



Funds Distribution Report

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Northwest Maritime Center

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Organization's General Goals:
The mission of the Northwest Maritime Center is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery.

Date of Award:	Level:
2020 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Northwest Maritime Center.

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Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
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Dear Marilyn,

We are deeply grateful to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions fund for your generous gift of \$ [REDACTED] to support our Salish Sea Expeditions program. Additionally, we are grateful for your patience and understanding in the implementation of this program, and the use of funds to best align with the deliverables stated within the agreement.

After two years of canceled programming due to COVID-19, we were thrilled to see the return of this core program this past spring. With your support, Salish Sea Expeditions (SSE) served a total of 386 students (along with 34 adults) in this, its first season back.

As you heard from Chief Development Officer, Stephen Streufert, the use of funds shifted from their originally intended program of our Marine Explorers Program to our Sound Program—both under the umbrella of SSE's offerings. While the program of focus may have shifted, the impact of your support did not. We were able to offer these Sound Programs at a significant discount to local schools. Jefferson County is listed as a distressed county, and it is one of our top priorities to ensure our experiences are open to all who want to participate. Being able to provide these discounted rates is a hugely important step towards fulfilling that goal and vision.



Challenges:

As you might imagine, we encountered several challenges in restarting the SSE program. Our first challenge was to figure out how to offer a program with so much COVID uncertainty and concern. We also had challenges filling staff roles. Our biggest hurdle came when we had to change the boat we normally use due to safety concerns right before the season started. This challenged us to think creatively, reach out to other boats in our community and build partnerships.

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Successes and Lessons Learned:

Despite the challenges listed above, this season was still a resounding success. Our challenges taught us that we could mitigate COVID concerns and impacts and still provide a fun, safe, and engaging experience. In building the partnerships referenced above in navigating the challenge around a programmatic boat, SSE became more resilient as we now have multiple boat platforms we can use in the future to get more students out on the water engaged in hands-on learning experiences. After sending all her 5th and 6th grade students on a Salish Sea Expedition, one principal wrote, "The learning experiences that you provided are what it's all about - real, meaningful, hands on - and most importantly, bringing learning "alive" for students in ways that they will always remember."



While Salish Sea Expeditions' main focus is on science inquiry and maritime skills, we heard over and over from teachers and administrators that they were so glad that their students could be a part of these kinds of experiences again. Students repeatedly stated that their favorite part was being with their classmates away from a computer/technology. One middle school teacher wrote, "They (the students) were all so thankful for the trip, especially after a couple years of no school trips!" These trips helped build relationships and brought a sense of normalcy and community back to students' school experiences.

Thanks to support from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contribution fund, we have taken yet another step in providing the top-tier educational and experiential programming we are known for. Immersive, hands-on experiences instill a sense of curiosity and responsibility in our young people and empower them with the sense of agency that is imperative to their long-term success and the enduring health of our natural spaces.

Thank you!

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