



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

LifeWire is on a mission to end domestic violence and create a world where every person lives in a safe environment, free from oppression and with the opportunity to thrive.

Date of Award:

2017 Q4

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from LifeWire.

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Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Report

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In April 2018, **LifeWire** received a [REDACTED] donation from Tulalip Charitable Contributions. **Thank you** for your gift in support of our comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence. You are truly making a difference in the lives of families and children in our community.

LifeWire's mission is to end domestic violence by changing individual, institutional and societal beliefs, attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate it. We help domestic violence survivors break the complex cycle of violence and abuse in their lives and become economically self-sufficient.

Thanks to your gifts, **LifeWire** is able to offer housing, advocacy support, legal advocacy, mental health therapy, basic needs, unrestricted care and hope to families and children in desperate need.

In **2018 LifeWire:**

- ◆ Served **4,252** survivors of domestic violence.
- ◆ Provided individual advocacy and support for **433** children.

Survivor Advocacy Services:

- ◆ 24-Hour Helpline: Staff and volunteers answered **9,671** calls, offering safety planning and resource referrals.
- ◆ Survivor-Driven Advocacy: **1,094** participants received one on one support, advocacy, and systems negotiation.
- ◆ Adult, Youth & Children's Support Groups: for survivors in recovery from domestic violence. **42** adults and **38** children and youth participated in support groups.
- ◆ Legal Advocacy: **208** survivors received assistance in navigating the legal system and accompaniment to court appointments.
- ◆ Mental Health Therapy: **159** survivors received individual counseling.



Homelessness Services:

- ◆ My Sister's Home: **26** families fleeing lethal situations received emergency housing and supportive services.
- ◆ My Friend's Place: **20** survivors fleeing lethal situations with their children and recovering from both domestic violence and chemical dependency, received shelter and supportive services.
- ◆ Hotel Vouchers: **21** families fleeing lethal situations received emergency housing, food, basic needs and full advocacy services while in short stays in hotel and motels.

Housing Stability Services:

- ◆ Flexible funds: **175** families received flexible financial assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless and to obtain or retain housing (a 16% increase from last year.) Common uses were for income promotion, moving expenses, apartment deposits and utility costs.

- ◆ **Short-term Rental Assistance:** 26 families (35% increase from 2017) received rental assistance and supportive services as they transitioned into permanent, safe and stable housing.

LifeWire services consistently result in successful permanent housing outcomes and increased financial stability, safety, and self-determination.



Measured Outcomes:

- ◆ 90% of participants will utilize the community resources to which they are referred. In 2018, **100%** of participants achieved this outcome.
- ◆ 90% of participants will strengthen skills and strategies that support on-going safety. In 2018, **100%** of participants achieved this outcome.
- ◆ 55% of adult participants will increase their housing stability. In 2018, **50%** of survivors exiting our homeless shelters and **94%** of Rental Assistance participants moved to permanent housing; and **80%** of families receiving flexible funds remained in permanent housing six months after receiving assistance.

Domestic Violence Prevention and Community Engagement:

LifeWire is working to change the culture that tolerates abuse. Staff work in our local and greater community to educate and train professionals from various sectors to increase support for survivors and promote social change. In high schools and at Bellevue College students learn healthy relationship skills and Bystander Intervention training.

In 2018, **15,669** adults members in the community learned about domestic violence and **2,539** students were educated about dating violence and building healthy relationship skills.

The majority of people accessing our services are women, most with children; however **LifeWire** services are available for all whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence. **LifeWire** has a history of serving individuals who are the most marginalized in our community, many of whom are not able to receive services elsewhere, particularly immigrants, those living with chronic health or chemical dependency concerns, people of color, those living in poverty, and members of the LGBTQ community. Survivors in marginalized communities have an increased risk of lethal harm, simply due to lack of options and resources.



With your support we are able to provide help and hope to domestic violence survivors, children and families when they need it most.

Thank you for your partnership!