



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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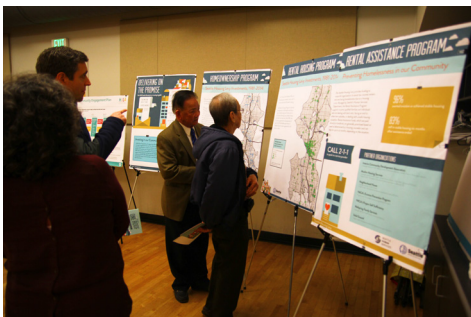
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GENERAL GOALS: Puget Sound Sage combines research, innovative public policy and organizing to ensure all people have an affordable place to live, a good job, a clean environment, and access to public transportation.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Puget Sound Sage.



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Puget Sound Sage

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Puget Sound Sage is at the forefront of shaping the debate on groundbreaking economic, environmental and equity issues in the region. Elected officials, opinion-leaders and the media view Puget Sound Sage as a go-to resource for policy expertise, seeking our organization's innovative ideas and racial equity perspective when it comes to shaping sound public policies and winning local campaigns.

Since our founding in 2007, Puget Sound Sage has scaled up quickly on our programmatic work. Our work has resulted in landmark policies that improve job standards, housing affordability, climate resiliency, and transit access for thousands of working families in the region.

As we've scaled up on our program work, we have identified the need to scale up on our systems and infrastructure as well in order to be sustainable long-term. The investment from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund has allowed us the resources needed to be innovative and sustainable in our work. General operating funds are the backbone of an organization's success. With the [REDACTED] grant we received from the Tulalip Tribes last fall, we were able to invest in an area of our organizational capacity that we had been lacking for years – our strategic communications.

In December 2016, we launched a partnership with a communications cooperative to improve our communications strategy as an organization. We built up our organizational communications through launch of our new website this past January. In addition, the cooperative conducted interviews with Puget Sound Sage's staff, board, and constituents as part of an organizational assessment on our communications. Coming out of the assessment, the cooperative created a report on our communication strategy and deliverables for the year. The deliverables included designing a new visually compelling Theory of Change, as well as a ten-year Community Report to share with allies, donors and foundations.

As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary this year, we want to thank the Tulalip Tribes for investing in Puget Sound Sage's general operating capacity. **Through your support, our work has improved the lives of over 75,000 people in the Puget Sound region in the past year alone.**

Thank you for your critical support!