



Funds Distribution Report

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The Common Acre

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Organization's General Goals:

We work with communities and public agencies to revive land through collaborative restoration. By nurturing a network of urban farms and restoring native plant and pollinator habitat, community members grow their own produce, gain access to training, and activate shared green space; work that, by its nature, strengthens bonds to each other and to the land.

Date of Award:	Level:
2019 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from The Common Acre.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions 2019 Report

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The Common Acre had an incredible year in 2019 - serving over 2,000 total community members. *In particular, our work in 2019 implementing the Alleycat Acres Urban Farm Network was particularly rewarding, as we sustained operations on four urban farmsteads.*



Alleycat Acres Urban Farm Network

In 2019, the Alleycat Acres program impacted public land management and local food systems by cultivating 4 urban farmsteads on 40,172 sq. ft. of land. We provide accessible gardening space and free, organic community produce to diverse residents located across Seattle in the Central District, South Lake Union at the Cascade People's Center, and Rainier Valley. In total, we were able to distribute over 1,550 pounds of organic produce to 6 agency partners, including: Immanuel Community Services food bank, Rainier Valley food bank, Mary's Place, Recovery Cafe, and Cherry Street YWCA.

To do this, we worked with nearly 500 volunteers from March-October, hosting 224 weekly community work days across all four sites. These volunteers helped with farm maintenance, watering, harvest, and produce sorting. In exchange for their time, volunteers are empowered to take home a share of what we grow - resulting in another



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1,000 pounds of produce being distributed to local community members as they worked directly onsite. It is also important to note that we grow culturally relevant foods - in 2019 this included items such as collard greens, bok choy, and cilantro.

Additionally, The Common Acre offered 24 hours of educational workshops including container gardening

for apartments, getting to know native bees for kids, and building a recycled bee house - as well as 6 community dinners bringing together diverse groups of neighbors who were able to unite and get to know each other through the process of sharing a fresh, organically grown meal.



In 2019, our farms were overseen by a Community Steering Council of 10 members who met 3 times over the course of the year to share feedback, challenges, and opportunities affecting each individual site and the collective initiative. This Council has played a major role in helping us to work towards an institutional culture that avoids perpetuating systemic oppressions, centers the

leadership of traditionally marginalized communities, and leverages existing relationships to advocate beside those communities.

Looking ahead, The Common Acre is keen to continue distributing fresh, organic

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produce to local communities who lack access to healthy ingredients. Buying organic, or locally from farmers markets, is simply too expensive for many people in Seattle. One initiative we are excited to pilot in 2020 is a free-of-charge CSA-style distribution program designed to serve low-income residential sites including Monica's Village Place and South East Effective Development (SEED) in Seattle, WA. We will provide direct distribution of organic produce within these communities, to their doorsteps. Our focus will be on engaging seniors, working parents, and others who may experience barriers to accessing food banks during their regular distribution hours for a variety of factors.

Once more, thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to reach out with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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