



Funds Distribution Report

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Foss Waterway Seaport

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Organization's General Goals:

The Foss Waterway Seaport is a heritage museum that houses the greatest collection of marine history in the South Sound. The seaport museum today is equal parts education facility, boat shop, maritime museum, dock, moorage, and iconic events venue.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Foss Waterway Seaport.

8802 27th Ave NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

TulalipCares.org

December 21, 2023

Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
8802 27th Avenue NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

On behalf of Foss Waterway Seaport, thank you for the Tulalip Tribes for your [REDACTED] donation in August 2022 for the renovation of our Rails to Sails exhibit. Your support gave us the final boost we needed to complete the project, and the updated exhibit was unveiled in September 2022.

Although it is one of the museum's most popular displays, the Rails to Sails exhibit was originally intended to be temporary; as a result, it had been in need of an upgrade for some time. To improve flow and connect better to the rest of the museum, we opened a wall to facilitate access between the "Rails" and "Sails" portions of the exhibit. We added signage, graphics, and screens to enhance visitor engagement. These improvements have greatly enhanced the ability of visitors to understand the connections between the railroad and shipping industries, and how they shaped the waterfront, Tacoma, and the region as a whole.



New access portal in Rails to Sails



New signage and video screens

We conducted a survey as part of this project after the upgrade was completed, with largely positive feedback. Highlights for visitors included the graphics, videos, and original rail tracks viewable through the window. Returning visitors noted and appreciated the improved flow in the exhibit. We also found that “dwell time,” the average amount of time visitors spend in the exhibit, increased by several minutes after implementing the changes.

Thank you again for your support! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or if you would like to come to the Seaport for a site visit. I can be reached at by phone at 253-272-2750, ext. 101 (office) or 253-334-1688 (mobile), or by email at brent.mason@fosswaterwayseaport.org.

Sincerely,



Brent Mason
Executive Director



“Rails” section of the exhibit