

# THINKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT GYO FUNDING CYCLE

Listed below are some reflective questions to help you prioritize your proposal.

- What is your role in developing ideas and drafting the GYO proposal? If it is not you, how will you share your insights with those who are writing the proposal?
- Did your previous grant fully fund the initiatives/activities that are now emerging as your priority needs?
- To what degree were you able to leverage or braid GYO funding with other sources of funding? ESSER, Measure 98, SIA, other GYO projects in your area,
- What partners are you currently missing that you wish you had? Community Based Organizations, local community colleges and universities, local Chamber of Commerce...
- To what degree did grant funds support personnel adequately? Are there other source of funds to tap for staffing? Would the use of local Connectors a la EdNW Regional ESD's model stretch your project's ability to reach more aspiring BIPOC candidates?

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- Do you need a thought partner or editor to help finalize your next proposal?
- Who still needs to know about the outcomes of your current efforts in order to support your next proposal?
- What are you comfortable dropping from your past or current GYO grant in order to fund more urgent needs?
- To what degree do you anticipate paralleling current project goals and activities?
- What is your one most promising idea that you want to refine and implement?
- How have changes in the past two years impacted your existing project and what changes can you anticipate for the next funding period?
- What ideas did you gain from other GYO Projects that you want to adapt for your own community?