



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

We support cultural events, advocate for tribal rights, and aim to improve lives and healthcare for Indigenous communities through Traditional Medicine education. It is our mission to honor this knowledge, as well as the resilience and strength of Indigenous peoples and their enduring Spiritual connection to this land.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q3	\$10,000+

For more information, please read the attached report from Nakani Native Program.

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2024 Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund Final Impact Report

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Naa káani Native Program has made significant strides in enhancing the well-being of tribal communities through the generous support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund. The funds received have been strategically allocated to bolster our Traditional Medicine Program (TMP), which plays a pivotal role in preserving and promoting Indigenous cultural knowledge and practices. One of our primary goals is to help community members and allies cultivate a deeper connection to tribal identity, community, and Mother Earth. Through our tribal community-based events, we have successfully increased access to and knowledge of traditional medicines, which are integral to enhancing physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health. Our efforts have been documented through event surveys and personal narratives, which reflect the positive impacts and meaningful ways we have served our community.

With the funds received, our TMP program was able to partner with Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources and youth programs and other local tribal groups by providing support and resources during the 2024 Coast Salish Youth Coalition Camas Bake Campout at the Pacific Rim Institute on Whidbey Island. This event was a remarkable opportunity for our young people to engage in traditional practices, fostering a sense of place and identity. The campout provided hands-on experiences with traditional foods and medicines, instilling a sense of pride and continuity of ancestral knowledge. The collaboration not only enriched the youths' understanding of their heritage, but also reinforced the importance of sustainable practices and community stewardship.

Our TMP's Fireweed Harvesting & Jelly Making community event, hosted partially on the Tulalip Reservation at the Hibulb Cultural Center in the summer of 2024, was well attended by local tribal community members. This event brought together community members to engage in the traditional practice of harvesting fireweed, a plant revered for its medicinal properties. Participants learned about the history of the Coast Salish People's deep connection to the harvesting areas, traditional land management practices, and the plant's uses and benefits, creating a tangible connection to their cultural heritage while promoting health and wellness. The activity of making jelly from the harvested fireweed served as a metaphor for the blending of tradition and community, highlighting the importance of preserving cultural practices while fostering social bonds.

Funding from Tulalip Tribes was also used to support ongoing operations of our organization and other Traditional Medicine Program initiatives including our TMP Internship Program and

our ongoing partnership with the University of Washington School of Medicine Indian Health Pathway Program. Our clerkship and internship programs aim to integrate healthcare professionals (physicians, healthcare practitioners, healthcare workers, etc.) with the tribal community to provide opportunities to gain cultural awareness and competence. Through shared experiences with tribal communities and traditional healthcare practices, we aspire to develop culturally sensitive practitioners and allies of those serving the urban and rural Native American and Alaskan Native communities.

With our TMP programs and events in 2024 reaching over 750 community members, the impact of our initiatives that have been supported by Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund is profound as they address health disparities and promote long-term health outcomes for tribal people and communities. By embedding traditional practices into everyday life, we are not only preserving cultural heritage but also empowering individuals with the knowledge to make informed health decisions. Thank you for your support in our work. Through your contribution, Naa káani's Traditional Medicine Program has been able to serve our community through meaningful engagements that honor our traditions and pave the way for a healthier future.



