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Dear Selection Committee,

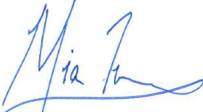
It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Resilience and Compassion Seed Grant application of Dr. Lakeya Afolalu and Sciatta Padmore entitled, *The Seattle Multilingual Youth of Color & Educator Collective*.

This application seeks funding for the first phase of a program looking to “enhance linguistic justice for multilingual youth of color.” In particular, Seattle’s growing East African population has reported feeling disconnected from their children’s schooling experiences which is often exacerbated by language barriers. The *Seattle Multilingual Youth of Color & Educator Collective* seeks to address these issues by convening bi-weekly multilingual, identity and well-being community circles and a spring multilingual student and educators of color community-based gathering. Additionally, the project proposes the creation of a digital multilingual resource.

Dr. Afolalu and Sciatta Padmore’s proposal aligns well with the goals of the Resilience and Compassion Seed grant. The proposed convenings and resources in this proposal will foster community, address an issue disproportionately harming communities of color, and provide learning opportunities for UW’s pre-service and in-service educators.

In conclusion, I fully endorse the efforts of this project that would support educational justice for multilingual youth of color.

Sincerely,



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