## **Funds Distribution Report**

# Recipient Organization:

#### Address:

117 East Louisa Street #445 Seattle, WA 98102

**Rain City Rock Camp** 

#### **Contact:**

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### **Organization's General Goals:**

Rain City Rock Camp's mission is to empower girls, women, and gender non-conforming individuals to engage their creative potential through music, champion equity, and thrive in a community of allies and activists.

Date of Award: Level:

2019 Q2 \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Rain City Rock Camp.



8802 27th Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271

TulalipCares.org

September 28, 2020

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund 8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Tulalip, WA 98271

RE: Report on Use of 2019 Funding

Dear Tulalip Tribes Foundation Trustees,

Thank you for your 2019 support of Rain City Rock Camp. None of us could have known the challenges 2020 would bring, but your generosity has allowed us to continue to meet the needs of our community even in the midst of a global pandemic.

Due to health and safety concerns, we made the commitment to move our 2020 programs to a virtual platform. While we were saddened not to see campers in person this year, we were absolutely starstruck by the creative, innovative ways our youth and adult campers used our new virtual environment to collaborate and support each other!

In May, we shifted our Ladies Rock Camp (LRC) adult program to an online format to an overwhelmingly positive response. Sixty-nine percent of participants said they would definitely sign up for our virtual programming again, and 31 percent said they probably would attend again. Participants cited the "inspiration of seeing what others are capable of," a "feeling of acceptance," "believing in myself," and understanding "I don't need to apologize for existing" as some of the key takeaways from the program. Our fall LRC program was met with equal enthusiasm.

We combined South Sound Rocks (Tacoma) and Summer Camp (Seattle) into one Virtual Summer Camp program that included our most popular workshops reimagined for online collaboration and creation: Songwriting, Media and Our World, Consent and Boundaries, Identity and Activism, Body Power and Express Yourself. Campers also engaged in off-line DIY creative projects like Design Your Own Band Logo, Make Your Own Zine and Sound Escape. At the end of each Virtual Summer Camp session, family and friends joined us for a virtual showcase featuring our camper bands' newly created songs! Interns were as essential to our online programming as they are in person. They designed workshops, mentored younger campers and inspired the entire camp community to rise to the challenge of a new program format.

The Amplified Teen Voices program went virtual early in the year, and we're pleased to report that our youth leaders have stepped up, finding creative ways to collaborate online. They continue to meet virtually twice a month online and are learning how to be leaders both in the RCRC community and the world beyond.

We met 100% of our scholarship need for youth and adult campers, and our fall LRC participants were the most racially diverse group of adult campers and teaching artists we've had to date. Our hope is that we will be able to hold our programs in person next year. But if we don't, we now know the virtual Rain City Rock Camp experience is just as life changing. After all, community is about people, not place.

Thank you again for your generous support of our work. We're happy to provide additional information or answer any questions you might have about our 2020 programs or plans for the upcoming year. Sincerely,

Natalie Walker Executive Director

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