

SESEC Family Power Building Interest Form

The Southeast Seattle Education Coalition is excited to announce Year 3 a funded family partnership opportunity called Family Power Building (FamPow)! Organizations that are chosen to collaborate will receive a total of \$10,000 in unrestricted grant funding to use in order to participate in the program.

Purpose

Family Power Building (FamPow), strengthens the power of families to shape and influence Seattle Public Schools systems through network development, and organizing and collective advocacy.

FamPow partners with two trusted community-based organizations (CBOs), each designating one staff member to be trained as a family organizer. These organizers will develop skills in community organizing, leadership development, and education advocacy.

Once trained, these organizers will lead a capstone project with families who receive their organizations' services. Through the capstone project, families will build and engage their advocacy "muscle", deepen their understanding of education systems, developing leadership confidence, and learning how to collectively drive change in Seattle Public Schools.

Qualifications:

- Be a 501c3 or fiscally-sponsored organization
- Currently have 1-2 staff members who can commit to the program timeline (4 training sessions, 2 family workshops, and completion of a capstone project)?
- Have access to family groups of at least 10 OR can you easily form family groups of at least 10 members
- Organizations leadership is aware and receptive to this potential partnership? *This means dedicating staff to participate in FamPow and the acceptance of funds.*
- Serve families who live in Southeast Seattle (*Your organization does not have to exclusively operate within Southeast Seattle, but services should reach those living in the region*)

Grant disbursement timeline:

- A \$6,000 grant will be disbursed at the beginning of the program in order for organizations to have the funds to participate
- A \$4,000 grant will be disbursed upon completion of the family capstone project by the end of 2026.

For more information about the program, as well as examples of capstone projects, visit:
www.sesecwa.org/sesec-family-power-building-initiative/

Deadline: Extended to Aug 30, 2026

Questions? Email FamPow Specialist, Geo Yang at geo@sesecwa.org

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

2. Name *

3. Organization/Affiliation *

4. Role at Organization *

5. Is your organization a 501(c)3 or fiscally sponsored project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Do you have 1-2 staff members who can commit to the program timeline (5 training sessions, 2 family workshops, and completion of a capstone project)? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Do you currently have a family group of at least 10 or can form a group of at least 10 family members? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Is your organizational leadership aware and receptive to this potential partnership? *
This means dedicated staff to participate and acceptance of funds.

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. Does your organization serve families who live in Southeast Seattle? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Please use this space to elaborate on any answers above. If you have questions on the qualifications for this program, please email FamPow Specialist, Geo at geo@seseewa.org

Short answer questions

Please answer the following questions in 150 words or less - paragraph or bullet style.

Organization Information

11. **Tell us about your organization.** What does your organization do? What kind of services, supports and/or programs do you directly provide to families?

12. **Tell us about the role and/or staff who would be involved in Family Power Building (FamPow).**

We find that this project is most helpful to case managers, youth or family program staff and/or direct service staff who engage with families regularly but are open to learning how to navigate for system level change in education.

Partnership Readiness

13. **Do you currently have a family engagement program and/or strategy? If so provide a short description.** * If you don't have one, what are your goals when it comes to family engagement and advocacy?

14. **What is currently working in your family engagement program/strategies and where do you hope to grow?** *

Goals for the Partnership

15. **What are the areas of learning that would be most helpful to improve your family advocacy strategies? (How can FamPow learning sessions best serve your family advocacy program/strategies? What are some learning topics you would like to see?)** *

16. **After this program, where do you plan or vision your education advocacy and family leadership expanding?** *

17. **What kind of expertise can your organization (or you) bring into this partnership?** *

Thank you for filling out this application! We will get back to you shortly on decisions.