



Accelerate Policy and Research for Greater Impact

Are you a public-serving organization in Washington State with practical research ideas that UW could help you pursue?

Deadline: EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Website: <https://csde.washington.edu/2026-d4-accelerating-policy-and-research-for-greater-impact/>

Proposal form: [Public-Service Organizations Interested in Research Partnerships with UW – Fill out form](#)

The capacity of public-serving organizations to conduct research they need to make key decisions is often constrained by limited budget, time, or staff capacity. Yet, many research funders are interested in supporting applied research that informs policy and practice. The [Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology \(CSDE\)](#) wants to leverage our resources – a large community of research affiliates and strong connections with research funders – to match practical research ideas from Washington public-serving organizations with UW researchers who have related substantive and methodological expertise. This initiative is also supported by the [Social Science Research Council's Public Innovations Program](#).

CSDE is seeking public-serving organizations (local and state government agencies or non-profit organizations) in Washington State who have research ideas that could inform their critical operations. We plan to select 8-10 public-serving organizations to participate in one virtual and two in-person events designed to lead to co-authored research proposals with UW researchers. Participants will:

- benefit from CSDE's matching of your research ideas to UW academics with related substantive or methodological expertise who are interested in pursuing the research in partnership with you;
- receive support preparing a research proposal to funders, in the form of one virtual and two in-person facilitated working meetings with partners; and
- receive support in identifying potential sources of funding.

Please note: CSDE is not able to fund research projects; the CSDE support is intended to generate high-quality applications to public and private funders.

We are especially interested in supporting proposals related to the criminal legal system, health, public finance, higher education & career pathways, and infrastructure (i.e., housing, transportation, and energy). We will consider submissions on other topics related to the public interest.

CSDE will select up to 10 proposals for which we have multiple faculty or staff at UW that could offer technical or substantive expertise. If selected, partner organizations agree to send 2-3 staff to the following events:

- **Virtual introductory event on March 18, 2026 at 11am-12:30pm PT.**
- **In-person event in Olympia on Friday April 24th, 2026 9am-4pm** to build partnerships with UW researchers and develop preliminary research scopes of work.
- **In-person event on the Seattle campus of the University of Washington on Friday May 22, 2026 9am-4pm** to further develop a competitive research proposal for submission to a funder.

Interested organizations should fill out this [short survey](#) by February 20, 2026. The survey asks for the following information:

- Name of organization
- Name of unit (if applicable) within organization
- Name of submitting staff person
- Title of submitting staff person
- Email of submitting staff person
- Names of other staff members involved in the proposal (or likely to attend the meetings).
- Up to 3 policy or practice research topics that would have practical value to the work of your organization and the public good.
- For each research topic, any resources (e.g., technical skills, data, staff time) that you have in house.
- For each research topic, any resources (e.g., technical skills, data, staff time) that you need from academic partners.
- (Optional) Any UW faculty or staff that you would be interested in partnering with

We look forward to hearing from you and/or members of your organization. Feel free to forward this mail onward to others you think might find it helpful. If you would like to get in touch regarding the initiative, please reach out to csde-prgm-coord@uw.edu.

