

THE CAC SUPPORTS BLACK LIVES BY ADDRESSING THE SYSTEMIC RACISM AND HELPING BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES TO THRIVE

Alignment | Collective Responsibility | Transparency | Collaboration

Small Business Grants

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic the CAC provided twenty four \$500.00 small business grants as a stop gap measure to help businesses survive. While the national, state and local governments wrestled with the issue of what to do, the CAC sought to help reduce the financial burden of its minority owned community small businesses. (scroll down our COVID-19 page to see our leadership in action - The Collaborative in the Community)

Regional Partnerships

The CAC in conjunction with Portlands Community Energy Labs led by Tonya Barham is working with Seattle City Light and other energy related groups in anticipation of a grant by the Department of Energy...(more to the right)

Support Black Businesses

<https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=RM5U3UWK6DL6J>



Dept of Energy Connected Communities Pacific Northwest Project

The CAC is working with its partners to increase the energy efficiency and safety of the CD's community assets. What we hope to achieve is to demonstrate that existing building equipment (e.g. HVAC, water heaters) can cost-effectively reduce and shift load in coordination with distributed energy resources (DERs), such as PV and batteries, in order to respond to dynamic signals from the grid. Where possible, the project will use state of the art high efficiency appliances to demonstrate aggressive





What our Navigator is up to

Gavin Amos (on right) serves as the Central Area Collaboratives person on the streets. His role is to help neighborhood businesses navigate the many obstacles that they may face. His role includes:

- Connecting businesses with funding opportunities and grants
- Providing a voice to the Collaborative on behalf of neighborhood minority owned small business to ensure their voices are heard at the City Staff and City Council level
- To ensure City policy is rooted in input from the community and the community's collective voice is heard.

From food justice, social and racial equity, economic development and youth opportunity for training, education and funding. The CAC uses the navigator to help bring injustices and inequality to the forefront.

energy savings and energy shifting. This effort will show that building loads and DERs can be reliably dispatched in response to dynamic signals (ie. real-time pricing) that will encompass three use-cases: 1) provide grid resource capacity; 2) address transmission and distribution congestion; and 3) support the delivery of 24/7 renewable generation via a carbon price surcharge. Finally, the effort will document stakeholder value propositions and a replication process to promote adoption

Byrd Barr Place and the CAC

By connecting with the entities that are at the forefront in green technology and the environment, the CAC is intentional in ensuring that Central Area Community owned property is provided equal opportunity and access in being a part of innovative and ground breaking pilot projects. The CAC strategy of inclusiveness is bolstered by the use of EcoDistrict principles as a tool to address climate protection oversight at the community/neighborhood level.

