



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association**

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**Organization's General Goals:**

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association is dedicated to preserving and increasing affordable housing for a range of incomes, enhancing the natural environment, and providing such vital resources as arts and cultural opportunities, education and youth programs for our neighbors.

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**Date of Award:** 2024 Q3      **Level:** \$500 to \$2,500

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Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association.

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**Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions 2024 Grant Report for Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association**

**Report Code:** Q3 2024 14.2

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

**Number of recipients impacted through programming, volunteer events, and housing (for FY 2025):** 4,892

**PHOTOS**



**Watercolor & Mixed Media Classes**

Launched in 2025, intergenerational Watercolor and Mixed Media classes were held weekly at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center and served 733 participants of all ages. These free classes consistently reached capacity with long waitlists and fostered artistic skill-building, creative exploration, and meaningful community connection in an accessible setting.



## EcoArts at Croft

Hosted at the Croft Townhomes in High Point, EcoArts engaged 17 youth during 2025 in hands-on art activities that connected creativity with environmental learning. Participants explored sustainability and stewardship through creative practice in their own housing community.



## Summer Youth Program - Build A Dream Workshop

Held at the Neighborhood House in High Point as part of DNDA's 2025 Summer Youth Program, the Build a Dream Workshop served 7 girls through art-based activities focused on confidence, mindfulness, and self-expression. This paid internship program created a safe, supportive space where participants built emotional awareness, leadership skills, and strong peer connections.



## Delridge Pedestrian Bridge Project

Located at the Delridge SW Way Pedestrian Bridge, this public art project engaged 6 paid teen interns in the design and creation of a permanent neighborhood artwork. Through weekly workshops in 2025, interns developed artistic, teamwork, and civic engagement skills while contributing to a highly visible piece that reflects community identity and pride. The artwork will be fabricated and installed in 2026.



## Longfellow Creek Water Quality Monitoring

Launched in 2025 and conducted at 6 monitoring sites along Longfellow Creek, this community-based program engaged 11 volunteers in collecting water quality data on indicators such as temperature, pH, and turbidity. Participants contributed to long-term watershed health, restoration planning, and community-driven environmental advocacy through hands-on science.



## Summer Youth Environmental Justice Program

DNDA's 2025 Summer Youth Environmental Justice Program supported five paid high school interns in hands-on learning centered on environmental justice. Participants engaged in environmental monitoring, leadership development, mentorship, and discussions on environmental justice, each completing a community action project addressing real-world environmental challenges.



## Branch Out Program

Launched in 2025, the Branch Out Program engaged 7 paid teen interns in outdoor-based learning across regional parks and natural areas in Washington State. Through activities such as hiking, rock climbing, and camping, youth increased access to outdoor spaces while building confidence, teamwork, and a stronger connection to nature. The program also introduced participants to environmental leadership and career pathways through hands-on experience and mentorship.



## DNDA STEAM Program

Delivered at Louisa Boren K-8 STEM School and Delridge Wetland Park, DNDA's STEAM Program engaged 323 students, during the 2024-2025 school year, in hands-on lessons exploring wetlands, stormwater, salmon, and local ecosystems. This program blended science, creativity, and place-based learning to build environmental awareness and curiosity.

### NARRATIVE REPORT FOR 2025

#### ART

DNDA's art programs provide free and low-cost opportunities for youth, families, and community members to engage in creative expression, cultural learning, and skill-building. Through a mix of youth development, public art, environmental arts, and intergenerational programming, DNDA uses the arts as a tool for connection, empowerment, and neighborhood pride across Delridge and surrounding communities.

**Total participants served across all DNDA art programs and events: 1,892**

**2025 Summer Youth Program (SYP):** A 7-week program offering creative, recreational, and workforce-development opportunities for youth across multiple neighborhoods. The program included 8 classes and a paid internship for 12 SHA High Point youth, with an additional 148 youth participants engaging in DNDA's 2025 SYP activities.

### **High Point SYP**

Total youth participants: 110

Youth interns: 12

Additional youth participants: 98

### **High Point SYP Programs**

- **Field Games:** Weekly outdoor recreation and group games, with optional art and rest activities.
- **Mural Project:** Youth expanded a large-scale basketball court mural, adding original designs reflecting their experiences in High Point.
- **Barber in Action:** Free haircuts for youth and families, with hands-on learning opportunities for interns.
- **Soccer:** Twice-weekly practices focused on teamwork, skill-building, and inclusive play.
- **Cooking with Chef Mulu:** The most attended program, teaching hands-on cooking skills and cultural food traditions.
- **Virtual Reality:** Youth explored 3D art and immersive environments using VR headsets
- **Build a Dream (Girls' Program):** Confidence-building program combining art, mindfulness, and emotional wellness.
- **Art in the Park:** Outdoor art-making using recycled materials and mixed media.

SYP interns also supported neighborhood-wide programs and events, including:

- **NH/DNDA Gardening Program**
- **Fun Friday**
- **SPL High Point History Program**
- **SPU High Point Environmental Tour**
- **Storm Drain Stenciling Workshop**
- **SHA Back to School & Health Fair**

- ***DNDA Summer Celebration***

Total participants across events: 484

### **Rainier Vista SYP**

Total participants: 25

#### **Rainier Vista SYP Programs**

- ***Cooking with Chef Mulu:*** Outdoor cooking classes building confidence and collaboration.
- ***Mural on the Benches:*** Youth-painted park benches, beautifying shared spaces.
- ***T-Shirt Printing (Back to School Bash):*** Youth-designed and printed custom shirts.

### **NewHolly SYP**

Total youth participants: 25

#### **NewHolly SYP Programs**

- ***Cooking with Chef Mulu:*** Indoor community kitchen classes with hands-on instruction.
- ***Floral Design with April:*** Youth created floral arrangements and terrariums, taking projects home each week.

**EcoArts Program:** DNDA's EcoArts Program continued to connect High Point youth to environmental learning through creative practice. Programming integrated art, nature, and sustainability, encouraging participants to explore environmental stewardship while building artistic skills. Activities emphasized hands-on learning, collaboration, and access to green spaces.

Total youth participants: 117

**Watercolor & Mixed Media Classes:** This year, DNDA launched free, intergenerational Watercolor and Mixed Media classes held every Wednesday at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center. These classes consistently reached capacity and maintained a waitlist, demonstrating strong community demand. Participants of all ages and skill levels engaged in creative exploration, skill-building, and social connection in a welcoming and accessible environment.

Total participants: 733

**Open Studio Sessions:** DNDA also began hosting weekly Open Studio sessions, providing community members with free access to creative space, materials, and peer-to-peer learning. These sessions offered flexible, self-directed art-making opportunities and fostered a sense of belonging, collaboration, and ongoing creative practice for returning and new participants alike.

Total Participants: 184

**Delridge Pedestrian Bridge Project:** The Delridge Pedestrian Bridge Project engaged 6 teen interns in the design and creation of a public art installation for the new Delridge Pedestrian Bridge on Delridge Way SW. Interns participated in weekly workshops focused on artistic development, teamwork, and civic engagement. Through this project, youth contributed directly to a visible public artwork while gaining professional experience, creative confidence, and a deeper connection to their neighborhood.

Total teen interns: 6

Additional DNDA programs and events expanded access to arts, culture, and learning across neighborhoods. Some of these events include the **High Point Film Festival**, **DNDA Bat Walk**, **“Space 2 Craft” Workshop**, **Fishy Fables**, and **Mahber Innovative Entrepreneurship**. Each event provided free opportunities for creative expression, environmental education, storytelling, and skill-building, engaging diverse audiences and strengthening community connections.

DNDA also manages the 65,000-square-foot, historic **Youngstown Cultural Arts Center**, a vital cultural hub serving youth, low-income residents, and communities of color. This year saw increased use of renovated spaces, including the theater, movement studio, and commercial kitchen, supporting expanded programming and community partnerships. DNDA also welcomed Alki Co-op Preschool, a fellow nonprofit, into the building, further strengthening Youngstown’s role as a multi-generational, community-centered space for learning, creativity, and connection.

## **NATURE**

DNDA's Nature programs advance environmental stewardship, climate education, and equitable access to green spaces across the Delridge neighborhood and surrounding West Seattle communities. Through hands-on restoration, youth leadership development, STEAM education, and community science, DNDA engages residents of all ages in caring for urban forests, wetlands, and waterways. These programs center on environmental justice, ensuring that youth and communities most impacted by environmental harm are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to protect and advocate for their local environment.

**Total participants served across all DNDA nature programs: 346**

**Total restoration volunteers: 2,314**

**Urban Forest Restoration Program:** In 2025, DNDA's Urban Forest Restoration Program hosted over 100 volunteer events, engaging 2,232 total volunteers. Of these participants, 1,006 were youth under the age of 18. The program continued to grow from the previous year, expanding volunteer engagement while increasing restoration capacity across DNDA-managed natural areas.

Total volunteer events: 111

Total volunteers: 2,232

**Delridge Wetland Park Restoration:** DNDA hosted 11 restoration volunteer events at Delridge Wetland Park, engaging 82 volunteers. Each event included a guided walking tour highlighting the site's history, wetland plants, and the environmental services provided by urban wetlands. For participating classes, DNDA also incorporated EcoArts activities led by Teaching Artists, allowing students to creatively connect with nature while deepening their understanding of environmental stewardship.

Total events: 11

Total volunteers: 82

#### **DNDA STEAM Program:**

During the 2024–2025 school year, DNDA continued its Wetland STEAM programming with Louisa Boren K–8 STEM School. The program engaged 323 students from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes through hands-on lessons focused on stormwater, watersheds, salmon, and the relationship between community and nature. DNDA plans to expand this program in 2026 to reach additional nearby schools.

Total students engaged: 323

**Summer Youth Environmental Justice Program:** In 2025, This program provided a paid internship opportunity for 5 high school-aged interns in the High Point community. Participants engaged in environmental monitoring and data collection, leadership development, and in-depth discussions on environmental justice. The program included field trips to local natural spaces and meetings with organizations working in environmental justice. Each intern completed a community action project, applying their learning to real-world environmental challenges and strengthening their role as community advocates.

Total teen interns: 5

**Branch Out Program:** Launched in 2025, DNDA's Branch Out Program is a paid environmental leadership and career exploration program for high school-aged youth. The inaugural cohort engaged 7 teen interns in hands-on environmental learning, mentorship, and professional development opportunities focused on environmental justice and stewardship. Participants explored environmental career pathways through skill-building workshops, guest speakers, and networking opportunities, while also deepening their connection to local ecosystems. Activities included outdoor field experiences such as hiking, kayaking, and overnight camping trips, helping youth build confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging in natural spaces.

Total teen interns: 7

**Longfellow Creek Water Quality Monitoring Program:** DNDA launched the Longfellow Creek Water Quality Monitoring Program in 2025 as a community-based effort to assess and protect the health of Longfellow Creek. Trained community volunteers monitor water quality at six sites along the creek, collecting data on indicators such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and E. coli. The program is conducted in partnership with Sno-King Watershed Council through Global Water Watch. Collected data supports long-term trend tracking, helps identify pollution sources, evaluates restoration impacts, and informs future watershed planning and advocacy. Data is shared with educators, policymakers, scientists, and the public, strengthening transparency and community-driven environmental decision-making.

Total volunteers engaged: 11

Total monitoring sites: 6

## **NEIGHBORHOOD**

DNDA operates seven affordable housing properties in the Delridge area, providing homes for 310 residents across 144 units, including seven units reserved for families transitioning from homelessness. These properties primarily serve communities of color, reflecting DNDA's commitment to addressing housing inequity and supporting residents most impacted by displacement and gentrification in Seattle.

**Total residents living in DNDA affordable housing properties: 310**

In early 2025, in partnership with SRM Development, DNDA acquired the former Department of Licensing building in Westwood Village, West Seattle. This acquisition represents a significant step toward expanding DNDA's affordable housing footprint. DNDA plans to engage community members to gather input on future uses of the site while raising funds to develop additional affordable housing, with the long-term goal of nearly doubling the organization's housing unit portfolio.

## **CONCLUSION**

DNDA is deeply grateful for the continued support of Tulalip Tribes Charitable Funds, whose investment makes this work possible. Tulalip Tribes' commitment to equity, community well-being, and opportunity has strengthened DNDA's ability to provide free meaningful cultural arts, environmental, and youth programs, as well as affordable housing opportunities across Delridge and surrounding West Seattle communities. With Tulalip Tribes Charitable Funds' ongoing support, DNDA is able to expand access, deepen impact, and continue building healthier, more connected neighborhoods where residents can thrive.