Best Starts for Kids
Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative
RFP 1149-16 (VLN) Services Funding

Twenty-six grants in the amount of $150,000.00 each were awarded to local non-profit agencies through the Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative RFP to provide client-centered case management and flexible funds to youth ages 12-24 and families with youth who are at imminent risk of homelessness. Under Council direction, the awards were directed to go to agencies serving individuals throughout King County where the highest rates of newly homeless are concentrated. In addition, funds were to be allocated in a manner that would increase the likelihood that a reduction of first-time homelessness would directly serve those disproportionately represented in the homeless systems.

The following agencies were awarded funding:

1. Africatown Center for Education & Innovation
2. API Chaya
3. Atlantic Street Center
4. Auburn Youth Resources
5. Friends of Youth
6. Interim Community Development Association
7. Iraqi Community Center of Washington
8. Kent Youth and Family Services
9. LifeWire
10. Mother Africa
11. Multi-Service Center
12. Native Women in Need
13. Open Doors for Multicultural Families
14. Partner in Employment
15. Partners at Lowell PTA
16. POCAAN
17. Refugee Women's Alliance “ReWA”)
18. Riverton Park United Methodist Church
19. Seattle Education Access
20. Seattle Indian Health Board
21. The ARC of King County
22. The NW Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse
23. Therapeutic Health Services
24. United Indians of All Tribes
25. Wellspring Family Services
26. Youth Eastside Services
27. YouthCare