Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: Jefferson Land Trust

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Organization's General Goals:

Jefferson Land Trust is a private, non-profit, community-driven conservation organization that provides many services to landowners in Jefferson County and work with them to choose protection strategies that meet both their conservation goals and financial needs.

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Date of Award: 2019 Q2

Level: \$500 to \$2,500

Specific Use for This Award: For more information, please read the attached report from Jefferson Land Trust.



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Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund 2019 Grant Final Report

Project: Saving the Family Farm Award Amount: Contact: Sarah Zablocki-Axling, Development Manager, szaxling@saveland.org, 360-379-9501 x108



GRANT IMPACT

Progress. That's the word that defined this last year at Jefferson Land Trust. With support from the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund and together with our other partners, we made significant advances in protecting farmland, forests, and wildlife habitat in Jefferson County for future generations. Helping small farmers serve their local communities and fulfill their dreams—while preserving valuable resources—means even more in a world where such beauty and bounty is easily lost. Here are the important projects your *Saving the Family Farm* funding helped advance this year:



Ruby Ranch

Your support brought Joe and Valerie Goularte, owners of Ruby Ranch, much closer to preserving their 60 acres of fertile farmland forever. The owners, you'll remember, currently raise beef cattle and hay, and hope to diversify their agricultural products and protect salmon habitat at the same time by partnering with us on a conservation easement. Their land appraisal came in higher than initially planned, so we are awaiting word back from a Conservation Futures grant that will complete the funding. We expect to be able to close with Joe and Valerie by the end of the year and that this cherished and vital family farm will soon be protected.

Kodama Farm & Food Forest

Brother and sister, Grace Thompson and Ben Thompson, also with Grace's husband, Matt

Montoya, combine passion and hard work in their goal of transforming their farm into a sustainable, healthy ecosystem through organic, regenerative agricultural practices and permaculture. On their working farm of 45 bucolic acres, they grow fruit, vegetables, and pasture-raised chickens, along with a lively contingent of Nigerian dwarf goats. They also have a geodesic dome where they are growing citrus and are planting mushrooms and other forest crops on their property, building towards a time when they can have a farm to table restaurant serving their food grown right onsite. You may remember hearing their story of being young farmers starting out with only a tent with a broken tent pole as their shelter, but having big dreams. With your past support and gift this year, their dreams are closer to reality (and they don't live in a tent



anymore!). The Kodama farm also offers a unique opportunity for habitat conservation, including a salmon-bearing stream, and the owners are excited about improving the riparian

environment as well. The Land Trust, in partnership with the North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Jefferson County, and the Department of Ecology is refining where the building envelope will be, surveying and working on a conservation easement for the farm. As a result, we hope the vision of Kodama as a biodiverse home for plants, animals, and people will soon be a reality!

USE OF FUNDS

Your Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund award helped in saving the family farm by supporting the direct program costs and Land Trust staff time for Sarah Spaeth, Conservation and Strategic Partnerships Director; Erik Kingfisher, Stewardship Director for work on farmland projects; and propelled our farm work, like the Ruby Ranch project forward.

DISCOVER WHAT YOU HAVE HELPED PROTECT

There aren't enough words to express the gratitude of the Land Trust and the landowners whom your grant has benefitted, especially in these challenging times. If any Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund member or staff plan to visit us, here on the scenic Olympic Peninsula, we would be delighted to arrange a tour of one of the farms or any of our projects that you have helped to protect. Just contact us at the number above. There is nothing like seeing for yourself what a difference you are making. Thank you from all of us!





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