



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Eastside Legal Assistance Program

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Organization's General Goals:
The Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) provides high-quality, no-cost civil legal aid to low-income residents of East King County, Washington. We also provide legal aid to survivors of domestic violence throughout all of King County.

Date of Award:	Level:
2018 Q1	\$400 to \$2,500

Specific Use for This Award:
This award was used for administrative and program expenses. For more information, please read the attached report from Eastside Legal Assistance Program.

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Dear Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund,

We would like to thank you again for continued support of our Domestic Violence Legal Project (DVLP) through a Q1 2018 grant. I am excited to be able to give a report regarding our successes and accomplishments in serving our domestic violence survivors in 2018. As we build on our successes, we are looking forward to even more growth and are hope to partner again with the Tulalip Tribes on future projects.

The identified goals of ELAP's programs in 2018 was to serve 2,000 people in our programs with over 900 clinic appointments. We also expected to serve more than 200 survivors of DV in the DVLP. The primary goal of the DVLP is to provide brief and extensive legal services to domestic violence survivors. In 2018, we served 286 survivors and their families spending more than 2,316 hours dedicated to this work.

Another goal for our program is to continue our Family Law Fellowship program. Through this program ELAP provided training, mentorship, office space, malpractice insurance and supervision to attorneys who were interested in learning how to start a family law practice. During the course of their one year with us, they provided 600 hours of pro bono civil legal aid to domestic violence survivors. The goal was to have a rolling total of six Fellows during the course of a year with one class starting in the fall and another starting in the spring. Our first Fellow began in the fall of 2014. During the time she worked with us, she expanded our ability to serve more domestic violence survivors, having taken on 38 clients. Our second class began in June of 2015 with three new members. As of today, fifteen Fellows have graduated from the Fellowship.

While the Fellowship program significantly increased the number of clients served in our DVLP, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit Fellows due to the overall employment market. After consulting with our staff attorneys, the local law schools and other legal aid programs, we determined that this program is not currently viable and was put on hiatus last summer. We are exploring additional ways to integrate additional pro bono attorneys into the DVLP to continue to be able to serve increasing numbers of clients.

In addition to the services provided by our DV Staff Attorneys, we work with attorneys in the community to provide pro bono services in scheduled clinic appointments and to take full representation cases as needed. In 2018 more than 1,750 clients were provided legal assistance and if we include the dependents the number grows to more than 3,020 impacted by our organization last year. When we were unable to provide clients with assistance in the DVLP we addressed the needs of 241 survivors with 357 clinic appointments. In addition to our regularly scheduled family law clinics, ELAP is adding monthly DV Impact Program clinics to be housed at

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New Beginnings in Seattle, and Lifewire in Bellevue. Another pilot program we are trying is an extended family law clinic at ELAP once a week. One of our volunteer attorneys has been working in this clinic and has taken on 13 clients since September for extensive representation.

It is essential that we provide the best quality services and advance the knowledge of the legal system for the domestic violence survivors and their families who work with us. We are proud to say that our client evaluations reveal that more than 94% of respondents in 2018 reported that they had increased their knowledge about their legal situation, solutions available to them, and their ability to resolve their legal issues through our services. The funding ELAP received from Tulalip Tribes has allowed us to continue these lifesaving services, and were used for our operational expenses for the Domestic Violence Legal Program.

We look forward to our continued partnership with Tulalip Tribes. Some photographs of our programs are included below. Should you need additional details please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely,

Gerald Kroon
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