Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: Community Action of Skagit County

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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is to help people improve their lives through education, support, and direct assistance while advocating for just and equitable communities.

Date of Award: 2020 Q3

Level: \$5,001 to \$7,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Community Action of Skagit County.



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REPORT TO TULALIP CARES

Funding generously provided by Tulalip Tribes supported our work to meet the basic needs of underresourced Skagit County community members. This support was particularly critical as we increased the capacity of our Skagit Food Distribution Center and our work to meet the expanded demand for Housing Program services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our proposed strategies to achieve our mission to help people improve their lives through education, support, and direct assistance while advocating for just and equitable communities included, but were not limited to, the following basic needs:

- Basic food outreach, including connecting residents to SNAP benefits;
- Rental assistance, eviction prevention, and other housing supports;
- Skagit Food Distribution Center, which is the core food security hub in Skagit County for 19 area food banks and four hot meal programs; and
- Energy Assistance, among others.

In 2021, Community Action of Skagit County helped stabilize the lives of thousands of people in Skagit County, providing vital support during an economically and psychologically difficult time for many families and individuals:

- The Skagit Food Distribution Center processes more than 9,000,000 pounds of food annually which is distributed through 19 local food banks to serve 14,883 households monthly and deliver 2,566 food boxes annually.
- We prevented eviction for 476 households, and we helped 291 individuals obtain safe, affordable housing or temporary shelter.

In addition, Community Action of Skagit County provided comprehensive services that empowered 348 senior or disabled community members to maintain independent living:

- Community Action of Skagit County also helped 920 individuals meet a basic human need, warmed 1,668 households through energy assistance, and helped 632 individuals through case management.
- ▶ 3,844 moms, infants, and children received care and support through the Women, Infants and Children Nutritional Program.

In our grant application, we anticipated that the outcomes of the support provided through this grant will include greater capacity to meet the needs of individuals and families facing financial struggles during and immediately following the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, Community Action of Skagit County's impact has been both wide-reaching and deep, touching the lives of at least 1 in 3 people in Skagit County. With your support aligned with other generous funders, committed staff, volunteers, and partners, we have not only increased demand for our comprehensive services, but also made further inroads in combatting poverty in Skagit County.



