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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is to close the degree divide and make college possible for students from low-income backgrounds through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support.

Date of Award:

2020 Q4

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from College Possible.

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2021-2022 Program Year Achievements

College Possible Washington has found immense success for high school and college students during our 2021-2022 program year, making college admission and success possible for students from low-income backgrounds. We carry out our mission to close the degree divide for low-income communities by fostering early college planning; addressing academic, social, and financial barriers to attend college; and increasing college admission, enrollment, persistence, and graduation.

During the 21-22 program year, we engaged 198 senior students, with 169 receiving acceptance into at least one college, which is a college acceptance rate of 85.4%. We have exceeded our goals for our senior students, providing them with the support they needed to continue their education beyond high school.

Taking on the expenses of higher education responsibly is an important component of ensuring equitable access to education. To date, at least 82.8% of College Possible Washington seniors have completed the FAFSA financial aid application compared to the average 40.8% for Washington state seniors. Supporting FAFSA completion ensures that College Possible Washington seniors are enrolling and completing college without taking on unnecessary debt. As the majority of the students we serve are from low income families, supporting them through the financial aid process is critical.

Complete data for the class of 2022 won't be available until January 2023, using National Student Clearinghouse data to identify students who have enrolled in college, but we expect them to achieve similar results as our past classes. For example, of our class of 2021:

- 81% of seniors have applied to at least one college
- 57% have applied to at least three colleges
- 35% have applied to at least five colleges
- 54% have been accepted to college
- 75% completed financial aid applications
- 43% applied for at least one scholarship
- 87% enrolled in college after graduation

Beyond high school graduation, College Possible supports students in persisting from their first year to and through their second year of college. Our students in the class of 2020, who are currently finishing their second year in college, have an 87% persistence rate.

College Possible Washington has successfully adapted programming for the new normal that has emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic, first adjusting programming to be fully virtual and then safely returning to in-person programming. Our successful pivot to a virtual model enabled us to recognize new best practices for work with students, which we've incorporated into our programming as we've transitioned back to in-person support. We've maintained virtual flexibility by continuing to support students in the evenings and on

weekends, allowing students who work and participate in other extracurricular activities to still receive support for their college journey in ways that best fit their schedules and needs.

Our perseverance in serving low-income students was critical as they faced more intense challenges as a result of the pandemic, and those challenges have not relented even as schools reopened for in-person instruction. Low-income students still face inequitable access to educational opportunities, and College Possible Washington has consistently and effectively worked to close the college degree divide for those students who have dealt with heightened obstacles in their paths to and through higher education. With the support of the Tulalip Tribes, we were able to make an intense and long-lasting impact for the students we serve. For more information, please visit: www.collegepossible.org/communities/washington

