



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

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Organization's General Goals:
To build a strong and healthy sovereign nation where Tribal members live their values and culture.

Date of Award:	Level:
2016 Q1	\$10,000+

For more information, please read the attached report from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

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approximately eight miles west of Port Angeles, Washington. The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe has used these grant funds to renovate the property into an ADA-compliant, competition-ready youth athletic field with a synthetic turf infield, backstop, dugouts, fencing, bleachers, men's and women's restrooms, off-street parking, picnic area and landscaping. Our goal is to host a variety of organized **team tournaments** (both locally and regionally) for youth and provide access to youth sports activities on the reservation. We expect teams to include members of the six local Tribal communities and nontribal youth from the Olympic Peninsula and surrounding region. Competitions initially will be focused on softball, but the site will also be suitable for soccer and middle-school football.

In addition, we expect to host local and regional **sports camps** at this facility. The softball field's artificial turf infield makes it unique in the Olympic Peninsula. We plan to sponsor to help youth develop sports skills and physical, mental and emotional/attitudinal conditioning during the summer months when many will not have access to transportation to such activities in the city. As the only infield on the Olympic Peninsula with an artificial turf infield, the sports facility will be especially attractive to teams seeking to schedule games during the region's rainy season. The rural nature of our area, with its very limited transportation system and paucity of *natural* turf fields in the Port Angeles area (only 6), means that this youth facility will become critical as an outlet for a youthful energy outlet and development of their skills, team-building spirits and unmitigated fun. The site amenities including the synthetic infield also will result in an economic benefit for our surrounding community.

Its ADA accessibility, picnic tables and restrooms will create a popular gathering place for families. As the only developed outdoor recreational facility on the reservation, this facility is not only needed but of high importance to the Tribal community. With all its amenities, it will benefit the local and regional communities by increasing youth involvement in sports.

The new facilities will provide benefits for youth with the overall outcome as follows:

1. Youth served by Baseball/Softball	625
2. Youth served by Football	100
3. Youth served by Soccer	115
4. Youth served by Kickball	<u>190</u>
5. Youth Served by renovation project	980 total +/-

Because of the Tulalip Tribe's donation and support, the Lower Elwha youth will have convenient access to a modern, well designed facility constructed at a convenient, nearby location, encouraging healthy outdoor competition on the reservation. Non-tribal youth and Native youth from other tribes locally/regionally will join them, impacting the Olympic Peninsula and Seattle/Tacoma areas. We anticipate that these higher levels of interaction will aid in youth development and understanding of diverse populations, thereby removing or reducing racial disparities. We expect teams and athletes throughout the area will compete and train at the facility. And while competitions initially will be focused on **softball**, the site also will host **soccer** and middle-school **football**.

Currently around 90 youth aged 18 and under live on the Lower Elwha Reservation with many more Tribal youth residing off reservation. With this new facility in place, we expect to serve

over 980 youth from our local and regional areas. The list below quantifies these numbers (not including LEKT youth) to the best of our abilities:

1. Port Gamble Tribe T-Ball 30
2. Quileute Tribe T-Ball 13
3. Clallam County YMCA T-Ball 60
4. North Olympic League T-Ball (7 teams) 95
5. Minor Boys (8 teams) 101
6. Major Boys (8 teams) 102
7. Minor Girls (6 teams) 72
8. SR League (3 teams) 41
9. Seattle/Tacoma teams (estimate only) 140

This ballfield will be available for competitive youth sports year round when weather permits. For organized competitive sports, we expect softball and baseball for boys and girls to begin in April 2017, and continue through August, though practices will likely occur throughout most of the year, weather dependent. Soccer and football will consist of recreational games among local teams and sports “camps” during the summer months led by local coaches and fitness instructors drawn from both the tribal recreation staff and coaching personnel from the local community. Most of the youth attending these camps will be preparing for participation in high school and middle school teams. In addition, kickball is currently played daily in the tribe’s gym. This will transfer to the outside facility when the field is not in use for other activities.

In addition to the field itself, we also will have a new playground accessible to kids to interact with other kids and parents who can spend time at “the park” with their children without having to travel. There will also be a full size lighted half-basketball court so that the tribal youth can play games or just shoot around. With these two additional pieces to the park, tribal parents and youth can interact in a positive environment.

In general, this wonderful sports facility will be used by the general public for the facility’s intended purpose when it is not scheduled for games or practice whenever adequate adult supervision is available. Scheduling will be done through the LEKT Recreation Department either in person at the gymnasium or by telephone.

Thank you, again, for helping to bring this ballfield into reality. We hope you know how much your gift means to us and the children who will use it happily and often as they grow into adulthood. It will be a mainstay in their lives and the subject of many good memories.

Sincerely yours,



Frances G. Charles, Tribal Chairwoman
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe