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BlackPast

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Organization's General Goals:

BlackPast is dedicated to providing reliable information on the history of Black people across the globe, and especially in North America. Our goal is to promote greater understanding of our common human experience through knowledge of the diversity of the Black experience and the ubiquity of the global Black presence.

Date of Award:

2024 Q2

Level:

\$500 to \$2,500

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

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Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable
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Dear Ms. Sheldon,

BlackPast.org is pleased to provide this report for the Tulalip Tribes' generous grant in August 2024. We would also like to express our gratitude for the Foundation's support in previous years.

2025 was a year of significant transition for BlackPast, with the Foundation's grant providing stability during a challenging time. Our founder and longtime executive director, Dr. Quintard Taylor, stepped down from his role in June and passed away in September, leaving a significant void at BlackPast and in the field of Black history. In addition to his leadership of the site, Dr. Taylor had managed the editorial process for new articles; while we were able to fill the executive director position, we lacked an editor for the last six months of 2025 and had to temporarily pause publication of new articles.

Fortunately, we are moving forward and expect significant growth in 2026. We hired LaNesha McCoy (DeBardelaben) as our executive director upon Dr. Taylor's retirement, who we anticipate continuing to lead BlackPast into the future. Ms. McCoy most recently served as the president and CEO of the Northwest African American Museum, bringing significant experience in leadership of nonprofits similar to BlackPast and considerable expertise in Black history. In addition, we have determined a new model for our editorial process and will hire a scholar to manage that process in the next couple of months. Additional grants and donations received in late 2025 and early 2026, driven in part by gifts in memory of Dr. Taylor, are helping ensure that we can expand our staff.

In 2025, we also unveiled a completely redesigned and more user-friendly version of BlackPast after months of work designing and migrating the site. The new website features significantly improved navigation, search functionality, and mobile optimization. This upgrade makes BlackPast more accessible for our users—especially young people who are more likely to access it on their phones—and we anticipate that it will increase engagement with our audience.



State Rep. Jamila Taylor, Dr. Taylor's daughter and BlackPast board member, speaks at his celebration of life, organized by BlackPast.org

In Dr. Taylor's memory, we have committed to writing and publishing 500 new articles about Washington state's Black history by February 2028. Under the commitment and leadership of our board, staff, supporters, and new executive director, we are confident that the site will continue to grow and maintain financial stability for years to come. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



LaNesha McCoy (DeBardelaben)
Executive Director
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