



# Funds Distribution Report

**Recipient Organization:**  
**Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens**

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## Organization's General Goals:

Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens is 3½ acres of beauty in Everett's American Legion Memorial Park, maintained by a small army of volunteers and garden curators with help from Everett Parks and Facilities. Our mission is to create and maintain an inspirational and accessible arboretum that is acclaimed and enjoyed for its plant diversity and original sculptures, fostering community engagement through educational opportunities and innovative events.

<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2023 Q2	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens.

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

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January 27, 2025

Dear Members of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund:

Our report on the grant we received in September 2023 is a little late, but we are no less grateful for your support of our project to renovate the Backyard Garden in the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. We requested funds to help us complete the hardscape phase of the renovation of the Backyard Garden. This area is popular as a gathering spot for family celebrations including weddings and engagements, but as the garden has aged it was less inviting and more difficult for our volunteers to manage. Previous grants and a design project with an Edmonds College landscape design class have brought us to a strong, new design featuring a large patio area designed to look like the crosscut stump of an old tree and several benches shaped to look as if they were carved from rocks. Additional features now include a dry creek bed and a bubbler fountain.

It took us longer than we had hoped to get drainage and irrigation work completed, but as we begin 2025, the Backyard Garden is nearing completion and Tulalip grant funds have been expended. As stated above, we used your \$█████ grant to help complete the hardscape. This is the largest project the Arboretum has undertaken, and a summary of the budget, as it relates to the Tulalip Charitable Trust grant, is below.

Description of work	Contractor	Cost
Demolition of area	Ground Works	\$23,129
Drainage	360 Landscape and Construction	\$16,847
Patio and benches	Edge Concrete	\$52,861.90
Trees, shrubs, perennials	Various nurseries	\$15,000
Dry creek bed, bubbler fountain	360 Landscape and Construction	\$9,418.55
Total for these segments of work		\$85,426.30

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Funding Source	Amount	Purpose
Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust	\$20,000	Plant material, sculpture
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund	\$██████	Hardscape improvements
Private donors	\$19,105	Where needed
City of Everett Parks	In-kind	Upgrades to irrigation and gravel path renovation
Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens	\$44,821.30	Remainder of project

I am including before and after photos of the project. While gardens are never finished, and we have a few other touches to add to this area, we are grateful for your support. It has helped us transform an old and overgrown garden into a vibrant new space.

We hope you will have an opportunity to visit Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens and see the project your grant helped to fund. I would be happy to provide a tour of the Arboretum should you be interested. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,



Eileen Simmons, President  
Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens  
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## Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens Backyard Garden Renovation Project, 2022-2025



Site cleared and ready



Edge Concrete begins work on form for patio and concrete benches



Patio and concrete benches completed



