



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**

**Coyote Central**

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**Organization's General Goals:**

Coyote Central sparks creativity in young people, putting tools in their hands to build skills and forge their futures.

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**Date of Award:**

2022 Q4

**Level:**

\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Coyote Central.

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Dear Tulalip Philanthropy Team,

Thank you so much for your generous funding support of [REDACTED] for General Operations in 2023. We are thrilled to share this report detailing the positive impact that your gift made possible.

In the autumn of 2023, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Marlette Buchanan. Marlette brings a wealth of arts, culture, and leadership experience having previously served as The Director of Program Services with Launch, the Executive Director of Seattle Music Partners, and the Arts and Community Development Manager for Pierce County. Marlette is also a seasoned performing artist and she holds a Master's degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts from Fisk University. She is currently completing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of the Cumberlands. Marlette's appointment signals a new and exciting chapter for Coyote Central as we continue to inspire and empower the next generation of creative minds.

Coyote Central's flagship program, Studio Coyote, sparked creativity in 998 youth ages 10 to 15 through 190 hands-on creative courses in 2023. Students enrolled a total of 1,539 times because many students took more than one course.

Out of the 998 youth served in 2023:

- 138 (14%) were Black, African, or Afro-Caribbean.
- 196 (20%) were multiracial.
- 100 (10%) were Hispanic or Latino/a/x or Chicano/a.
- 75 (8%) were East Asian.
- 10 (1%) were Indigenous or Aboriginal or First Nation.
- There was roughly an even divide between male and female participants while 97 (10%) identified as nonbinary.

In 2023, 86% of Coyote students utilized our scholarship program; the amount of income from tuition and the amount of scholarship dollars given were nearly commensurate. We brought the Studio Coyote experience directly to youth through partnering with schools, organizations, and childcare agencies. We plan to innovate to continue better engaging our priority populations including immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ+, homeless, and low income youth, especially youth of color.

We measure success through demographic statistics, student and parent feedback, and student surveys and teaching artist assessments conducted at the end of each term.

Through post-term surveys in 2023:

- 89% of youth felt their course made it easy for them to try out their ideas without worrying about how they would turn out.
- 74% of youth felt that they could solve problems on their own after taking a Studio Coyote course.
- 84% of youth felt their Studio Coyote course gave them an opportunity to strengthen academic skills as well as creative skills.
- 87% of youth reported feeling welcomed and respected by other students at Coyote.
- 97% of youth felt Coyote was a safe and welcoming place for people of all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds.

When asked what their favorite things about the courses were, youth responded:

- "The best things about painting class was learning different ways to communicate my art and taking challenges I never thought I would take."
- "The opportunity to try and test on my own and meet more people outside my school"
- "Learning about art fundamentals"
- "The things that we made and the community I was making food with."
- "We got to express our ideas in a way we can touch and feel and also savor."
- "Making friends."
- "Learning how to weld and cut metal with safe tools and people helping me when I needed it."
- "The creative liberty and the Freedom of expression."
- "Being able to hang out with kids my age that had the same interests."
- "Not being afraid to express myself in a different way. I felt like I made a lot of friends and good memories."
- "Laughing with people and making SUPER cool books!"

Your support has enabled us to equip nearly 1,000 youth with technical skills in many mediums that they may not otherwise have access to, skills of innovation, confidence, an understanding of the creative economy, practical implementation of academic and creative skills, and connection to identity, culture, and peers. It truly means the world to us.

Yours Sincerely,

*Ashanti M Davis*

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Program Director