

**Equity Advisory Group –
Equity Lens Session**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2023
 Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm
 Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Facilitator:	EAG Members:
<i>Amber Lenhart</i>	<i>Alex Swenson</i>
Avista:	<i>Brook Beeler</i>
<i>Tamara Bradley</i>	<i>Jupiter</i>
<i>Meghan Pinch</i>	<i>Vanessa Strange</i>
	<i>Cindy Kimmet</i>
	Guests:
	<i>Molly Brewer</i>

Agenda

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of Meeting: Rules and Intent II. Partner Share III. Named Communities Investment Fund – Project Prioritization IV. Your Support Team and Next Meeting | <p>Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amber Lenhart Amber Lenhart Ana Matthews Amber Lenhart |
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Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Introductions and Meeting Rules and Intent and review of today’s agenda.
 Meghan Pinch shared her roles at Avista.

Today’s Meeting: Work through the various initiatives driven from December’s brainstorm session. Begin the prioritize 2023 projects utilizing the Named Communities Investment Fund.

Partner Share

lots of events at the library! <https://events.spokanelibrary.org/events?=&data-view&r=thismonth>

Girl Scout's are starting to sell cookies – new flavor – but can order it online.



EAG Member: Also my organization the party for socialism and liberation is hosting a Saturday reading group (every day besides meetup) and we are currently reading Socialist Reconstruction, Saturdays at 10am

<https://www.facebook.com/events/8970552762986944/8970552776320276/>

Named Communities Investment Fund – Project Prioritization

- Went through the purpose, funding amount, requirements
- NCIF timeline
- Walked through the original brainstorm session in December
- Went through and explained the initiatives that the “ideas” rolled up too.

- Increase tree canopy and shade in NC

- Increase access to energy efficient products and appliances for NC

- Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for community members without stable housing

- Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for schools, community centers, and other places where NC spend time

- Increase awareness of and engagement in energy efficiency programs while also meeting whole-household needs through community-based partnerships and referrals to services

- Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for Spokane Tribe partners

- Improve energy efficiency in multi-family and mobile home communities

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- Explained the criteria for prioritization: leverage, feasibility, specificity, values

- **Leverage:** Does the activity address the most important root causes identified? Does it have the greatest potential impact on the performance measures for the strategy?
 - **Feasibility:** Is it within our reach? Do we have the resources and time? Is it within the ability of the stakeholder group?
 - **Specificity:** Is the activity specific enough to be implemented?
 - **Values:** Is the strategy consistent with the values of the group?
- Ranked the initiatives based on the criteria:

Possible NCIF Initiatives	Leverage	Feasibility	Values	Specificity
Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for schools, community centers, and other places where Named Communities spend time	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Improve energy efficiency in multi-family and mobile home communities	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Increase tree canopy and shade in Named Communities	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for Spokane Tribe partners	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Increase access to energy efficient products and appliances for Named Communities	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
Increase awareness of and engagement in energy efficiency programs while also meeting whole-household needs through community-based partnerships and referrals to services	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
Set aside \$ to match funds for EE grant applications for community orgs and tribal partners **NEED TO CHECK AVISTA'S ABILITY TO DO THIS, then medium or low feasibility**	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Focus efforts on improving energy efficiency for community members without stable housing	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW

Wrap Up

Thank you all for your wonderful ideas, please feel free to send us any additional ideas.

Reminder of upcoming meetings on March 15th and 17th