



# Funds Distribution Report

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**BlackPast**

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<https://www.blackpast.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**

The mission of BlackPast.org is to provide comprehensive and factual information on Black history in America and globally. Our goal is to foster understanding through knowledge to generate constructive social change.

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**Date of Award:**

2022 Q1

**Level:**

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from BlackPast.

8802 27th Ave NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

**TulipCares.org**

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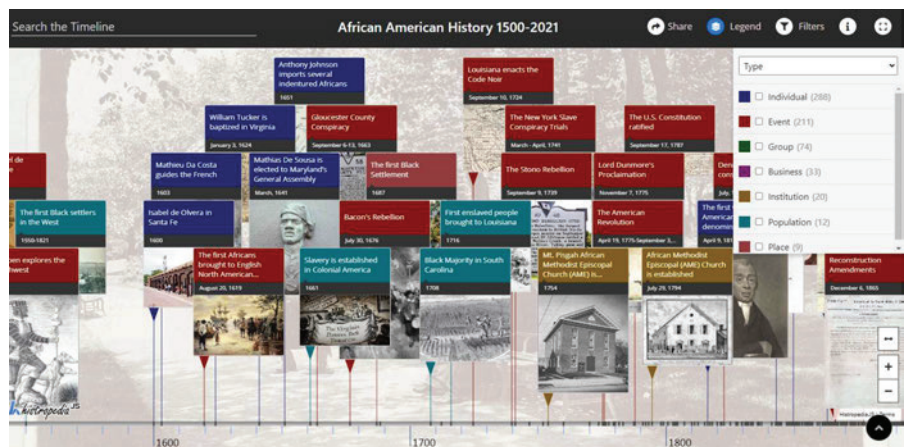
February 21, 2023

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27th Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

BlackPast.org is pleased to provide this report for the Tulalip Tribes’ generous [redacted] grant in May 2022. We are also very grateful for the Foundation’s support in 2021 and 2019. Our website and all of our content can be found at [www.blackpast.org](http://www.blackpast.org).

In 2022, 6.1 million people visited BlackPast.org—an all-time record. February 2022 also marked our first (and so far only) month with over a million visitors, as we welcomed a massive audience for Black History Month. As of February 21st, we are on track to match this record for Black History Month 2023 as well, with over three-quarters of a million visitors already.



This year, we premiered a visual African American history timeline featuring over 700 BlackPast entries. The timeline includes pictures for each entry, and the most comprehensive timeline of its type available online, creating an exciting new way for visitors to learn about Black history. The timeline includes some of the most significant events in the Pacific Northwest’s Black history, such as the 1844 arrival of George Bush, a Black man who was among the first settlers on the Puget Sound; the Oregon Exclusion Laws of 1844 that banned African Americans from living in the territory; and the 1875 founding of Centralia, WA, by Black settlers. It can be viewed at <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history-timeline/>.

We also engaged with WETA, a division of PBS, to create Black history lesson plans. These just recently went live and include essays written by BlackPast contributors. These lessons were created specifically to meet curriculum requirements for the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). All of the resources can be viewed at <https://kcts9.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/making-black-america>. More projects supporting Black history education for schools are in progress.

In July, I joined the staff of BlackPast.org as full-time Executive Director, and am looking forward to guiding the organization as we explore new ways to share the stories on the site, utilizing new technology and engaging more communities. In the next couple of years, we hope to share some exciting results as we redesign the site to better serve our audience, especially in our work with educators.

Thank you for your support of BlackPast.org! Your generosity helps us continue to grow and educate millions of people on the rich Black history of the Pacific Northwest, the United States, and the world.

Sincerely,



Joyce Dunbar, PhD  
Executive Director  
BlackPast.org

