

A Message from Paula Sardinas, President of WBBA:

As we step into the 2024 legislative session, our commitment to the We Build Back Black Alliance is stronger than ever. This year, we continue to champion the causes that are vital for the progress and empowerment of our CoC (communities of color). Each item on our agenda reflects our unwavering dedication to creating a fair and just society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive. We stand together to advocate, challenge, and make a lasting impact.

2024 Session Agenda:

- **9th Grade Student Success**
- **Barrier Reduction (Open Doors)**
- **Financial Literacy**
- Economic Opportunities for BIPOC Small Businesses (Appropriations)
- Defending the CCA (EJ Legislation)
- Rent Stabilization
- Decreasing Audits for In-home childcare workers
- NGO, CBO, and Non-profit Community Grants
- Digital Equity
- Consumer Protection
- Governor, AG, DNR, and Treasurer Request Legislation
- Affordable Home Ownership (Housing)
- Minority Contracting (I200)
- LFO / Juvenile Justice
- WA Future Funds
- Healthcare Equity
- DEI Initiatives
- Food Insecurity (BIPOC Community)
- Voter Rights/ Protection

Our Goals:

Build a United Black Voice

that bridges all ages, genders, ideology, and societal norms in the black community.

Build a Black Advocacy Voice

that is present at all levels of government; we are not a monolith and our issues cannot be couched under BIPOC issues.

Build Back Black Businesses

The black business has been the heartbeat of the black community since reconstruction.

Build a Black Advocacy Voice

We have witnessed an erosion of equity in the black community through the loss of home and land ownership, coupled with health and educational disparities.

Build Back Black Communities

Gentrification has displaced what was once burgeoning black communities. The WBBBA wants to reinvest, reinvigorate, and revitalize black communities throughout Washington.

PILLARS OF STRUCTURAL RACISM

DBE, MBE, and
WBE Business
Support



Environmental
Justice



Education
Digital
Equity



Healthcare
Disparities



Criminal
Justice
Reform



Food
Insecurity



Appropriation Requests:

As part of our commitment to supporting vital community programs and initiatives, the WBBA proposes the following appropriation requests for the 2024 legislative session. These requests represent our dedication to empowering and uplifting the communities we serve through strategic funding:

2024 Requests:

Stand for Children: | \$2.9 million

Requesting an appropriation of \$2.9 million. This funding will be dedicated to their focus on 9th-grade student success, ensuring that students receive the support and resources necessary to thrive academically at this critical educational stage. (Operating Budget)

Equitable Recovery and Reconciliation Alliance (ERRA): | \$1 million

(In the Governor's Budget) Seeking \$1 million to support ERRA's commitment to addressing racial disparities exacerbated by COVID-19. ERRA's work concentrates on policy change and resource allocation, targeting key areas such as Ways and Means, Appropriation, and Commerce to support BIPOC communities in their post-pandemic recovery. (Operating Budget)

United Way of King County: | \$1.9 million

Requesting \$1.9 million for their continued partnership in enhancing program quality and advocating for improved policies. This funding is crucial for their focus on barrier reduction services, enabling them to continue transforming lives in the community, particularly with an eye toward the 2025 budget. *(Operating Budget/SB5850)*

Byrd Barr Place: | \$1 million

Requesting \$1 million *(operating request)* to support their ongoing efforts in providing essential services such as food, housing, and energy assistance. This appropriation will aid in their mission to foster self-sufficiency and advance racial equity in the community. *(Operating Budget)*

Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle: | \$3 million

(\$3M Federal request) TBD HUD Housing request

Eastside For All: | \$2 million

Requesting \$2 million to support their ongoing efforts in providing affordable housing for the BIPOC community. This appropriation will help ensure that members of the marginalized community in the Eastside (Washington) Redmond/Kirkland/Bellevue/Issaquah have access to affordable community-creating sustainable housing solutions. *(Capital Budget)*

YMCA Seattle: | \$6.2 million

Requesting \$6.2M *(in the Governor's budget)* for the restoration and relocation of Camp Colman. *(Capital Budget)*

WBBA Caps our request at \$20M per session

These appropriation requests align with WBBA's strategic goals to effect positive change and provide substantial support to programs that profoundly impact the lives of individuals in our communities, particularly in the CoC (communities of color) sector.