



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
The Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship (PRI) mission is to engage science, culture, and community for ecological restoration. This organization focuses on restoring endangered prairies, managing native habitats, and fostering community connection to the land.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Pacific Rim Institute.

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Dear Friends at the Tulalip Charitable Contributions Fund,

Please accept our report on the use of the generous [REDACTED] grant you provided toward the Food Sovereignty Garden project. The funds paid first for the labor to clear most of the vegetation from the dedicated lot, and for the labor and supplies to cover it with landscape fabric. This was done to deprive the existing plants of light for long enough that they died off naturally, leaving the biomass from the



decomposed roots to enrich the soil, and leaving the soil ecology (microbes, mycelia, and other organisms) in place. During this period, we carried out research to learn more about traditional Indigenous farming practices; the grant was also used to fund the research and creation of a comprehensive database of local native plants that have traditional uses for food and medicine. This data has been used in the planning stages of the planting scheme, but will also be crucial as a reference document that we will continue to build on as we learn from the actual experience of growing and harvesting what we plant.



Recently, we've removed the soil cover and did some shallow tilling. Throughout the process we have been guided by the input of Sam Barr of the Coast Salish Youth Coalition (since his constituents will be among the primary benefactors of this project). We are in the process now of planting some of those species, such as nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*), that need the winter season to become established for spring growth. Most of the plot though will be planted starting in early spring, and orders for those seeds and starts will be fulfilled in late winter. It is then that we will install the educational signage—the production of which has also been funded by this grant.

In conversation with Sam Barr, we determined that any sort of event to engage folks in the Food Sovereignty Garden should happen in the spring of 2025, and in conjunction with the annual multi-tribal Camas Bake event. We have secured funds for these activities, which has allowed us to shift those projected costs to another area of need that we had not budgeted for: The design and production of the educational signage.



The central location of the Food Sovereignty Garden will directly benefit over one hundred people each spring during the Camas Bake, while the educational signage will benefit Pacific Rim Institute's over 500 volunteers, supporters, and visitors, including regular trail walkers, class and workshop attendees, and special event attendees.

Thank you again for your belief in us, and your encouraging support of the vision to create this garden that will both educate and provide food in ways that both recover and model traditional Indigenous food and medicinal praxis.

Handwritten signature of Forrest Inslee in blue ink.

Forrest Inslee