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Department of Local Services
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2026 Participatory Budgeting Technical Assistance Providers

Using a Technical Assistance (TA) Provider

Please contact a TA provider directly to schedule support for your proposal. This service is provided at no cost to you, and is offered first-come, first-served, so you will want to reach out early to ensure support is available.

TA providers are available to assist you with developing and refining your:

- Project scope
- Timeline
- Deliverables
- Budget

TA providers may not write or complete your application on your behalf. They can, however, provide guidance and support to help ensure your application is complete, clear, and responsive to the application requirements.

The following TA providers are listed in alphabetical order. You may select **only one** from this list to support your proposal development. If for any reason you are unhappy with your chosen TA provider, please contact Julia Bang, at jbang@kingcounty.gov to see if transition to another provider is possible.

BAKER CONSULTING

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PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Description: Kevin Baker of Baker Consulting and our associates partner with organizations to build capacity and create environments where clients, participants, stakeholders, and staff can thrive. Since 2013, we have supported more than 60 community-based organizations while working with numerous government agencies, embodying equity principles and values, and cultural responsiveness in every project.

Our mission is rooted in advancing people and organizational wellness by recognizing the impact of culture on all aspects of community engagement and our work. With a focus on building personal and organizational self-efficacy, we help organizations address access and accessibility, navigate differences, and embrace intersectionality in ways that promote growth for individuals and communities.

Specialties: Cultural engagement, equity & belonging; board development; housing, veteran, re-entry & mental health services

Contact information: Kevin Baker; email kevin@thebakerconsulting.com; phone 804-651-9317

COLLABORATIVE CAPACITY CO (COCAP)

Description: At Collaborative Capacity Co (CoCap), we believe the best community ideas come from the people who live them. Founded by Dr. Stephanie Bultema, CoCap brings more than 15 years of experience helping community organizations, nonprofits, and public agencies develop collaborative solutions to complex challenges. As a King County Participatory Budgeting technical assistance provider, Stephanie will work alongside you to strengthen your proposal, answer questions, and help you navigate the process so you can confidently submit a proposal that's both community-driven and ready for consideration.

Specialties: Network & systems mapping; community health & public health; K–12 programming

Contact information: Stephanie Bultema; email sbultema@collabcapacity.com; phone 509-994-1327

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS INITIATIVE (CPIN)

Description: Collaborative Partners Initiative (CPIN) is a woman-led and veteran owned community-serving small business located in Pierce County, Washington. We work locally throughout Washington State and support initiatives across the United States. Since we were established in 2020, we have achieved exceptional results in collaboration with the organizations we work with.

Specialties: Services can be provided in Spanish

Contact information: Angela Silva; email asilva@thecpin.com; phone 253-722-6352

KING'S DREAM BUSINESS CONSULTING

Description: Founded in 2019 in response to Seattle's growing gentrification and displacement crisis, King's Dream Business Consulting advances economic justice by providing affordable business growth and stabilization services to underserved entrepreneurs and communities nationwide. Specializing in sales, operations, finance, marketing, strategy, and human resources, King's Dream has supported more than 400 neighborhood businesses, helping strengthen local economies and preserve community wealth.

Specialties: Prior Participatory Budgeting experience as a committee member and awardee

Contact information: Jawan Harris; email contact@kingsdreamconsulting.com; phone 855-530-5464

MEMconsultants

Description: MEMconsultants has partnered with nonprofits, schools, museums, parks, and public agencies throughout King County since 2001 to help them clarify what success looks like, strengthen their programs, and measure their impact. Based in South Seattle, we help community groups build the practical components of a strong program design — clear project descriptions, work plans, deliverables, timelines, milestones, and budgets — while keeping the plan genuinely community-owned. Much of our recent work focuses on youth development and arts programming. Our approach uses creative, culturally responsive facilitation to bring community voice into planning and decision-making.

Specialties: Youth development, arts programming; White Center, Skyway & South King County experience

Contact: Marry Murray; email info@memconsultants.com; phone 206-789-2015

RHL CONSULTING

Description: RHL Consulting team members bring decades of experience and are uniquely qualified and excited to support local organizations interested in implementing equitable, community-driven participatory budgeting processes. Guided by our core values of community-centeredness, integrity, and generosity, we partner with organizations to strengthen leadership, improve systems, increase sustainability, and advance equitable outcomes for children, families, and communities. Our approach is grounded in a longstanding commitment to sharing power, building community leadership, and ensuring that those most impacted by decisions have a meaningful role in shaping them.

Contact: Vivian Lyons; email vivian@rhlconsulting.org; phone 206-412-5894

TALITHA CONSULTS

Talitha Consults
Interdisciplinary • Multilingual • People-Centered

Description: Talitha Consults is a team of interdisciplinary professionals who support organizations and communities with equity-focused community planning and leadership development workshops. We are regional planners, educators, facilitators, researchers, communicators, designers, and community builders.

We come alongside our clients to create strategies and tools for capacity building, meaningful civic engagement, community building and policy planning. Our practices are grounded in a framework of social and racial equity.

Specialties: Government contracting; community engagement; culturally responsive

Contact: Charis M. Hnin; email: charis@talithaconsults.com; phone: 206-422-8260