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**OneRedmond Receives 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Gold  
Award from the International Economic Development Council  
*Economic Equity and Inclusion***

**Redmond, WA** – OneRedmond received a 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The award was bestowed specifically for the organization's work in the Economic Equity & Inclusion category. OneRedmond was acknowledged and honored at the IEDC 2023 Annual Conference during the inaugural Recognition Night event in Dallas, TX, September 19.

"OneRedmond has raised the bar for excellence in economic development with its OneEastside SPARK program. This award is a testament to OneRedmond's dedication to its residents and serves as a great example of how economic development can help transform a community for the better," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO. "It is IEDC's honor and privilege to present OneRedmond with this award and recognize its leadership and innovation in the field of economic development!"

Every year IEDC looks specifically for economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that have demonstrated consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession, leading the execution of projects that have a significant impact on revitalizing communities, and playing a major role in shaping and improving the practice of economic development.

"We are honored and humbled to receive this recognition for our work. It is a reflection of the collective effort, and we appreciate the trust and support of all our partners," said Kristina Hudson, Chief Executive Officer of OneRedmond. "The OneEastside SPARK program could not have been created without the collaboration, creativity, and commitment to helping to bring equity to economic development."

The OneEastside SPARK Program continues to work in partnership with our community based organizations to help deliver resources to small business owners.

**About OneRedmond**

With a mission to foster economic prosperity, OneRedmond is a public-private partnership with award-winning economic development programs. Supported by local private sector businesses in close partnership with the City of Redmond. OneRedmond strives to be the difference maker in connecting our local organizations and educational community with resources to keep our local economy stable and growing.

For more information go to [www.OneRedmond.org](http://www.OneRedmond.org).

### **About OneEastside SPARK**

OneEastside SPARK worked during the COVID-19 pandemic to synchronize relief measures across East King County. Initially funded by a one-year federal grant to OneRedmond, the OneEastside SPARK program coordinates regional partners to maximize resources and focus on small business recovery and resiliency.

Through this regional SPARK program and over the course of the year, OneRedmond forged new territory in equity and economic development by piloting programs in partnership with community-based organizations, bringing in-language advisors and technical assistance over 1400 business owners from underserved communities.

For more information go to [www.OneEastside.org/SPARK](http://www.OneEastside.org/SPARK)

### **About the International Economic Development Council**

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,300 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members engage in the full range of economic development practices. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in various settings, including local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

Learn more at [www.iedconline.org](http://www.iedconline.org).

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