



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Ballard Food Bank**

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**Organization's General Goals:**

Ballard Food Bank's mission is to provide access to nutritious food through our grocery-style food bank, no-cost café, home delivery, and Weekend Food for Kids program. We also host the Community Resource Hub, where partner organizations offer a range of services like housing, medical care, and veterans' benefits – all under one roof. Our financial assistance program helps prevent homelessness through eviction prevention. Clients also have access to utility assistance, identification vouchers, and our mail program.

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| <b>Date of Award:</b> | <b>Level:</b>      |
| 2025 Q1               | \$2,501 to \$5,000 |

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

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**Ballard Food Bank  
Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions**

**Organization URL:** [www.ballardfoodbank.org](http://www.ballardfoodbank.org)

**Report Code:** Q1 2025 14.2

Ballard Food Bank is grateful for your [REDACTED] award in 2025 to support our Kindness Café! These funds directly helped us purchase essential ingredients for the café, including produce; staple items like oil, flour, and masa; and foods that met a wide range of dietary needs including vegetarian and dairy-free options. This support ensured we could prepare healthy, culturally relevant meals for our community.

Through the Kindness Café, we create a welcoming space where people gather, share meals, and connect. The café operates weekly Monday through Thursday year-round and offers hot, nutritious meals at no cost to anyone who visits.



The need for this program has continued to grow. Over the past year, rising food insecurity across Greater Seattle led to a significant increase in the number of people we served across all of Ballard Food Bank's programs. Last year, we supported more than 20,000 people through our food programs, with the Kindness Café providing more than 13,000 meals each month. On our busiest days, we welcomed more than 1,300 guests in a single day at the café!



Your grant funding played a critical role in helping us meet this demand. By purchasing high-quality ingredients, we prepared meals from scratch that supported health and dignity. We also ensured meals met a variety of dietary needs, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, halal, dairy-free, and soft food options for individuals with medical or dental challenges.

We actively listened to our guests and shaped our menus based on their feedback. Through surveys, a suggestion box, a feedback board, and daily conversations, we learned what our community wanted and needed. This input helped us reflect the cultural diversity of the people we served. Recent meals included Filipino-style Chicken Adobo, Mexican-inspired Street Corn Pasta Salad with Chicken, Thai Pad Kra Pao, and Pork Ragu with Creamy Polenta. These meals offered nourishment while celebrating our guests' culture and identity.



Beyond daily meals, the Kindness Café also supported our community's long-term health through education and community-building. We started hosting free cooking classes where participants learned how to prepare affordable, nutritious meals using ingredients available through our food programs. These classes brought people together to cook, learn, and share meals, building confidence in the kitchen and strengthening community connections.

Thank you for your partnership and support! Your \$3,000 award made a meaningful impact by helping us provide the ingredients needed to sustain this work. With this support, we served thousands of people each month with dignity, care, and nourishing food. Thank you for helping us ensure that everyone in our community had access to healthy meals and a welcoming place to gather.

