TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COHORT OVERVIEW

REDF, along with partners Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI) and Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), is pleased to offer the SNAP E&T Technical Assistance Cohort for Employment Social Enterprises (ESEs). This is a unique opportunity to participate in customized training, access technical assistance, and collaborate with peers toward the goal of becoming a SNAP E&T partner or expanding current SNAP E&T services and capacity.

Participating ESEs will have access to technical assistance expertise from both SJI and CEO, as well as an assigned consultant who will offer focused assistance on program development and expansion. You will collaborate with peers and seasoned SNAP E&T partners, access helpful resources, learn about effective strategies, and share program successes over 10 months of cohort meetings and trainings.

The SNAP E&T cohort will run for 10 months beginning in July 2021.

- July-December 2021: Six-month period of monthly technical assistance, customized training guided by topics identified by cohort participants, and peer collaboration.
- January-April 2022: Four-month period of independent work supported by check-ins with assigned consultant.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

- Individualized technical assistance from an assigned SJI or CEO consultant.
- Customized training on topics relevant to your organization and cohort members.
- Collaboration with cohort peers to share strategies, tools, and best practices.
- Opportunities to hear from ESEs that are experienced SNAP E&T partners, as well as share your own experience and leadership with peers.
- REDFworkshop—access to tools, templates, resources, best practices, and SNAP E&T materials relevant to ESE SNAP E&T partnerships.

COMMITMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING

- Identify a goal for the cohort assistance (see "Estimated Time Commitment" below for more information).
- Work in collaboration with REDF, SJI, and CEO to complete a Cohort Work Plan that identifies your SNAP E&T expansion goals and training needs.
- Select a project lead for your ESE and make ESE staff available to participate in regular technical assistance, training, and peer activities.
- Be willing to share what you learn, products you develop, helpful resources you discover, and your successful SNAP E&T strategies with your cohort peers.

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT

- During the first six months, you can anticipate the following cohort activities:
 - Cohort project launch and cohort wrap-up meeting (1 hour each)
 - ◆ Technical assistance (1 hour per month)
 - ◆ Two to three customized trainings via webinars (60–90 minutes each)
 - Optional topic specific sessions, peer to peer exchanges
- During the last four months, you can expect one monthly check-in meeting
- ESE staff time:
 - Each ESE will identify a goal and create a Cohort Work Plan to inform needed activities. The scope of that goal and plan can be tailored to each ESE's capacity, but will be related to one of the following:
 - □ Increasing SNAP E&T services for participants to facilitate becoming a SNAP E&T provider
 - □ Applying to become a SNAP E&T provider
 - □ Launching a new or improving a current E&T ESE partnership program
 - We anticipate that each participating ESE will be dedicating additional time to SNAP E&T program development while involved in the cohort. We will strive to be available to assist beyond the monthly technical assistance and trainings listed above in order to support your progress and success.

Prior to launch, if accepted, each ESE is strongly encouraged to view the introductory ESE webinar series if viewing/participating in each webinar has not yet been completed (approximate total time: 6 hours).

If you're unsure of your ESE's capacity to participate in technical assistance and that uncertainty might keep you from applying, please contact Greg Ericksen at gericksen@redf.org to discuss questions and appropriate scope of participation.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- Wednesday, May 5: Application for the SNAP E&T Cohort for Employment Social Enterprises released
- Friday, May 21: Application due
- Friday, June 11: Notification of selected ESEs
- July 2021: Cohort launch meeting
- April 2022: Cohort wrap-up











