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A Place for Everyone

A Place for Everyone (APE) focuses on driving the economic growth of Rainier Beach. We prioritize the input of our neighbors and small businesses to identify the crucial economic needs within the neighborhood.

Areas of Focus:

Supporting Small Local Businesses, Recreating Henderson Street Project, Priority Hire, and the Rainier Beach Business District



Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning (LLL) focuses on Rainier Beach's academic and administrative efforts. Its core belief is that access to education and growth administratively can be neighborhood-centric.

Areas of Focus:

Back2School Bash, Town Hall Events, Education, Fundraising, and Administration



A Beautiful Safe Place

A Beautiful Safe Place (ABSP) focuses on incident reduction and social outreach in Rainier Beach through local relationship building. These efforts aim to engage the community and create a safer environment for everyone.

Areas of Focus:

Circle Keeping, Youth & Neighborhood Engagement, and CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)



Growing Food for a Healthy Industry

Growing Food to Develop Healthy Industry (GHFHI) focuses on creating access to food in the neighborhood. This branch also centers on farmer advocacy for Black and Brown farmers that serve the south King County area.

Areas of Focus:

Rainier Beach Farm Stand, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program, Seeds of Change Network, Farmer Support, and Rainier Beach Food Hub



4
Branches
4
Colors

364
FreedomNet
Posts



3,346
Social Media
Followers



30,655
Website
Pageviews

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a look at our impact

3,264
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2024 was a year of transformation, resilience, and progress for the Rainier Beach Action Coalition (RBAC). As we celebrate over a decade of advancing equity and opportunity in the Rainier Beach neighborhood, we are reminded that our work is only possible because of the unwavering support of our community, partners, and donors. Together, we have taken significant strides toward creating a thriving and inclusive neighborhood for all.

In 2024, we gathered data in a variety of ways, looking at evidence from our programs and initiatives to determine whether we are addressing the needs of the neighborhood – and having the reach and impact we hope for.

We measure our progress based on our programs within our four action branches: A Place for Everyone, A Beautiful Safe Place, Growing Food for a Healthy Industry, and Lifelong Learning. These measures also allow us to find the gaps and areas where we can improve our work.

We see and celebrate significant progress in achieving our goals. RBAC is making an impact to fight for food equality and living in a beautiful and vibrant neighborhood. Together, we have taken significant strides toward creating a thriving and inclusive neighborhood for all.

CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERYONE IN RAINIER BEACH

2024 was a dynamic year for A Place for Everyone (APE), marked by significant community engagement and economic development efforts in Rainier Beach. The Recreating Henderson Street Project was a major focus, with six committee meetings, three large community gatherings, and a celebratory Walk the Block Party. APE also supported small businesses through technical assistance, capital access, and capacity building while advancing Black homeownership opportunities through the Black Home Initiative. Community events like the Rainier Beach Dream It, Chase It: 3 on 3 Competition and Building Homes, Building Community fostered engagement and education around homeownership. The annual Economic Development Townhall connected BIPOC developers with homebuyers and renters, featuring key community partners. Workforce development efforts included the Priority Hire program, providing construction internships. The year concluded with a celebration recognizing entrepreneurs and partners. APE extends gratitude to the Rainier Beach community for a year of impactful progress.



“In 2024, we expanded access to capital, homeownership, and business development resources, empowering small businesses and future homeowners in Rainier Beach. As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering an inclusive and thriving local economy.”

Judy Jones
Economic Development Strategist



- 2** Gig carts purchased supporting six local small businesses
- 10** Commercial spaces matched with small businesses
- 12** Economic development roundtables hosted
- 12** Events organized for the Recreating Henderson Street Project
- 14** housing businesses showcased at the Access to Housing Townhall
- 30** instances of technical assistance provided
- 42** temporary gig worker jobs created in 2024
- \$2 Million** raised to support small businesses

LIFELONG LEARNING AND SUCCESS

Another successful year for Lifelong Learning (LLL)! Our 2nd Annual Fundraising Luncheon held in June 2024 brought together an enthusiastic mix of community members and supporters who shared in the excitement of our mission. Together, we raised a great amount of funds, setting new records that reflect the generosity and commitment of our community.

Furthermore, we were delighted to host another unforgettable Back2School Bash, where families enjoyed a day filled with fun activities, valuable resources, and meaningful connections. This year of growth and achievement has motivated us to implement innovative new strategies, empowering us to serve our mission even more effectively and reach new heights together in 2025!



“2024 was a remarkable year for our fundraising initiatives. Our successful luncheon and impactful Back2School Bash brought the community together like never before. This growth has strengthen our team and inspired new strategies to drive our mission forward.”

Jarquita Brown
Development Manager

\$57,147

raised for Four Branches, Four Colors: An RBAC Series fundraising campaign

61

vendors registered for the 21st Annual Back2School Bash

189

attendees at the 2nd Annual Fundraising Luncheon

31

sponsors supported the 22nd Annual Rainier Beach Bac2School Bash

1146

students registered for the 22nd Annual Rainier Beach Bac2School Bash

100+

volunteers supported the 22nd Annual Rainier Beach Bac2School Bash

FOUR BRANCHES, FOUR COLORS: AN RBAC SERIES

We launched a new fundraiser that also highlighted RBAC and the creativity of Rainier Beach.

This initiative was called the Four Branches, Four Colors: An RBAC Series, inspired by the four colors in our logo and the different branches of our organization.

Our goal was to foster a close and holistic relationship between the neighborhood and our branches, as well as to showcase the work that impacts Rainier Beach. Each branch had its own fundraising goal, as well as a creative component.

For Lifelong Learning, we developed a series of articles. For [Growing Foods for a Healthy Industry](#), we released the trailer for our documentary, [Seeds of Change](#).

For [A Beautiful Safe Place](#), we created an interview video featuring our neighbors.

Lastly, for [A Place for Everyone](#), we hosted an interactive art gallery. We

hope you enjoyed the Four Branches, Four Colors Campaign, and we are excited to build upon it in 2025.



[VIEW LIFELONG ARTICLES](#)

[Documentary Trailer](#)

[VIEW MEDIA GALLERY](#)



TRANSFORMING RAINIER BEACH THROUGH YOUTH AND NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT

A Beautiful Safe Place (ABSP) made significant strides in enhancing neighborhood safety in Rainier Beach through initiatives like **circle keeping**, **creative spaces**, **pearl activations**, and **CPTED**. The Youth and Neighborhood Engagement (YNE) Team expanded, activating new pearl locations and deepening community connections.

A major highlight was the hiring of new Engagement Workers, who brought fresh energy and creativity to community engagement. They participated in farm visits, supported the Farm Stand, and contributed to new activations at Seward Park Avenue. Their involvement extended to interactive events like **Black Unity**, **Sisters Circle**, and **health and exercise**

activities, fostering deeper community ties. The YNE Team also launched the **Youth Expression Project**, providing a platform for young voices to shine. They played key roles in major RBAC events, including the Youth Led Food Justice Town Hall, Back2School Bash, Harvest Fest, and Walk the Block Party.

A special highlight was YNE Lead Fatima's international travels to France. The year wrapped up with a celebration honoring the engagement workers and farm fellows for their contributions.

Meeting their year-end goals in FreedomNet posts and neighborhood activations, **the YNE Team closed 2024 with momentum and impact.**



“2024 was a year of growth for ABSP! Our Youth and Neighborhood Engagement (YNE) Team expanded, activated new pearl locations, and connected with some new community members in the neighborhood.”

Jerrell Davis
Transformation Strategist

308 surveys were collected from Rainier Beach residents who provided feedback on what they love about the RB neighborhood

53 Litter cleanups conducted by the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) team throughout the year

51 Neighborhood pearl activations from March to October 2024 in the Rainier Beach neighborhood

41 Young Adults Transitioning into Adulthood (YATTAs) were employed at RBAC as YNE and farm fellows throughout the year

29 Brothers and Sisters Holding Space restorative circles were held throughout the year.

18 Leadership development trainings were held by ABSP program leads

GROWING FOOD FOR HEALTHY INDUSTRY



In 2024, Growing Healthy Food for Healthy Industry (GHFHI) expanded its impact in Rainier Beach, addressing food insecurity by ensuring access to fresh, culturally relevant produce sourced from BIPOC farms. Led by local youth, GHFHI operates through the Farm Stand, Garden Gremlins, CSA Program, and Seeds of Change (SOC) Network, providing hands-on learning and leadership opportunities. The program grew significantly, increasing staff, volunteers, and farm partnerships while distributing produce to over 20 community partners through the Rainier Beach Food Hub. Collaborations included events like the Youth Food Justice Town Hall and Seed Swap, as well as produce giveaways at partner events. Partnerships with organizations such as Young Women Empowered, FEEST Seattle, and Black Farmers Collective strengthened GHFHI's mission.

“The food justice work in 2024 remained steadfast yet resilient through unprecedented times.”



\$370,000

Locally grown produce purchased from BIPOC farmers and distributed to community.

1200

total farmer support hours throughout all our partner farms.

990

Total volunteer farm stand hours from community residents and local high school students



35

CSA boxes delivered weekly to community members who resides in the 98118 and surrounding areas.

2,880

Community members served during harvesting season.

29

We partnered with local BIPOC farms that our youth and Food Justice team worked alongside with.



Meet Food Justice Fellow Gyatri Ames
Ames is also a beautiful artist who painted the mural located in the RBAC Food Hub.

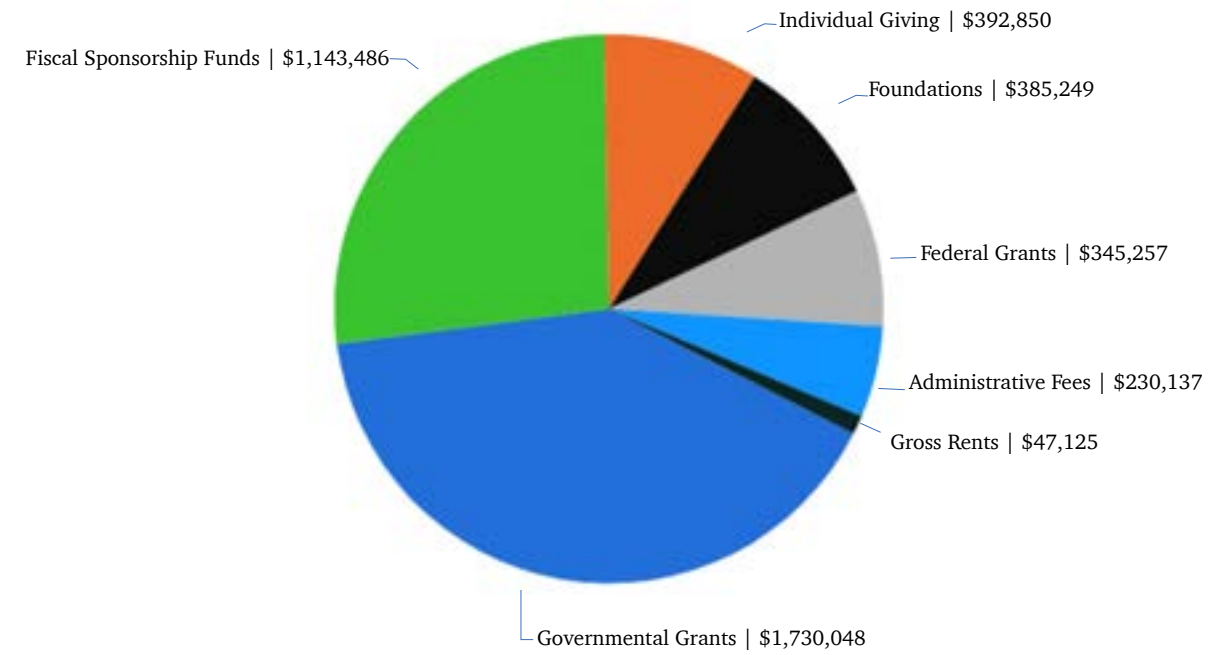
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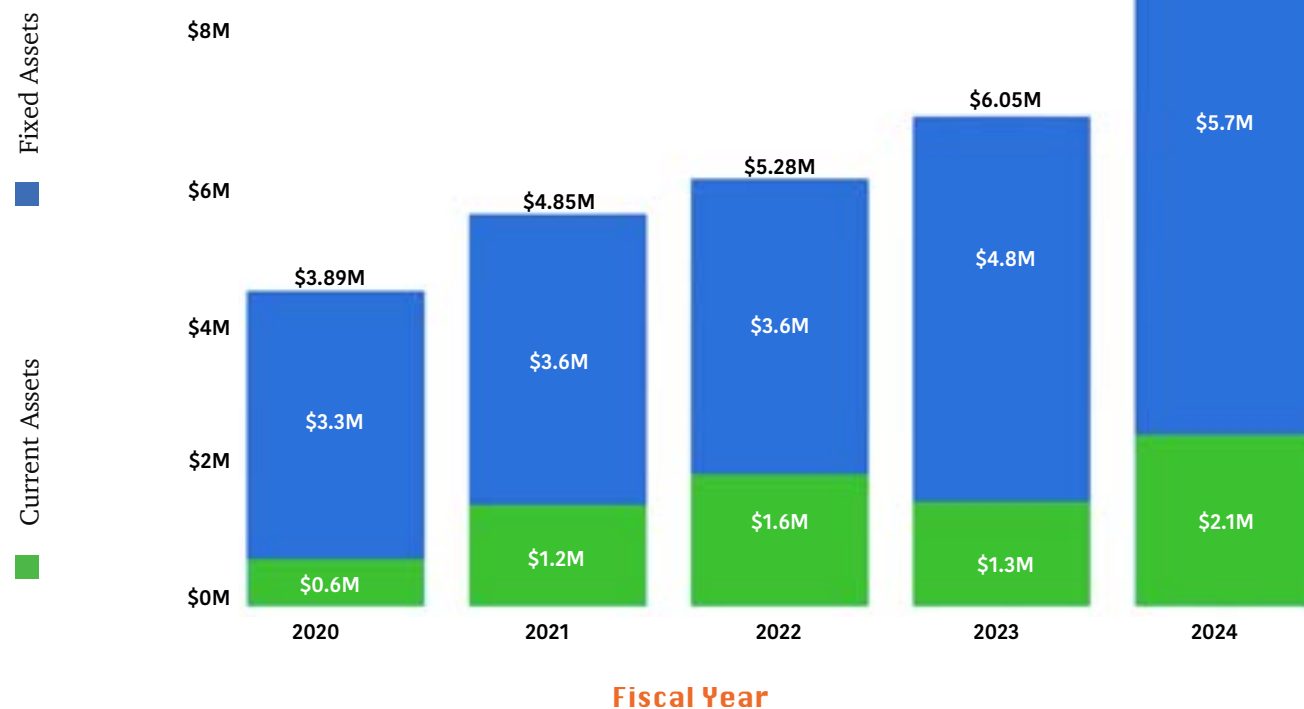
As reflected in its Executive Council 2025 Budget Report, RBAC has increased funding allocations toward workforce training, small business seed grants, and after-school educational programs—cementing a strong financial foundation for expanding community impact. The well-developed charts and graphs drawn from real-time financial system data by one of our team coordinators also highlight its commitment to responsible stewardship: meticulous budgeting practices, transparent expense tracking, and strategic investments that fosters growth in every corner of the neighborhood. By consistently seeking new ways to equip individuals and employees with the skills and resources they need, RBAC demonstrates a steadfast dedication to crosswalking gaps in equity and opportunity, ultimately ensuring that its collective future in life-long learning remains bright and sustainable.

Jessicka Rambus
Director of Finance

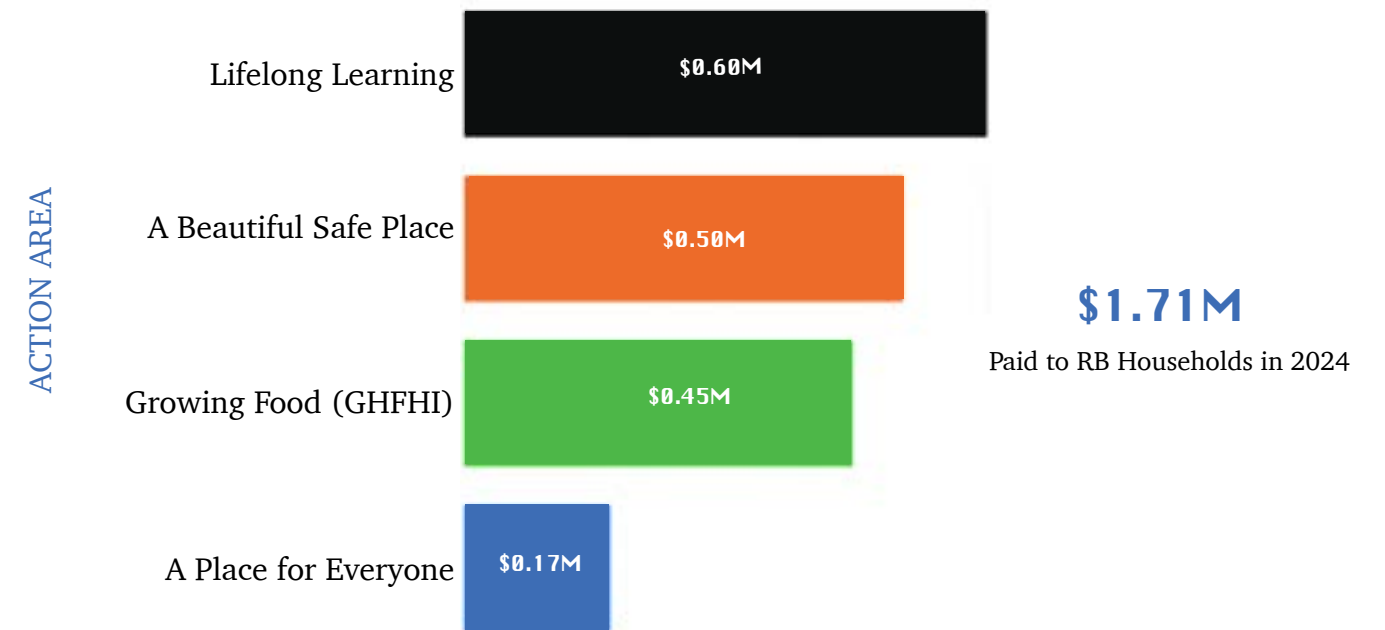
FY2024 Revenue



Total Assets by Fiscal Year



Wages Paid by Action Area in 2024



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Seattle Foundation
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“RBAC is a black and brown lead organization that is working in our community to beautify it, improve it and support our community.”

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“I am so impressed with RBAC and its incredible support of the Rainier Beach Community.”

JULIA WIGHT DONOR & FRIEND

“It brings me joy to collaborate with an organization that stewards the neighborhood plan for Rainier Beach and to see it all manifest before my eyes. RBAC has shown me how to serve and build community and to make the change we want to see.”

DANIELLE JACKSON FOUNDER OF CHAMPS

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“I just visited your farm stand and was so impressed! Wonderful veggies and kind, friendly people. And everyone was nice to my dog, too! Thank you for all you do in the neighborhood.”

**TAMARA GUYTON
 DONOR & FRIEND**



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