



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**University Beyond Bars**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
Empowering prisoners in Washington State to fulfill their potential through communities of higher learning that transcend prison walls. Our mission is rooted in the belief that everyone has a right to education, regardless of identity, socioeconomic status, or circumstance. We believe in the power of education to break cycles of incarceration, strengthens and communities, confront racism and classism, and promote personal achievement and social reintegration.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2019 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from University Beyond Bars.

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**Re: University Beyond Bars grant reporting for Q2 2019 14.2**

Dear Ms. Marilyn Sheldon:

On behalf of University Beyond Bars (UBB), I would like to thank the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions for its continued support of our organization, and for the \$█████ grant (Q2 2019 14.2) in support of UBB's mission to provide access to higher education to prisoners at the Monroe Correctional Complex in Monroe, Washington. This report is to certify that the Tulalip Tribes' award of \$█████ has been fully disbursed towards our program and student body.

In one typical quarter, UBB enrolls roughly 300 students in 16 courses— 70% are first-time college students, nearly half are people of color, and the majority will be released in 5 years or less. With the support of the Tulalip Tribes, in 2019, we graduated 14 students with their associate degrees and 1 student with his bachelor's. Currently, we have approximately 70 students working toward their associate degrees, and 30 students active/eligible for their bachelor's degrees.

With your support, UBB is able to continue changing the culture of prison by using higher education to transform the lives of students, their families, and ultimately our communities, both inside and outside the prison. Below is a quote from one of our 2019 graduates:

*“UBB hasn't only changed my path in life in the form of education, but in the sense of self-worth as well. I feel as if I am finally accomplishing something that my family and I can be proud of. The UBB has offered me freedom through education and a better chance of success upon release.”*

– Travis C, 2019 UBB Graduate

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, instructors, and students, thank you for supporting our mission. We look forward to continued partnership.

Warmly,



Crystal Song  
Operations, Development, & Fundraising Manager

*Please find attached a link to our 2019 Graduate Student Keynote Speech, as well as photos from the ceremony.*

***2019 Graduation: Student Speaker Video (approx. 13 minutes)***

*Link: <https://youtu.be/Mdg9deS0yfs>*

*Description: Tomas K, who just graduated with his AA degree in 2019, delivers a powerful and personal speech about prison culture, loss and grief, and the power of community.*



*University Beyond Bars Class of 2019*



*University Beyond Bars Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony*



*University Beyond Bars' Teaching Assistants with 2 Staff Members*