



# Funds Distribution Report

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## Organization's General Goals:

Across the state, our 32 member land trusts are at the forefront of work to safeguard a diverse and connected natural world, support a vibrant working-lands economy, broaden access to the outdoors, and foster an ethic of engagement with the landscapes that sustain our quality of life. Since 2008, we have been a unified hub and central voice for these diverse conservation champions, representing a network of staff, board members, supporters, and volunteers over 60,000 strong.

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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 Washington Association of Land Trusts.

8802 27th Ave NE  
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**TulalipCares.org**

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May 31, 2020

Marilyn Sheldon  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
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Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions: Q2 2019 14.2

Dear Marilyn,

Thank you to the Tulalip Tribes for your generous support in the amount of \$ [REDACTED] to the Washington Association of Land Trusts in its work to advance awareness and support for community forestry. Specifically, we requested funding to help support 1) listening sessions for community forest stakeholders, 2) Updated community forest needs assessment, and 3) field tour coordination.

During the late summer and fall of 2019, WALT helped to coordinate, host and/or attend a series of four field tours to existing or emerging community forests projects:

- Nisqually Community Forest - Pierce County, WA
- Montesano Municipal Forest - Montesano, WA
- Nason Ridge Community Forest - Chelan County, WA
- Gold Hill Community Forest - Chewelah, WA

Together, these field tours brought together over 150 people, including state legislators, as well agency, tribal, industry, hunting, and recreation stakeholders from around the state. This provided both an opportunity for robust discussion and collection of feedback from a diverse group, but also helped to develop awareness and excitement among key decision-makers in the state legislature.

Working closely with partners from the Northwest Community Forest Coalition through the winter, WALT to help educate decision-makers about the local benefits of community forests, such as jobs, recreation, wildlife habitat, clean air, and clean water. As a result of those efforts, the state legislature has asked the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a one-time community forest program and deliver a list of ranked projects recommended for funding by December 31, 2020.

WALT is now serving on a Community Forest Advisory Committee to help inform RCO and DNR as they work to meet the demands of the legislature, and will be heavily involved in outreach to support the solicitation of community forest projects from across the state. This process will not only help to provide a policy framework for what a standing state funding program would look like for community forests, but will also serve as a critical outreach push to

help identify additional barriers and needs of communities that would like to have local control and access to the important resources forests provide.

Together, we estimate this work has directly impacted over 150 people, and will have positive impacts on thousands more over the next couple years. As always, you can learn more about WALT's work on our website: [walandtrusts.org](http://walandtrusts.org). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions about our efforts during the grant period, and thank you once again for your generous ongoing support of Washington's lands and waters!

In gratitude,

Nick Norton  
Washington Association of Land Trusts