Reimagining Safety
Community-Led and Black-Centered effort for Safety

Executive Summary

In the wake of continued Black deaths at the hands of law enforcement, Black Oregonians have started to think further about the systems and structures we need to truly keep us safe. We identified the need for space and time to reimagine what safety could look like for our community and for all Oregonians. Between the COVID-19 pandemic and nationwide calls to reform law enforcement, we have an opportunity to build better systems and to meet the core needs of Oregonians, especially those of us who are most vulnerable.

Reimagining Safety is a community-led, Black-centered effort to do just that, supported by public and philanthropic dollars, and engaging Oregonians from across the state.

Guiding Framework

Reimaging Safety will use these questions to guide our work:

- What does safety mean to Black Oregonians?
- What alternatives already exist or could exist to the current policing and law enforcement model?
- How do we educate and engage the public in a meaningful way?
- What actions are necessary to build trust in a public safety system?

Goals

Over the course of the next year, the Reimagining Safety workgroup will:

- Engage Oregon’s Black community as leaders in this effort.
- Educate and engage Oregonians to share information and source potential models.
- Surface, examine and develop promising or proven pilots, policies and practices.
- Advance policy proposals for local jurisdictions and state lawmakers to consider over the course of the next few years.

Budget

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<td>Organizational Stipends - Policy Development support</td>
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**Governance and administration**

The Northwest Health Foundation has agreed to house the Reimagine Safety Fund to receive public and philanthropic contributions and distribute funds for Reimagining Safety. While NWHF will house the Fund, it will not make programmatic or expenditure decisions. The Fund and the project itself will be governed by a yet-to-be-named group of Black leaders with a wide range of experiences and perspectives.

**How to contribute**

Contributions can be made to Northwest Health Foundation Fund II, a 501(c)(3) Oregon nonprofit corporation (Tax-ID 93-1293344).

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