# **Funds Distribution Report**

#### Recipient Organization: East African Community Services

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**Organization's General Goals:** Inspire East African immigrant and refugee families to achieve cradle to career success.

Date of Award: 2018 Q3

**Level:** \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from East African Community Services.



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## East African Community Services Report to Tulalip Tribes

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East African Community Services (EACS) is grateful to Tulalip Tribes for the **service** grant that supported our general operations and capacity building activities in 2018. Support from Tulalip Tribes helped sustain our core afterschool and summer programs for K-12th youth and parents while also laying the groundwork for key expansion plans in 2019. Support from Tulalip Tribes helped EACS to reach a total of 170 participants in 2018.

Please find photos of our program enclosed with this report submission. We look forward to future opportunities to partner with Tulalip Tribes to improve the lives of youth, families, and our greater community.

#### Program Results

#### K-8th Afterschool and Summer Program

EACS is proud to share the news that we have expanded the reach of our afterschool program. In the 2017-18 school year, EACS served 48 K-8th graders afterschool at our New Holly location. In 2018-19, we expanded into Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary school and began serving a total of 77 K-8th graders (60% increase). The afterschool program runs 2.5 hours per day, five days per week. For the first time in the 2018-19 school year, EACS extended the program to be five days per week – previously it was only four. In July and August 2018, EACS provided summer programs six hours per day, four days per week to 125 K-8th-graders.

All students in the K-8th grade program took pre-tests (based on Seattle Public School standards) to measure their performance in math and reading at the start of the year – 65% of students started the year proficient on grade-specific math tests and 70% on grade-specific reading tests. We will conduct post-tests in June 2019 to determine improvement in reading and math. Our goal at the end of the school year is for 85% of K-8th graders to improve reading and math assessment scores.

#### Educating the Horn – 9-12th Afterschool Leadership and College Preparation Program

Youth who have completed the K-8th Afterschool and Summer Program consistently reach out to us inquiring about how they can stay involved in EACS during high school. Community and parent concern reinforces this question – citing concerns about disengagement from school, lack of job skills, and increased risk of racial profiling. The "State of American Muslim Youth" (FYI and ISPU, 2015) reports that the Black East African experience is highly influenced by race, excessive profiling, policing, arrest, and incarceration. EACS sees its role as a unifying community-centered organization that nurtures positive self-esteem, celebrates Black excellent, and helps high school aged youth reach their full potential. In 2019, we are further expanding the reach of our programs in partnership with Mercy Housing Northwest at their Appian Apartments in Kent and the Matt Griffin YMCA in SeaTac. Our target population primarily resides in South Seattle and South King County.



#### Parent Leadership Training Institute

EACS piloted the Parent Leadership Training Institute with 30 parents in 2018. In 2019, we expanded the reach to 90 parents at the New Holly neighborhood and 18 parents at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. We are also exploring the opportunity to further expand the reach of the Parent Leadership Training Institute in Kent through a partnership with Mercy Housing NW Appian Way Apartments and in and SeaTac through a partnership with the Matt Griffin YMCA.

Our initial goal was to serve at least 175 K-12th graders and at least 30 parents in 2018. Results show that our actual reach in 2018 was slightly lower than we anticipated: We served K-12th 140 youth in afterschool and summer programs as well as an additional 30 parents through the Parent Leadership Training Institute. We used the past six months as a ramping up period. During this time, we laid the groundwork for several new programs in addition to the replication and expansion of afterschool and summer programs. We estimate that all of our programs combined will serve a total of more than 375 youth and parents by 2019. We are incredibly proud of this growth.

#### **Strategic Plan**

EACS recently completed a five-year strategic plan in partnership with Social Venture Partners. We are excited to share that we plan to focus our efforts on three programmatic growth goals:

**Kindergarten Readiness (Pre-K):** We are already piloting a Prenatal to Five Home Visit program and this work will complement efforts to better support early learning outcomes in the East African community. We are exploring options to expand this pilot into a fully established program serving both Seattle and Kent families with early learning supports.

**Girls and Boys Empowerment:** This will include the Muslim Girl Identity Mapping project as well as other mentorship, leadership, and empowerment-focused efforts for boys and girls.

Our **Muslim Girl Identity Mapping Project** pilot empowers Black East African Muslim girls through photography and mentorship. In January 2019, we began our first cohort of 20 girls and six mentors. The 12-week session ended in March 2019. We are eager to expand the reach of this work and excited about support that we have received from foundation and community groups through funding and program delivery. Beginning in April 2019, we plan to begin the second cohort of 20 girls. In 2020, our dream is to expand this work to reach 60 girls and 30 mentors annually.

**Expansion into South King County:** Acknowledging the rapid displacement of East Africans and others in Seattle into Kent, Tukwila, and neighboring cities, EACS has solidified partnerships with Mercy Housing Northwest at their Appian Apartments in Kent as well as the Matt Griffin YMCA in SeaTac. Through these partnerships, we have increased our student enrollment. This will help us to provide our culturally competent and relevant programming in the face of significant gentrification throughout South Seattle and South King County.



#### Photos of EACS in Action:









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