African American Leadership Forum  
*$5,000 – Seattle Metropolitan Area*
Increase involvement from the African American community in the overall Growing Transit Communities partnership and in the Regional Equity Network. Outreach to other African American organizations and share information about the regional planning processes underway and how to get involved.

Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County  
*$10,000 – Pierce County*
This project focuses on outreach and engagement of communities near the Fife station. In relationships with congregations and people of faith who minister to low-income, seniors, and immigrant communities in this area, Associated Ministries will capitalize on existing community events and venues to engage these populations in dialogue to educate about the planning and transit oriented development processes. In partnership with the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition, they will collect community data to inform local planning and decision-making through a survey and focus groups. The project will also engage residents and encourage leadership development by supporting inherent community leaders.

Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation  
*$15,000 – Seattle*
Engage the southeast Seattle community through a concentrated public outreach effort and convene a Rainier Valley Neighborhood Bike Group – a group of stakeholders interested in more involved discussion about developing bicycle infrastructure that will serve the community’s needs and facilitate bicycling to light rail. The outreach component includes attending community events, talking to them about barriers and working with them to address those barriers, and working through relationships with partners involved with Major Taylor, Safe Routes to Schools and other projects. Cascade will organize a series of four community discussions on barriers to bicycling, bicycling routes to light rail, and engagement in the transportation planning process. Through this process, they will form a diverse, self-sustaining Rainier Valley Neighborhood Bike Group that is organized around creating access to light rail through bicycling. Additional outcomes include: recruiting at least three community members to apply for a forthcoming leadership development program, and to increase the number of people who choose to ride bicycles to light rail.

El Centro de la Raza  
*$10,000 – South King County*
El Centro will outreach and engage Latino families around the Tukwila Light Rail Station. Specifically, El Centro will work closely with the residents of the Rainbow Trailer Haven community, which is less than half a mile north of the Tukwila Station and comprised primarily of single-wide mobile homes. The land was sold in 2006
and there looms the possibility of redevelopment for more transit-oriented development. El Centro will conduct focus groups conversations with residents on topics related to transit-oriented development, such as the current redevelopment status of the Rainbow Trailer Haven community and assessment of tenants’ needs and plans for relocation; advocacy training related to their status as a fragile mobile home community; engagement in the design development of the El Centro TOD project in Beacon Hill; assessment and discussion of rental “barriers to entry” (e.g. immigration status, household size, etc). They will work with and support on-site organizers for each focus group. El Centro has a relationship with this community since many residents access programs and services at El Centro. As a result of this project, residents of the Rainbow Trailer Haven will be more engaged in their land use status as a future possible transit oriented development site. Additionally, El Centro’s will incorporate feedback from residents into their Beacon Hill redevelopment project, and potentially some of these families may choose to relocate here should their community be redeveloped.

Got Green
$15,000 – Seattle
Got Green’s Construction Jobs Equity Project is a community organizing and engagement project aimed at involving residents from communities of color along the South transit corridor (from Rainier Beach to Beacon Hill) in an effort to develop a targeted, local hiring policy for construction jobs created as a result of transit-oriented development. Key stages of the project will include: 1) Research best practices in other cities to achieve targeted hiring policies that favor workers from low income neighborhoods; 2) Train and develop a speakers bureau of residents of colors who live, work or have historic ties to Southeast Seattle neighborhoods; 3) Support the volunteer speakers bureau to present at places of worship, community centers, community based programs, etc, and educate hundreds of residents of color and low income people along the south corridor on the issue of equitable access to construction jobs; 4) Organize a community meeting with key elected officials and other stakeholders, to present the benefits of targeted local hiring policies and give communities of color a voice on the issue of employment opportunities along the Link Light Rail corridor.

HomeSight
$10,500 – Seattle
The goal of this project is to increase economic and social opportunities for the Othello and Southeast Seattle communities through capacity building efforts that foster more effective community participation on the South Corridor Task Force. The grant activities will also build the capacity of communities participating on other task forces and the Regional Equity Network. The grant will be used in the following activity areas:

- Support small, independent business representation on the South Corridor Task Force. HomeSight has a relationship with the MLK Business Association but the MLKBA does not have the capacity to actively participate at this time. They will contract with a part-time business organizer from the community to participate on the task force to ensure the interests of these small, often immigrant owned businesses are at the table.
- Foster effective community participation on the south corridor task force. Provide support and mentorship for two neighborhood residents to participate on the task force. This includes meeting...
with them regularly to dive deeper into issues, making sure they have what they need ahead of decision making time to provide input, and help them with processes to report back and solicit feedback from their communities.

- Develop and organize two training workshops with the Equity Network. Provide dedicated time and space for community members to talk and learn about some of the planning and policy issues outside of the official meetings.

**Hopelink and Futurewise** (combined proposal)

$20,000 – East King County

This joint project seeks to build a foundation for greater community participation in East Link light rail and other developments that will affect them. In some parts of Puget Sound, community-based organizations and neighborhood groups that represent historically underserved communities are ready to step up and participate in the Growing Transit Communities partnership. On the Eastside, this network still needs to emerge. Groundwork to educate and organize these communities is needed in order to ensure low-income families, people of color, and immigrant and refugee communities will be engaged in East Corridor planning and development. Activities include:

- Identify and build a network of diverse community-based organizations and community leaders to participate in East Link Corridor planning efforts. Hopelink and Futurewise will work with agencies to identify opportunities to build their long-term capacity to effectively engage their constituencies in planning and policymaking along the East Corridor. This project will increase the number of Eastside organizations committed to participating in coordinated outreach and engagement efforts related to East Corridor planning.

- Pilot a grassroots strategy to build a constituency of low-income families, people of color, and refugees and immigrants for the East Link project. Outreach efforts will focus on the Overlake stations, and focus on nearby residents and those who will board light rail at Overlake stations. This project will increase awareness of East Link, existing transit options, and incentive programs for low-income families.

**OneAmerica**

$15,000 – South King County

OneAmerica will bring immigrant voices into the regional transit planning process by organizing East African and/or Latino immigrant communities who live or work along the South Transit Corridor in Tukwila, SeaTac, Kent, Federal Way, and Tacoma. They will accomplish this by leveraging existing community relationships and networks to do outreach, bring people together for Town Hall meetings, educate the community on transit issues, listen as they identify their needs and priorities, and act as a conduit to help them engage directly in the larger regional transit planning process. This project will be driven by existing community base groups or “chapters” that are the result of organizing and outreach in immigrant communities and led by natural local leaders. OneAmerica will host three public Town Hall meetings in South King County to educate immigrants about the regional transit planning process. Town Halls will include a presentation to share information,
attendees will share thoughts, ideas and concerns about transit issues, and base leaders will present attendees with opportunities to engage directly in the transit planning process. They will also organize a bus tour of proposed light rail station locations and other transit-related sites in South King County for immigrant community members, followed by an open discussion to hear thoughts and ideas on transit needs in their communities. Feedback and stories will all be documented and compiled into a report. Through this project, OneAmerica will build understanding of transit planning processes in immigrant communities, identify community needs and priorities, and engage immigrants in the transit planning process.

Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition
$5,000 – Seattle
Grant resources will support youth and resident leaders to implement the Rainier Beach Transit Priorities Action Plan. Previous activity (supported by a grant in Round 1) focused on organizing information, and engaging and exposing a diverse group of people to transit issues impacting them. With this round, focus will shift to implementation and advocacy, focusing on the following issues. The grant funds will allow 10 youth participants to continue to be stipended.

- Equitable Link Light Rail Access for youth;
- Enhanced framework for safety and connections between bus and light rail;
- Engagement of 1,500 Rainier Beach residents around transit issues impacting them.

Refugee Federation Service Center
$9,000 – South King County
Grant resources will allow RFSC to expand their project, started in Round 1, conducting focus groups with ethnic communities in partnership with community-based ethnic service providers. They are compiling the results from these focus groups to elevate key community concerns and priorities, and to provide recommendations for how to engage immigrant and refugee communities in future planning. For this second round, RFSC will target three additional language groups: Bosnian, Burmese, and Russian Ukrainian. They will also target elderly members of the community most likely to speak East Asian languages (Vietnamese, Lao, Khmer), many of whom have limited transportation options and mobility. Focus groups are a good strategy for these communities, many of whom have limited English skills and are unlikely to complete written surveys even when translated in their native language.

Solutions for Humanity, Community and the Environment
$10,000 – Pierce County
The overall objective of this project is to increase youth participation in public processes, particularly in underserved communities in Tacoma, utilizing the public participation opportunities provided by the Growing Transit Communities forums as a learning mechanism. Key activities include:

- Identify 5 youth in communities that will be impacted by planning related to the Growing Transit Communities program (Tacoma demonstration project).
- Provide training in public process and participation through mentorship and guided training. This
includes training sessions with mentors/guides, accompanied participation in GTC meetings, and debriefing with youth after meetings.

- Work with youth to develop a letter containing their responses and input to the GTC project. Youth will also create a short video outlining their experience in participating and provide a written assessment of the process.
- Provide a presentation regarding engaging youth in public processes.

Somali Community Services Coalition  
$15,000 – South King County

Two of the greatest challenges facing the East African community living in SeaTac and Tukwila are the rising costs of rent and utilities and the shortage of living wage employment. SCSC will conduct oral community outreach by conducting in-person surveys of 100 households living in apartment complexes near the Tukwila and SeaTac light rail stations. The survey includes two parts: the first will collect more quantitative data including cost of rent and utilities versus increase in wages and job availability since light rail construction began, while the second will focus on creating a narrative about participants’ needs, concerns and priorities. SCSC will also host five focus groups to examine the specific needs of youth, elders, women, business owners, and airport workers. SCSC will partner with other community organizations doing similar planning research, such as East African Community Services, to hold these focus groups. SCSC will invite all survey and focus group participants and other interested individuals to attend a community forum. During this event SCSC will share survey findings and facilitate a discussion to identify strategies for greater involvement in future planning processes. SCSC will also assist participants in selecting two natural leaders to act as representatives of the East African community in future planning meetings.

Somali Youth and Family Club  
$8,000 – East King County

This project emphasizes education and outreach with immigrant communities on the eastside. SYFC will facilitate four community cafes engaging refugee and immigrant community members, project partners, stakeholder, and governing officials to discuss their concerns around transportation planning. The goal is to serve those who lack experience with civic engagement and may be uncomfortable expressing their opinions and concerns, yet are directly impacted by transportation planning processes along the east corridor. Key outcomes include: Increased knowledge among refugee and immigrant community members regarding transportation barriers and increased involvement from non-English speaking community members in transportation policymaking. SYFC will invite city councilmembers and policymakers to attend the cafes alongside community members including parents, youth, and business owners.

Transportation Choices Coalition  
$15,000 – Pierce County

TCC will incentivize, educate and engage the community on how to impact the land use and transportation decision-making process. They will provide ORCA cards to targeted Tacoma residents who participate in
educational forums that promote equitable local community planning and engagement. TCC will provide staff time for content development, host the trainings and forums, distribute the transit rider incentive, and mobilize constituents. This project will reach historically underrepresented populations and train them on how to influence transportation and land use decisions in South Downtown, Hilltop, and surrounding neighborhoods. Trainings will give participants tangible tools and strategies on how to impact transportation and land use decision in their communities, they will be interactive and require practice, with teaching focused on the goal of long-term training and engagement. In addition to the training, TCC will identify 500 individuals they can organize around future planning opportunities. ORCA cards provide incentive to participate in the trainings and will also increase use of high capacity transit and local transit.