

Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Hooves & Heroes

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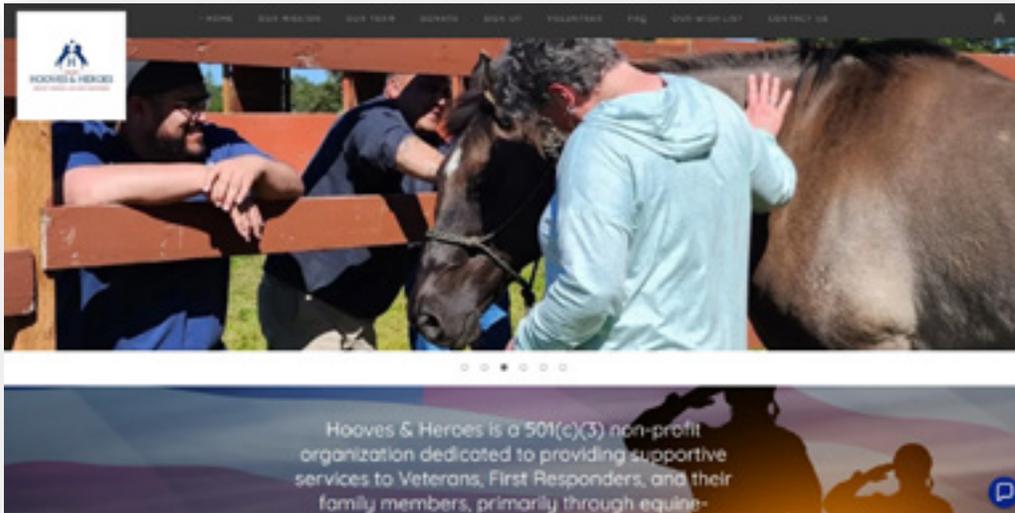
Organization's General Goals:
The mission of Hooves & Heroes is to serve military veterans, first responders, and their families through the healing power of the horse.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Hooves & Heroes.

8802 27th Ave NE
Tulalip, WA 98271
TulipCares.org

Our website: www.hoovesandheroes.org receives an average of 500 site visits per month:



We have an active following on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram (500 FB, 200 IG)

We have been active in the community in 2024,

- We participated in 21 Events across multiple counties: King, Snohomish, Island, Skagit, and Whatcom. These events included resource fairs, public fundraising activities, community events, and so on.
- We spoke at 4 events
- We helped 18 Veterans, First Responders, and their family members



We've been featured on 3 Podcasts (2 available below) and in one national major magazine publication (Horse Illustrated):

Veteran Voices

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NOFgf1Z8c0w>

The Military Reunion Network

<https://podcasts.captivate.fm/media/c5f56460-2e6e-4597-9778-02f822e44bc0/Hooves-and-Heroes.mp3>



We are members of:

- Snohomish County and Skagit County Veteran Coalitions
- Service and Shield Alliance, a tri-county initiative
- Camano Island and Stanwood American Legions

We are supported by (through charitable giving, fundraising, events, grants, etc):

- 4-22 Brotherhood (Veteran motorcycle club)
- Fire and Iron (Firefighter motorcycle club)
- WDVA
- The Bostrom Family
- The Jensen Family
- Cole Charitable Foundation

- Stanwood Camano Area Foundation
- Spirit2Spirit LLC
- Tulalip Tribes
- The Norcliffe Foundation
- The Community Foundation of Snohomish County
- Stillaguamish Tribe

We partner with:

- Everett Veteran Center
- Tacoma Veteran Center
- Venture Veterans
- Military Reunion Network
- Seattle Department of Veterans Affairs/Veterans Hospital
- Local VFW and Axillary
- Mission 22
- Growing Veterans
- Nine Line
- WDVA
- Stanwood/Camano Area Foundation
- Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce

In 2024 we hosted:

- Growing Veterans leadership team retreat
- Peer Support Training
- ICOM 911 Regional Leadership Summit

We received this feedback about our services:

*“My name is Sean Connolly, a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, My wife saw a Facebook post about Hooves & Heroes, so we went to a fundraiser, and shortly after that’s when I started going once a week. We all think we are good [feeling fine], but when even the most outgoing horse won’t come near you because they sense that you are off, it says something. Hooves & Heroes provided me with something to do as I adjusted to civilian life – it beats the hell out of using a bottle to adjust to ‘having time to remember and feel’. All too often once we leave the service we are lost even to our brothers and sisters. Again, having a Veteran ran equine based ‘you can’t hide sh*t from a horse’ therapy option has been a life saver for sure.”*

“The grounding activity was a palate cleanser for the soul.” – JB, US Army Veteran

"...in that moment, I knew exactly how she [the horse] felt. I understood her, and it felt like she understood me when she looked right at me like she was looking through me...like she could see into my soul..." – NP, US Air Force Veteran

Future goals for 2025:

- Increase session attendance by 50%
- Increase offerings to include:
 - Partner and spousal focused retreats
 - Add session types to advance in equine partnerships
 - Develop a trail obstacle course on site
 - Provide space for retreats, meetings, and other events for our military and first responder community
 - Expand on our Veteran and First Responder Garden Program

