

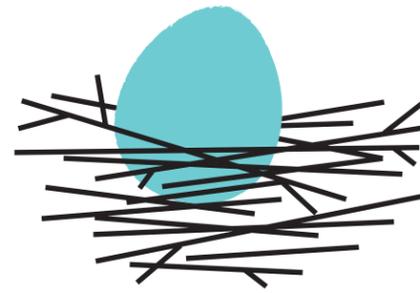


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NWCF Site Visits: Deeper connection. Deeper impact.

Each year, NW Children's Fund receives inquiries from scores of child-serving agencies in search of grant funding. To identify those that will most effectively change the lives of at-risk children, we employ a rigorous and thoughtful grant review process—and personal visits to each grant applicant are at its heart.

After studying the applications, Board members head out to visit each agency under consideration. They tour the facilities, observe the agency's work in action, and discuss the program's objectives and outcomes directly with those who are delivering the services. NWCF Board members agree: site visits are one of the most educational, revealing, and inspiring parts of the grant-review process.

Recently, Davis and her site-visit partner arrived at an agency with concerns about the applicant's sustainability. "We went in with tough questions about the organization's financial stability. The way the staff addressed our concerns helped us see their strategic thinking at work. They are as determined and resourceful as the families they serve—and our site visit helped reveal this important fact."

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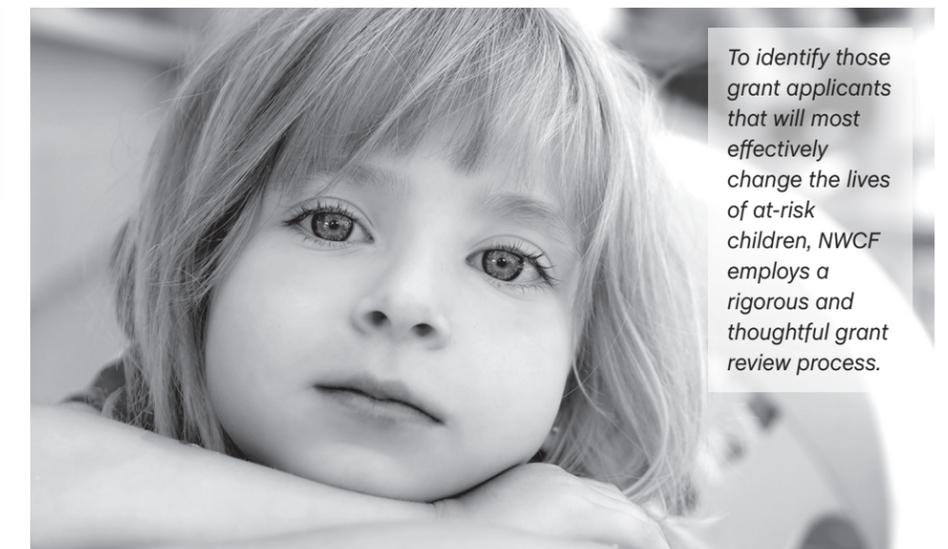
Careful review of application materials is an important first step in a grant review, but even the most expertly written proposal can't begin to match the quality of information and the depth of detail gleaned through a face-to-face meeting.

Erase your preconceptions.

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NWCF Site Visits (continued from page 1)

Stay current and connected.

By visiting several applicants every year, NWCF Board members are able to gather insights on the most recent changes and discoveries within our community—from child welfare to social work to brain science.

Being at the center of all this critical information puts NWCF in a truly unique position. NWCF is not just handing out grants, but is becoming a leading voice in child welfare—learning from the agencies they serve; strategically aligning resources, organizations and passionate individuals; and investing donor dollars where they can do the most good.

Gain unparalleled perspective.

Site visits also give Board members a crucial perspective on the diverse array of

strategies that organizations are employing to keep children in our communities safe.

“What strikes me with every grant cycle,” Board member Yenii Dex shares, “is how much we all grow as grantmakers by virtue of visiting multiple agencies. We learn what distinguishes one from another and hear how they describe their work. It’s like an intensive course in making an impact.”

Ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect is a complicated endeavor. But the more open we keep the lines of communication—through site visits and NWCF’s thoughtful, honest collaboration with agencies throughout our community—the more successful we are at breaking the cycle, and *making hope work*.

Site visits: From the grant applicant’s perspective

“Interviews by NWCF Board Members have made the application and award process much richer than any other grantmaking body. Their questions always seem to be insightful and serious and they have often required us to think through some issues more rigorously than we might have otherwise.” *Ryther Child Center*

“NWCF is a lean and focused community resource. By providing a disciplined, experienced, and researched analysis of the many philanthropic investment opportunities

available, NWCF provides a ‘rate of return’ that would otherwise not be available to the donor.” *Amara*

“The Board of NWCF is a wonderful part of the granting process. They are informed before walking through the door of our agency and do not hesitate to ask difficult questions. These questions are meant to get to the heart of matters, so that a visit from the NWCF Board is educational for the visitors and the agency staff.” *Parent Trust for Washington Children*

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Winter 2014 Grant Recipients

Agency / Program Description	Grant (\$)	Agency / Program Description	Grant (\$)
Healing Abused Children			
Dawson Place / Coordinated medical, mental health, advocacy, protection and law-enforcement services for abused children in Snohomish County.	18,000	SafeFutures Youth Center / Comprehensive services for youth development and violence prevention.	11,200
Families Like Ours: Foster and Adoptive Family Education Program / Education and support for non-traditional families, both pre- and post-foster care and adoption.	12,000	Teen Feed: Street Talk Outreach Program (STOP) / Provides outreach and case management services to homeless youth in Seattle and Auburn.	5,600
Family Law CASA / Representation and advocacy for children in custody cases involving allegations of abuse and neglect.	11,500	University District Youth Center - CCS / Continuum of critical services for homeless, at-risk, runaway, and/or street-involved youth ages 13-22.	8,400
Lutheran Community Services Northwest: Permanency Planning Foster Care Program / Permanency planning and case management for foster children and their families.	11,500	YouthCare: Adolescent Emergency Shelter / Shelter, case management, referrals for services, crisis resolution and family reconciliation as appropriate for homeless adolescents.	12,500
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: Immigrant Child Advocacy Project / Legal services and advocacy for abused, abandoned, and undocumented immigrant children.	12,000	Youth Tutoring Program - CCS / After-school tutoring and enrichment program for kids living in five Seattle low-income public housing communities.	11,200
Olive Crest: Foster Family Program / Recruitment, training, and licensing of foster families for children traumatized by abuse and/or neglect.	15,000	Strengthening Fragile Families	
Secret Harbor: Foster Care Resources Program / Transition resources for youth in residential programming, training and support for foster families, case management for high-needs youth.	12,000	Brigid Collins Family Support Center / Evidence-based services including therapy, case management and parenting education for at-risk families with children birth to 12 yrs old.	9,400
Sound Mental Health: Children's Domestic Response Team / Specialized counseling services to help children and their supportive parents recover from domestic violence.	20,000	Domestic Abuse Women's Network / Services for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.	9,000
World Association for Children and Parents (WACAP): "A Family for Me" Program / Multimedia to help place special-needs foster children with permanent families.	3,500	HopeSparks / Specialized counseling for children who have been abused or traumatized, family/kinship support and parent education.	20,000
Helping At-Risk Youth			
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County / Mentoring for low-income, high-risk, and pre-teen girls in Island County.	7,200	Housing Hope: ChildHope Child Development Program / Therapeutic programming to help homeless and at-risk families overcome barriers to age-appropriate development for their children.	11,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula / Youth development and tutoring and mentoring services for kids ages 5-18 in the Olympic Peninsula.	11,000	Lydia Place: Therapeutic Children's Group in the Transitional Housing Program / Supports homeless women with children in their transition from homelessness to independence.	8,000
Cocoon House / Outreach, prevention, residential services and advocacy for homeless and highly disconnected youth.	20,000	Rochester Organization of Families / Resources and services for children, youth, and families to achieve a healthy, positive, and drug-free community in the Rochester area.	12,000
Communities In Schools of Renton / School-based mentoring and support services for youth identified by teachers, counselors and parents as at high risk of school failure.	14,600	Thrive by Five Washington: Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) / A public-private partnership that leverages public funds to provide financial and capacity-building support for a portfolio of evidence-based, researched-based, and promising home visiting practices throughout Washington.	5,000
Community for Youth / Research-based mentoring, character building, and goal-setting skills development for Seattle's most vulnerable teens.	10,000	Vision House / Transitional housing and integrated support services for homeless mothers and their children.	10,000
North Counties' Family Services: Darrington Family Support and Resource Center / After-school programming and mentoring for children and families in rural Snohomish County.	12,000	Wellspring Family Services: Homeless Infant Mental Health Program / Programs to help homeless infants/toddlers and their parents create strong emotional bonds and communication skills.	5,000
Friends of the Children / Pairs children from distressed neighborhoods with paid, full-time professional mentors through high school graduation.	11,900		
Neighborhood House: BridgeStart Program / School-based case management for 9-14 year-olds at risk of drug and criminal involvement.	7,500		
The Rescue Mission: Youth Services / Provides academic and socio-emotional support for homeless children ages 2-18 living in Rescue Mission facilities.	10,000		

