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# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**

**Arlington Community Food Bank**

**Address:**

19118 63rd Ave NE  
Arlington, WA 98223

**Contact:**

(360) 435-1631  
<https://www.arlingtonwafoodbank.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**

Our mission is to provide emergency food at no cost to children, families, and individuals within this area.

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**Date of Award:**

2018 Q3

**Level:**

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from  
Arlington Community Food Bank.

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June 26, 2019

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
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Re: Report on Grant **Q32018 14.2** to Arlington Community Food Bank for Meals 'til Monday

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Arlington Community Food Bank received a [REDACTED] grant from Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions in December 2018 for our Meals 'til Monday program that serves youth in the Arlington area who are food insecure. I am writing to report on the successful results of the grant. The goals of the 2018 grant were to meet growth in the program, to increase the weekly bags from 6 to 8 pounds, and to consistently include healthy, easy-to-use single-serve foods in the bags. All goals were met.

- We predicted continued growth in the program in 2018-2019. The program year has not ended. However, at the end of May, the number of participants had declined over the prior year by about a dozen students. The variation may simply reflect a change in student demographics.
- The program's primary point of data collection has been the number of bags distributed. Despite fewer participants this year, the number of bags distributed will be higher than the prior year. This would mean participants picked up their weekly bags more regularly throughout the year. Better utilization by participating students is a positive development.
- Meals 'til Monday increased the size of food bags from 6 to 8 pounds weekly. With grant funds, the agency was able to include healthier easy-to-use single-serve food options in those bags. Purchases included pallets of shelf-stable milk, tuna and peanut butter; bulk purchases of canned fruit, fruit cups, soup, canned meats, high protein meals such as chili, mac 'n' cheese, raviolis and more, instant oatmeal, crackers, cheese, juice, granola bars, nuts and other snacks.

In other news, Arlington Community Food Bank's Board of Directors hired its first paid Director in March 2019. The increasing complexity of agency programs, volunteer management and the need for community outreach makes a professional presence for the agency important.

Recent operational changes have improved service to clients and allow more efficient use of our food resources. Cost accounting by program and data collection at the agency is also an area that can use improvement. As it pertains to Meals 'til Monday, some in-kind donations and agency purchases had

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not been noted as costs of the program in the past. The program budget was higher than previously reported in our grant quest. In 2018-2019, the cost per food bag was \$13.84 or \$1.73 per pound, including both purchases and donated food. At the end of May, the program had spent just over \$56K. There has also been some duplication in participant numbers in the past, and those numbers may have been overstated. These problems will be corrected.

If you are interested, I would love the opportunity to host a visit to the Arlington Community Food Bank so that you can better understand our programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me to schedule a time to visit. My email is [directoracfb@gmail.com](mailto:directoracfb@gmail.com). The agency URL is: <https://www.arlingtonwafoodbank.org/>

In 2018, the food bank served more than 15,500 individuals in more than 5,300 households. Meals 'til Monday, a program of the food bank serves, on average, a little over 150 low income students annually. Thank you again for supporting Arlington area youth who experience chronic hunger and benefit from Meals 'til Monday.

Sincerely,



Carla Gastineau  
Director



