



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association

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Organization's General Goals:

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA) is a non-profit organization devoted to social, racial and environmental justice. Our mission: integrating art, nature, and neighborhood to build and sustain a dynamic, vibrant, and thriving Delridge.

Date of Award:

2021 Q2

Level:

\$5,001 to \$7,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association.

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Report on Grant Funds Received in September 2021

DNDA's 2021 Application

Due to your generous support of [REDACTED], we were able to continue our work across disciplines and across neighborhoods, to engage the whole region of Southwest Seattle. We focused our efforts in the diverse Delridge Corridor and continued to prioritize our work with low-income youth and families, and communities of color, including immigrant and refugee communities. Our mission is multi-faceted and your operating support was vital, as we could use it across programs. It in turn helped strengthen our programs, allowing us to look to community needs and work together on solutions.

In 2021, we hosted 67 **Art** events (both virtually and in-person), welcomed 225 people to our outdoor Arts in Nature Festival, and worked with 550 local youth in our EcoArts and Summer Youth Programs. We also sustained our **Nature** programs, despite difficulties caused by the pandemic. The Delridge Wetland, located on 23rd Ave SW and SW Findlay Street, is a project spearheaded by DNDA. The project protects, restores, preserves and expands the existing wetland and improves water quality in Longfellow Creek, while developing the space as a public park for all. We hosted 9 sessions to monitor carnivore activity in our local wetlands. During the year, we provided restoration to Longfellow Creek and planted 1,667 native plants in our urban forest. Additionally, we taught 5th-12th grade students in our neighborhood about the importance of environmental stewardship in securing both the land's health as well as their own.

During the past year, we also were able to sustain and maintain the health of the 7 affordable housing properties, which we manage as part of our **Neighborhood** programs. We held small gatherings for tenants and our housing provided housing stability for over 300 residents during the year. During the school year 55 students at Interagency Academy, part of Seattle Public Schools, participated in our Restorative Justice Program. We also held professional development sessions for school staff and administration, both virtually and in-person to help empower student voices and improve the school climate.

All of us at DNDA, board, staff, residents, youth, and neighbors thank you for your generosity, which served as an impetus for a stronger year for our greater community.



DNDA engages young and diverse communities through our **Arts programs**. Many of these take place at **Youngstown Cultural Arts Center**, which houses an alternative high school, public rental spaces, nonprofits and 36 affordable housing units for local artists.



DNDA's **Urban Forest Restoration Program** engages volunteers at 11 parks in West Seattle, and through our **Delridge Wetland Park** we work to protect, restore, preserve, and expand the existing wetland to improve water quality in **Longfellow Creek**. The park also serves as a teaching garden for local students to learn hands-on environmental science and wetland stewardship.



DNDA provides **affordable housing** for local artists and families at 7 properties in the Delridge corridor. Our **Summer Youth Program** provides underserved youth opportunities to come together and work on building arts skills and athletic ability while supporting environmental education in a positive environment.



DNDA's **Family Connections Program** builds intergenerational connections for families in **High Point** and **Croft Place Townhomes**. Our **Restorative Justice Program** works with Seattle Public School's **Interagency Academy** to improve the educational climate for staff, students, and families.



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