



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Reach Out and Read Washington**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
Reach Out and Read is 501(c)3 nonprofit that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2018 Q4	\$5,001 to \$7,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Reach Out and Read Washington.

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Marilyn Sheldon  
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### Grant Status Report Q4 2018 14.2

Reach Out and Read Washington State

URL: [www.reachoutandreadwa.org](http://www.reachoutandreadwa.org)

Total number of recipients impacted: **1,940**

Photos: **Please see attached**

Dear Ms. Sheldon and members of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Committee:

On behalf of Reach Out and Read Washington State, I am pleased to send you this report describing the early literacy services funded by support from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions. We are so appreciative of the generous support of the Tulalip Tribes and your continued interest in our work.

### Grant Overview – Q4 2018 14.2

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions generously granted Reach Out and Read Washington State (RORWA) \$ [REDACTED] on March 29, 2019, directing the funds to be spent in support of Reach Out and Read Washington State's services in the Tulalip Health Center and in 14 other health clinics across Washington that primarily serve Native American families. Funding supported our efforts to sustain early literacy programs and provide technical assistance and professional development to help medical clinics implement high-quality programs with fidelity to the research-proven Reach Out and Read model.

### The Reach Out and Read Program

During well-child checkups from ages 6 months through 5 years, Reach Out and Read certified doctors give books to young children while providing individualized guidance to parents about the importance of reading aloud regularly. Reach Out and Read builds on the unique relationship between parents and doctors to teach parents how to support their child's early language and literacy development at home, starting in infancy. Research shows that when families participate, parents read aloud more often at home, and children develop the early language and literacy skills that will help them be ready for kindergarten. <https://reachoutandread.org/why-we-matter/the-evidence/>

### Expenditures of Grant Funds

During the last year, funding from the Tulalip Tribes helped support the delivery of the Reach Out and Read program in 14 tribal health in clinics including the health clinics of the Tulalip, Yakama, Puyallup, Lummi, Colville (2), Port Gamble S'Klallam, Swinomish, Nisqually, Quileute, Spokane, Nooksack, and Makah Tribes as well as Seattle Indian Health Board. Collectively these clinics provided Reach Out and Read to 1,940 families.

\$ [REDACTED] was used to purchase 1,350 substantially discount-priced, high-quality new children's books provided to families at Reach Out and Read checkup visits. Medical providers gave these books to the families. They also incorporated these books into their interactions with parents, using the book as a tool to help assess child development during the medical exam. Doing so modeled for parents the power they have to observe and support their child's early learning, while giving the doctor valuable insights

into the child's development, and the parent-child relationship. This book funding from the Tulalip Tribes provided just over 1/3 of the book funding needed by our tribal clinic partners for the year. This funding helped ensure that young children and their families received a new culturally and developmentally appropriate book to take home and keep, to read again and again.

The remaining \$ [REDACTED] was used to support the technical assistance and professional development needed to maintain the effectiveness of the program, evaluate program quality, and partner with clinics to develop and implement quality improvement plans when issues were identified. Reach Out and Read Washington State staff support medical practices and providers, so that they can easily implement the proven program with fidelity. Our job is to make it as easy as possible for doctors to participate so that they can serve parents and children effectively. Program quality success is a result of active collaborations between our staff and the staff of the medical clinics. We worked closely with the medical clinics, including at the Tulalip Health Clinic, to maintain high-quality programs by providing ongoing technical assistance and professional development for medical providers and staff, thanks to the financial support you provided for salaries, mileage, and materials.

### Results

Overall, your support has helped make it possible for doctors and clinics to integrate Reach Out and Read into their well-child checkups, using a proven program to help parents understand and be able to support their child's early language and literacy development. When a book is presented to a child having a checkup, it opens a way for the parents to ask questions of their doctor and to hear individualized developmental information and encouragement to read aloud frequently with their child.

Maintaining consistent funding so that doctors have the "right book for each family at each and every checkup" is one of the biggest challenges our programs face, so we greatly appreciate the funding you are providing for this service! We know that our medical providers in your area are so grateful for the books and technical assistance you funded. When they are able to work without the constant concern for book funding, they can better focus on the families they serve. We appreciate your partnership and your recognition of the critical need to support parents, so that they can in turn support their very young children's language development and early literacy. We are honored that Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions has chosen to invest in our work. Thank you so much for helping local children along the path toward kindergarten readiness and future educational success.

We hope you are aware of the important difference that your investments are making. Thanks to you there are many parents and children cuddling together with books, supporting early learning and strong family ties, because you have made it possible for young children and families to receive a brand-new book and literacy advice when they visit their doctor for well-child checkups.

Again, we are very grateful for your support of family strengthening and for helping children to reach their full educational, social, and life potential. Thank you for your support and partnership!

Sincerely,



Jessica Mortensen, Executive Director

