



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association**

**Address:**  
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Seattle, WA 98106

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<https://www.dnda.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**  
Our mission is driven to integrate art, nature, and neighborhood to build and sustain a dynamic Delridge.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2022 Q3	\$500 to \$2,500

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

8802 27th Ave NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271  
**TulalipCares.org**

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

Q3 2022 14.2

Number of recipients impacted through programming, volunteer events, and housing: 2,234

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association URL: <https://dnda.org/>

Funding partners URL: <https://dnda.org/about/partners/>

Photos:

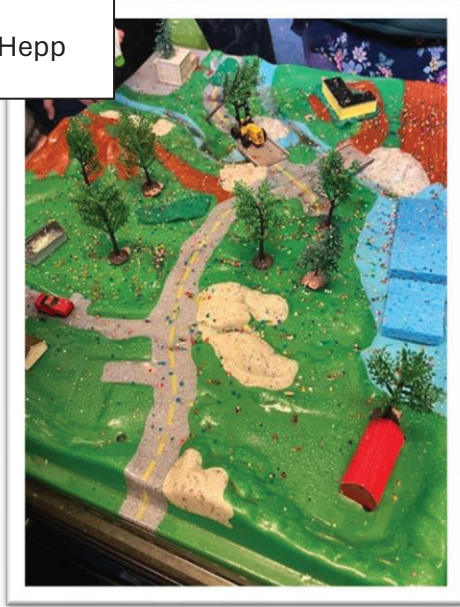
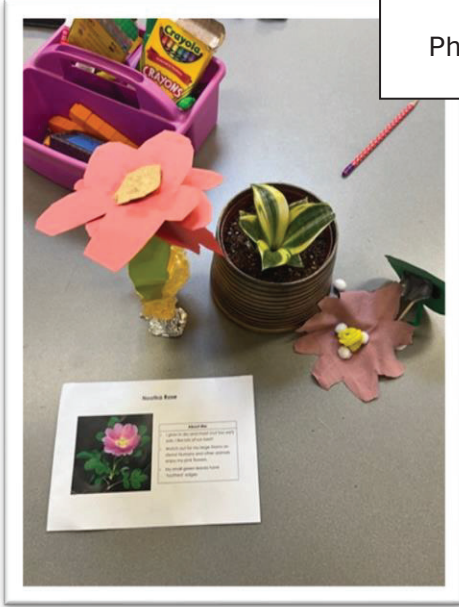


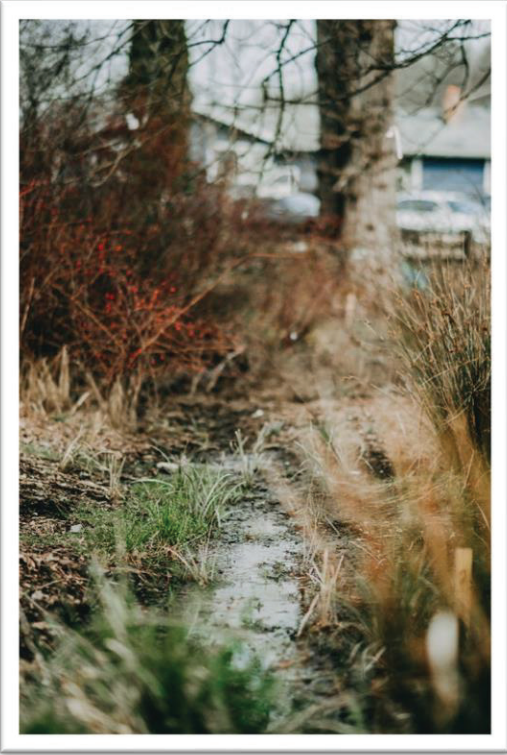
EcoArts lessons with a teaching artist  
July, 2023  
Photo credit: Intale Shuba





EcoArts lessons with a teaching artist  
September, 2023.  
Photo credit: Jules Hepp





Delridge Wetland Park  
October, 2023  
Photo credit: Caroline Borsenik

## More information about programming and recipients.

### ▪ Neighborhood

DNDA's seven **Affordable Housing** properties provide homes for 310 people within Delridge. These residents live across our 144 affordable housing units, seven of which have been reserved for families transitioning from homelessness and 36 of which have been reserved for artists. Since pandemic protections ended, Seattle has experienced an uptick of close to 14% in the number of people experiencing homelessness (King County Regional Homelessness Authority, 2022). Adding to this, African American, Indigenous, and Latinx people comprise over 50% of those experiencing homelessness despite only making up 14.5% percent of the general population in Seattle. DNDA works to ensure that access to affordable housing can remain equitable as evidenced by our affordable housing demographics, which show that over 50% of residents identify as BIPOC. There is still much more work to be done to address the issues of widespread housing inequity, and DNDA is dedicated to ensuring that there remains a place in Seattle for communities facing gentrification.

### ▪ Nature

DNDA's **Urban Forest Restoration Program** engages youth and adult volunteers from the local community to restore Seattle's largest contiguous forest, the West Duwamish Greenbelt, and Longfellow Creek. This restoration work is done in partnership with the City of Seattle and in collaboration with the Duwamish Tribe, on whose lands the greenbelt is located. In 2023, DNDA's environmental team organized 79 restoration events that mobilized 1,434 volunteers, of whom 569 were youth. These program volunteers cleared 6 acres of invasive species and installed 767 native plants in local forests in 2023. The restoration work benefits the community by providing trails that make the space welcoming and accessible, and maintaining and restoring Seattle's tree canopy, which has lost 255 acres of coverage since 2016 (City of Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment's Tree Canopy Assessment 2021). It also provides ecosystem benefits by repairing hospitable habitat for salmon to run, helping to preserve the species for future generations.

The **Delridge Wetland Park Program** is a community effort led by DNDA to restore, conserve, protect, and expand a wetland area that was the former site of a Seattle City Light electrical substation. The Wetland Park project was the product of community effort and years of planning, collaboration, and labor, beginning in 2015 and finally reaching completion November of 2023. Delridge Wetland Park features an outdoor classroom, newly installed drainage systems, and thousands of native wetland species. The park will help to filter storm water flowing to Longfellow Creek, filtering pollutants that would otherwise affect spawning salmon.

Since the removal of the substation, DNDA has been using the park as an outdoor classroom in partnership with Louisa Boren STEM K-8 to provide **Environmental Education**. The park provides students with hands-on learning experiences that enhance their understanding and appreciation of their natural surroundings. In 2023, we've organized 57 Louisa Boren classroom visits to the wetland with 120 students, leading lessons about watersheds, storm water, and ecosystems. The team uses a cross curriculum approach to engage students, combining EcoArts elements with science to create an immersive, stimulating experience that encourages curiosity and exploration.

DNDA's **Environmental Justice Summer Youth Program**, provides paid opportunities for 20 high school aged students-of-color from Seattle's High Point community to immerse themselves in the historical ecology of the local landscape, specifically the Roxhill Bog located in South Delridge. Students this summer (2023) spent 40 hours per week throughout July and August exploring the different customs and cultures of Coast Salish people through bog plants, animals, and traditional stories. As an end-of-program capstone project, each of the students produced a digital production describing the impact this immersive experience had on their sense of self, community, and place in connection to the natural world.

- **Art**

DNDA's **EcoArts Program** provides afterschool and summer art, recreational, environmental, and leadership programming to hundreds of South and Southwest Seattle's youth (ages 6-17) at no cost to families. All programming is delivered to youth who reside in affordable housing managed by Seattle Housing Authority (SHA), and at DNDA's own properties. Activities are held on-site at parks, community centers, and gathering areas either in, or a short walk from, affordable housing sites where youth reside. Programming is designed to foster healthy development and enrich experiential learning by facilitating positive connections to self-identity, culture, community, and the natural world.

Thus far this year, the EcoArts Program organized visual art classes, cooking, soccer, basketball, writing, mural installations, youth and family art nights, paid teen internships, virtual reality classes, digital media, job readiness workshops, and overnight family campouts. The 2023 EcoArts Summer Program served 350 youth participants, 96% of whom identified as BIPOC and 100% coming from low-income or public housing communities. Our fall EcoArts programming includes mural painting and fall-themed art using natural materials.