# AGENDA

**GOVERNANCE GROUP**  
**March 16, 2018 2 - 4 pm**  
Seattle Foundation  
1601 5th Avenue, 19th Floor  
Call-in: 206-263-8114 #641362

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*Governance Group Closed Session for Discussion Deliberation of this agenda item*

Next meeting: April 20, 2018 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Chinook Building

**Governance Group Members**

Lydia Assefa-Dawson  
Michael Brown  
Deanna Dawson  
Andrea Estes  
Ubax Gardheere  
Matelita Jackson  
Paola Maranan  
Gordon McHenry, Jr.  
Alison Mendiola  
Jenn Ramirez Robson  
Marguerite Ro  
Sili Savusa  
Nathan Smith  
Adam Taylor  
Tony To
Consent Agenda
Governance Group (GG) approved the February 16, 2018 consent agenda, which included meeting minutes from January 19, 2018.

Team Building & Real-Time Check In
The Governance Group members checked-in with one another on “top of mind” issues related to their work and intersections with Communities of Opportunity.

Marguerite Ro led a brief discussion about racial equity using the Best Starts for Kids Children and Youth Advisory Board Equity Statement and Definition. The Governance Group discussed whether there was a shared desire to use the same definition. Because the BSK version doesn’t name “racial equity,” the GG was not ready to adopt it. The COO Governance Group grounding document which has a vision, values and principles for COO is preferred.

Jenn Ramirez Robson volunteered to work with Marguerite on this issue and bring another discussion to the GG in 2018.

Andrea Estes asked if COO Result Area Headline Indicators are available online, and they are reported on the Best Starts for Kids indicators webpage at this link (https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids/dashboards.aspx).

Community Partnership RFP
Blishda Lacet presented a PowerPoint regarding the Community Partnership RFP. She provided information to set up the GG for a decision about Community Partnership funding at the GG meeting on March 16. GG members will receive the packet for decision making a week before the meeting.

Blishda described the COO Workgroup process to design the request for proposals (RFP) and the review panel process to select awards.

The purpose of the RFP is to improve community conditions in health and well-being by investing in geographic places and cultural communities. Investments will support community partnerships across organizations and sectors to develop a shared agenda and implement projects that contribute to better health, safe and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and stronger community connections.
among its community members.

We received 43 proposals requesting more than $21 million. Proposals were divided into groups and assigned to Review Committee members made up of community representatives and COO staff. The reviewers scored the application based on set criteria and recommended that 18 proposals be scheduled for a site visit. Recommendations will be forwarded the Work Group to consider for funding allocations/recommendations.

**Place-Based Partnerships**

Michael Brown and Andrea Akita presented a decision memo recommending funding for the “backbone” activities of the three original place-based community partnerships in 2018. The proposal was to provide $897,000 in backbone funding in total for three locations through a combination of public and philanthropic funds.

This is the fourth year that COO has provided of this type of funding. Some of the place-based partners are leveraging their backbone funding on a $4:$1 basis -- $4 leveraged from other sources for every $1 invested by COO.

Sili Savusa, Adam Taylor and Tony To recused themselves, due to their conflicts of interest.

**Motion to approve the Place-Based Partnership funding as recommended.**

All Governance Group votes were to approve the motion.

**COO Evaluation: BDS Planning & Urban Design**

The BDS team, Brian Scott, Nissana Nov and Jackie St. Louis, reviewed a PowerPoint to provide an overview of work performed to date, including a recap of the Intro Meeting held in January, preliminary evaluation questions identified through stakeholder interviews and discussions, and their initial outreach/engagement planning in the next month. BDS is reviewing documents and with information they have reviewed and gathered, they will present a “state of COO” document to the Governance Group at the April 16 meeting.

The BDS evaluation team has many existing relationships with partners and people in the region. They are looking at understanding power dynamics and progress made in undoing institutional racism.

The GG members discussed how the evaluation work can inform the learning community and capacity building for emerging / smaller nonprofit organization. It was noted that there are a broad range of options for nonprofits of different sizes and structure to grow and thrive. New/emerging groups don’t know that there are options and aspire to be like the large nonprofits they see (not realizing that they struggle to fundraise and sustain their operations, like new groups do).

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

**Executive Session**

- The Governance Group held an Executive Session from 3:45 to 4:00 pm.

The next meeting on March 16, will be at the Seattle Foundation, Board Room, 1601 5th Avenue, 19th Floor.