



Funds Distribution Report

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Washington Association of Land Trusts

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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 600,000 strong.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Washington Association of Land Trusts.

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February 17th, 2022

Marilyn Sheldon
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
8802 27 th Ave NE
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Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions: **Q1 2021 14.3**

Dear Marilyn,

Thank you to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for your generous support in the amount of \$██████ to the Washington Association of Land Trusts (WALT) in its work to advance awareness and support for community forestry. Specifically, we requested funding to help support: 1) outreach and coalition-building among stakeholders that are currently underrepresented in the community forest conversation; 2) policy development in coordination with RCO to improve and expand the current Community Forests Program; and 3) broaden awareness among key decision makers on the ecological, social, and economic benefits of existing community forest projects.

First and foremost, we are delighted to share that the new Community Forest Program received \$16.3 million in June of 2021, which is enough to fund 6 different projects across the state to help permanently conserve forestland for the benefit of salmon, wildlife, and local communities!

In addition, this funding allowed WALT to play a key role in helping to scope and create a new video storytelling initiative that leveraged a \$65,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service in the fall of 2021. Specifically, this grant funding is being used to help create a series of engaging videos to show people the benefits of locally owned and managed forestland in Washington and Oregon. This will form the backbone for future outreach and marketing efforts to share the benefits of community forests with the public, as well as for advocacy with key decision-makers and elected officials. The first set of videos are expected to be completed as soon as April 2022, and we are excited to share this with you when they become available.

Over the last year, WALT has served as an active member of the Community Forest Advisory Committee, which helps to inform and rank community forest projects for funding considering by the legislature. This included meetings to help refine program criteria, as well as outreach to recruit additional perspectives to the committee. This funding has also allowed WALT to proactively work with prospective applicants to help advise and support future applications. The upcoming grant round for the Community Forest Program closes in May of 2022, and we are in active discussions with at least 5 different communities to help with project development and application support. It is



our hope that come next winter, these important projects will again receive a robust allocation from the legislature to make their dreams a reality.

Together, your support has been critical to ensuring that over 7,000 acres of critical forestland will now be forever protected according to community needs, and will provide meaningful cultural and recreational opportunities to tens of thousands annually. We expect that our videos will ultimately be seen by many hundreds of people every year from across the region, thanks to the capacity made available by this grant. As always, we would be delighted to connect if you have further 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nick" and the last name "Norton" clearly distinguishable.

Nick Norton
Executive Director
Washington Association of Land Trust