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Murray announces recipients of \$1 million Community Fund to support Seattle workers

SEATTLE (Sept. 30, 2015) – Mayor Ed Murray today announced the awarding of \$1 million in funding from Seattle's Office of Labor Standards (OLS) for organizations to provide outreach, education and technical assistance to Seattle's workers about their rights under Seattle's Minimum Wage, Wage Theft, Paid Sick and Safe Time, and Job Assistance Ordinances.

OLS has selected ten different organizations and community partnerships to receive funding. Organization activities will include door-to-door outreach, hosting community-based education events, developing training materials to educate workers and other organizations about Seattle's labor standards, and providing labor rights intake, counseling, and referral for workers experiencing labor standards violations. Each organization and partnership will emphasize reaching out to low-wage working communities who disproportionately experience workplace violations.

"These new community partnerships will help educate workers to ensure they understand their rights and receive the wages and benefits they deserve," said Murray. "We focus our efforts on reaching immigrant and minority communities because they are most at risk for wage theft and other abuses, and may not be well served by traditional English-language news sources."

The organizations who will receive funding include:

- **Casa Latina and Eritrean Association** - \$319,000
 - Partners:
 - Entre Hermanos
 - South Park Information and Resource Center
 - South Park Neighborhood Center
 - Washington Community Action Network
 - Wage Claim Project
 - Communities of Focus: Latino, LGBTQ, East African, and youth workers

- **Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color** – \$65,000
 - Communities of Focus: Filipino, Ethiopian, Vietnamese, Khmer, and African American/black workers and at risk youth workers
- **Chinese Information and Service Center** – \$60,000
 - Communities of Focus: Asian Pacific Islanders, Chinese, and other Asian workers
- **Eritrean Community** – \$60,000
 - Communities of Focus: East African workers and small business owners
- **El Centro de la Raza** – \$25,000
 - Communities of Focus: Latino workers
- **Fair Work Center** – \$376,000
 - Partners:
 - Al Noor Islamic
 - Somali Community Services
 - NAACP
 - Latino Community Fund
 - Got Green
 - 21 Progress
 - LGBTQ Allyship
 - Puget Sound Sage
 - Communities of Focus: Asian Pacific Islander, Somali, African American, Latino, youth, and LGBTQ workers
- **Millionaire Club** - \$3,500
 - Communities of Focus: Workers with criminal backgrounds and temporary workers
- **NAACP** - \$60,000
 - Communities of Focus: African American and African workers
- **Washington Community Action Network** - \$20,000
 - Communities of Focus: Membership of 30,000 comprised of low income workers of color
- **Washington Wage Claim Project** - \$9,500
 - Communities of Focus: Low wage workers experiencing workplace violations

“These community partnerships will dramatically strengthen our reach and impact to uphold labor standards for Seattle’s workers, most importantly among those workers most likely to experience labor standards violations – including female workers, workers of color, immigrant and refugee workers, LGBTQ workers, and youth,” said OLS Director Dylan Orr. “Announcing these awardees is a proud moment for all of us.”

For more information about the Office of Labor Standards or the Community Outreach and Education Fund, call 206-684-4500 or visit <http://www.seattle.gov/laborstandards>.