

Creando el futuro juntos.
Creating the future together.





We connect, share , and act.

The Latino Community Fund of Washington State connects, shares, and advocates for what's working in our community. We believe that healthy, engaged families are the foundation of strong neighborhoods and thriving local economies. Since 2006, we've worked toward a vibrant, civically engaged Latino community across our state.

Through responsive programs that address community needs we work to cultivate new leaders, support cultural and community based non-profit organizations, and improve the quality of life for all Washingtonians.



Dear LCF community,



2025 was a really difficult year for us all. We all felt the pains of an authoritarian administration and of a society that has too easily fallen into blaming immigrants, Latinos, LGBTQ, BIPOC, working families for the pains we are all facing. But we stay committed to what we do, because we are building a future for us all.

However, the past year was also one of strength, power, and of building toward a long-term vision for all families in WA State. We had thousands of conversations with community members, we won policy changes for our families, we responded to the immediate needs of working families, and we held space and invested in local leadership to collectively build our long-term vision.

Our power is not just our ability to fight. Our power is rooted in our ability to imagine. To love. To create. We don't win by fighting for the basics. Or by letting someone else tell our stories. We win by imagining and creating our own futures. I truly believe that our most powerful work has been to invest in leaders.

So where do we go from here? What does it look like to create a joint future? One that values all of us. One that cares for us. One that we build.

You can expect us to continue showing up, building collective power, and working with our community to create spaces for and by us.

Together we win.

Lilliane Ballesteros

Executive Director



LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

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SUFFER!

TAX  the RICH

WITH THE 75%
NOT
CORPORATE
TAX DODGERS
Amazon CAN'T Buy my
VOTE!

WHO IS
US?
WHO IS
US?

No cuts
revenue

FUND
CHILD CARE
NOW

No cuts
revenue

Fund the People
PASS PROGRESSIVE REVENUE FOR ALL

We connect.

Bridging resources and services including: access to healthy food, healthcare, and financial support, so our communities can excel and thrive.

Economic Empowerment and Healthy Families

In Washington State, immigrants and small and micro business owners play a big role in helping the state's economy grow. But even though they contribute so much, many small businesses struggle with poverty, financial stress, and not having access to the tools and information they need to succeed.

As our state starts using more technology and moves toward cleaner, greener ways of doing business, it's important that Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color aren't left behind. They deserve a real chance to be part of these new opportunities and benefit from them too.

We work side by side with small businesses across Washington State, especially those owned by people of color, immigrants, and women. We know that getting the right help means more than just handing someone a pamphlet. That's why we make sure our support is delivered in a way that is community-driven, responsive to the needs of business owners, and built from our cultural power.



Our Impact at a Glance



Small Business Growth

A small business owner paid off her loan and expanded her daycare, serving more families in her community.



Loan Support & Stability

Personalized loan application assistance helped a client secure funding and stabilize their business during an economic hardship.



Life-Saving Skills

A community member in Yakima completed CPR training, gaining life-saving skills and greater personal preparedness.



Workplace Safety Advocacy

A parent attended a workplace safety workshop and felt empowered to advocate for better conditions on the job.



Financial Literacy in Action

An entrepreneur applied strategies from a financial literacy workshop, increasing revenue within months.



New Employment Pathway

A personalized outreach call connected a family to a critical training program, opening doors to new employment opportunities.

Highlights: connecting in many ways

174

micro-business owners reached

500

families were connected with information about Fresh Bucks

200

people were guided and received coupons to buy healthy food

200

people became certified through our CPR workshops



We share.

Strong communities begin from a strong foundation of powerful everyday people who step up to lead and create change in their neighborhoods. That leadership journey begins with creating the community spaces where leaders can build connections, and access the tools they need to grow. From leadership development to healthy food and healthcare, our work is focused on meeting people where they are and organizing with them to build a thriving collective future, for themselves and for the Latino community in Washington State.

Alianza Youth Program

When young people lead, incredible things happen. Alianza grows from the heart of the community, where Latinx youth come together to use their voice, build their leadership, and grow a network of powerful individuals organizing to create tangible changes in our neighborhoods.

At the center of the Alianza program are values that put youth first: shared leadership, self-care, civic engagement, and the belief that every young person has what it takes to lead.





Hear from a youth leader

Alianza grows from the heart of the community.

Ricardo, Advocacy Council Youth Member

“The best part of Alianza has been connecting with people who share my mindset and goals—others who also want to make a difference in our communities.

The outings and in-person meetings have been so much fun, and I really value the social side of the program. One of the most powerful experiences was getting the chance to lobby at the Capitol. I never imagined myself doing something like that, but the training helped me feel prepared to speak to legislators—and once it was over, I felt like I could do it all over again. It was truly empowering.”



We act.

Through powerful collective action we are creating a future where the rights, dignity, and well-being of our community are respected. Our communities deserve to be fairly represented in the decisions that shape our lives, families, and neighborhoods. We believe that community-based support, civic engagement, and advocacy is how we make that happen.

Through civic engagement campaigns and legislative advocacy, we work alongside community leaders to build on existing strengths, expand civic participation, and advance public policies that reflect the priorities of Latino communities in Washington State, who have been left out of the decision making process for too long.

Get Out The Vote

Get Out the Vote is how we grow community power, develop leaders, and make our presence known within the legislative process across our state. Our community already holds the lived experience to drive change. GOTV is the mobilizing vehicle that moves power from potential into action.

Every year LCF holds an array of events for people to get involved such as phone banks, postcard writing, and door knocking. Through these events—



community members step into their own leadership. Every step up the engagement ladder builds our base of leaders and amplifies our vision and mission. Each conversation is an opportunity to inform, to connect, and to remind our neighbors that our voices matter. When we show up, our stories drive policy, our participation strengthens the decisions that impact our families and communities, and we hold the power to improve the quality of life for all Washingtonians.

Highlights: building power one neighbor at a time

20.3%

increased turnout from people canvassed, compared to those that were not contacted

58

volunteers during the primary and general elections

Hear from a volunteer

Information important in building community power.

Jocabeth, Volunteer

“Information is power, and that was the reason I got involved, because I have learned many things, and even though I cannot vote, it is important that we pass the information along to all the people who can vote. Because our Latino community has not been taught about the importance of voting. I think it is important that our... to support our community so that we become stronger. With everything that is going on. Yes, we need to be informed.”



Looking Ahead: Building Our Future Together

As we move through 2026, we are bringing everything we have built together to fuel our work forward. The leadership, wins, and relationships are the foundation to continue amplifying the power of Latinos and working families in Washington State.

We will keep doing what works. We will keep showing up with communities and we will show up at this moment. That means connecting families to resources like food access through Fresh Bucks, health and safety education through our CPR workshops, and direct support to protect our neighborhoods, which is critical now, as we navigate this uncertain political landscape.

At the heart of building power is the leadership from our community. Through our Leadership Academy, Alianza's Youth Conference, and our continued work in Central/Eastern WA, we are building a base of grassroots leaders who are shaping this movement from the ground up. That local leadership is what drives our advocacy work. When we are organized and rooted in a shared vision, we are the ones driving the agenda, on immigrant rights, environmental justice, and workers' rights.

There is plenty of work ahead. But as we saw in 2025, we are ready, and we are stronger together.

