

Seattle’s community centers are essential to the Seattle Parks and Recreation system by creating healthy recreation and fitness opportunities. Community Centers also serve as anchors to many of our neighborhoods by supporting healthy environments and strong communities.

This Community Center Strategic Plan proposes changes to better meet residents’ needs and promote social equity, launches targeted innovations and pilot projects to test exciting ideas, and responds to two City Council Statements of Legislative Intent related to community centers.

The plan identifies several major changes in operations at community centers including: adding staffing at nine centers; expanding publicly funded hours at six locations; launching equity and access pilots at five community centers that will make 8-9 recreation programs free per quarter for visitors; and developing and piloting innovative partnership models with non-profits to expand the reach of community centers, bring people to the centers and leverage private financial resources.

Summary of Operating Recommendations by Community Center

Center	Staffing	Hours	Equity & Access Pilot	Expanded Partnerships
Alki	X			
Ballard				X
Belltown	X			
Bitter Lake	X		X	
Delridge	X			
Garfield			X	
Green Lake	X			X
International District		X		
Jefferson	X			
Laurelhurst	X			
Magnuson		X		
Miller		X		
Queen Anne				X
Rainier	X			
Rainier Beach	X		X	
South Park		X	X	
Van Asselt		X	X	
Yesler		X		