

# Racial Equity Coalition: *Love and Liberation*


Community-driven public-private coalition invested in developing positive cultural identity and creating spaces for belonging for youth of color in South King County

## WHO WE ARE


Love & Liberation is a project of the Racial Equity Coalition (REC), a multiracial partnership of 14 organizations led by and serving communities of color. REC is funded by public-private partnership for the purpose of collective action and collaborative grant making to meet the needs of BIPOC youth in South King County.


## Collective Impact

 **1,500**  
Youth served annually (majority BIPOC)

 **85%**  
Youth develop a positive cultural identity

 **81%**  
Youth develop self-advocacy skills

 **84%**  
Youth develop a sense of belonging

 **1,154**  
Households served with rental assistance during COVID, with 98% BIPOC head of household

## HISTORY

REC emerged from our joint advocacy to receive PSTAA funding in 2019. Successfully receiving \$1.2 million of the K-12 bucket for a pilot program through 2025, and matched by commitments from United Way of King County through private fundraising, our 14 organizations deliver culturally responsive youth programming and collaborate for collective impact. Since inception, we meet monthly to share strategies and experiences.

## KEY PARTNERS

Over the last 6 years, we have worked together to provide culturally responsive programming to South King County's BIPOC youth and families, build a healthy coalition for participatory grantmaking, administer funding, and manage data for program evaluation and assessment.



14 BIPOC-led Organizations



United Way of King County



King County



Youth Council

## WHAT WE NEED NOW

Our young people need community-led organizations now more than ever. Our organizations need opportunities to collaborate, advocate, and multiply our impact, together. We are excited to continue this work as a collective, and need PSTAA renewal to make it happen.

## OUR VISION

All youth and families deserve an inclusive community where they can be confident in their cultural identities and have the resources they need to determine their future. In the face of today's political and economic uncertainty, we believe that collective, community philanthropy is key in unlocking that future.



← *Racial Equity Coalition: Learnings from a Community-Driven Public-Private Partnership, 2025*

**Check out our publications to learn more!**

*Racial Equity Coalition: Harnessing the Power of Community for Love and Liberation, 2022* →

