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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is deeply rooted in the cultural heritage of the Kalispel people, blending traditional wisdom with modern solutions to foster holistic health—physical, mental, spiritual, social, and environmental—for current and future generations.

Date of Award:
2024 Q4

Level:
\$2,501 to \$5,000

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Celebrating Salish Conference – 2025 Final Impact Report

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Dear Friends,

The 15th annual Celebrating Salish Conference, held in March 2025, brought together over 800 participants from more than 25 Tribal Nations, reaffirming our shared commitment to keeping Salish languages alive. This gathering was not just an event—it was a movement, connecting generations and inspiring renewed dedication to language revitalization. With the support of the Tulalip Charitable Fund, we were able to keep participation costs low, offer scholarships, and ensure that Elders and youth could learn, teach, and celebrate together.

With deep gratitude,

JR Bluff,

Kalispel Language & Cultural Alliance



Project Summary

The 15th Annual Celebrating Salish Conference was held in March 2025 in Spokane, Washington. The event united over 800 participants from more than 25 Tribal Nations to strengthen and celebrate the Salish languages. With Tulalip Charitable Fund support, we reduced participation costs, provided scholarships, and ensured that Elders and youth could gather to share and preserve language and culture.

Total Number of Recipients Impacted

- Total Participants: 800+
- Tribal Nations Represented: 25+
- Youth Participants: 150
- Elders: 200
- Scholarship Recipients: 40 youth and Elders
- Educators Receiving Toolkits: 50

All funds were expended as approved and the project is complete.

Project Results

- Hosted 30 workshops, including a dedicated youth track with storytelling, language games, and song.
- Provided travel stipends and registration support for participants from remote communities.
- Distributed 50 Salish Language Teaching Toolkits to educators.
- Recorded and archived Elder presentations to preserve knowledge for future generations.
- Strengthened intergenerational learning between fluent speakers and youth.



Budget Utilization

All funds were expended as approved and the project is complete.

Category	Description	Percent
Scholarships	Travel, lodging, and registration for Elders and youth	35%
Venue, lodging & meals	Reduced participation cost for attendees	25% ^a
Educational materials & recording	Toolkits and Elder presentation recordings	20%
Coordination & cultural programming	Planning, logistics, and cultural presenters	20%

Stories of Impact

Elder's Voice: "This conference reminds me that our language is alive, and our young people are listening."

Youth Perspective: "I met my first fluent speaker here—it made me want to learn more so I can teach my own children someday."

Teacher's Experience: "I'm going home reenergized and ready to teach with new lesson plans and confidence."



Looking Ahead

Building on this success, the 16th Annual Celebrating Salish Conference will take place March 11–13, 2026, continuing to expand scholarships, digital access, and mentorship between Elders and youth.

