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# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Pacific Ballroom Dance**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
Pacific Ballroom Dance builds character in youth by providing a positive ballroom dance experience.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2023 Q2	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Pacific Ballroom Dance.

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## PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE

### Tulalip Tribes

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### Dancing Classrooms

The generous support from the Charitable Contributions Fund of the Tulalip Tribes was used to bring Dancing Classrooms to fifth grade public school classrooms in the Greater Seattle region. The program has been gaining momentum since the pandemic and we were able to serve 12 area elementary schools in the 2023-2024 school year. Approximately 500 students and their classroom teachers were able to participate in the program, with public attendance at the Culminating Events and "Colors of the Rainbow Team Matches" at about 750.



## PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE

Dancing Classrooms is one of the 5 primary programs offered by Pacific Ballroom Dance. It is a 10-week, 20-session social and emotional learning program that utilizes ballroom dance to cultivate the positive feelings that are inherent in every child. The maturity necessary to dance together fosters respect, teamwork, confidence and a sense of joy and accomplishment. Ballroom dance is the medium we use to nurture these qualities.

### **Dancing Classrooms Progress Overview**

With the help of this grant, Pacific Ballroom Dance brought Dancing Classrooms to numerous schools, classrooms and students. The impact the program makes is significant which is proven by the number of schools that want the program back year after year.

In 2022, one school took the leap to bring the program back after the pandemic. Minter Creek in Gig Harbor participated in Dancing Classrooms in the spring with two 5th grade classrooms participating. The 2022-2023 school year brought back seven more schools and this past year we were able to add even more schools. We are now on the path to bring back even more returning schools and adding new schools that want to provide this opportunity for their students.

After an absence of 3 years, the *Colors of the Rainbow Team Match* was finally brought back as well. We were able to host two competitions this past school year - one in January and another event in May. Several schools participated in this exciting competition that allows the dancers to show what they learned in their residencies and participate in a friendly competition with other schools.

The participating schools in 2023-2024: Minter Creek, Voyager, Purdy, Mountain Meadow, Sunrise (Enumclaw), Black Diamond, Southwood, Westwood, Northwood, Byron Kibler, Sunrise (Kent), and a homeschool coop.





## PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE

### **Dancing Classrooms Additional Information**

Our Executive Director, Roxanne Nielsen also serves as a Senior Teaching Artist and was able to train four new Teaching Artists to help fill the gap in program instructors. Erin Briones was hired to serve as the Dancing Classrooms Program Director and is responsible for recruiting new schools, quality control and scheduling.

We are grateful to our supporters who make it possible for the Dancing Classrooms program to keep growing and positively enriching the lives of elementary students in our area.

