden its 2012 public forum to focus on the social equity component of the Growing Transit Communities Program with an emphasis on grassroots participation. The Coalition will engage community members, working through its members and in partnership with other local community organizations (such as the Cross Cultural Collaborative), to plan and organize the forum. This will provide an opportunity for learning and for community stakeholders to share their vision and hopes for this process. Through the planning process, the consortium and partners will identify next steps after the forum to further bring community into the process. The Coalition will also be updating the Guidebook to Affordable Housing in Pierce County and will dedicate a portion of this towards the Growing Transit Communities program. The guidebook reaches multiple audiences from legislators to those seeking affordable housing.