



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Washington State Mentors

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**GENERAL GOALS:** WSM provides support and works to improve quality mentoring programs by identifying and building upon their strengths and addressing their needs through comprehensive training and technical assistance.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Our 2013 grant from the Tulalip Tribes assisted us with programs in Snohomish County. Washington State Mentors currently serves four mentoring programs who in turn serve 414 youth:

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- o Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County
- o Granite Falls School District Mentoring Program
- o Project Girl Mentoring Programs

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For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from Washington State Mentors.

**From:** Simon Amiel [<mailto:SAmiel@wamentors.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2014 9:27 AM

**To:** Marilyn Sheldon

**Cc:** Tom Pennella; Peggy Gray

**Subject:** RE: Washington State Mentors Q1 2013 14.2

Dear Marilyn,

Thank you and the Tulalip Tribes for your continued support of Washington State Mentors. As a new Executive Director, I have been learning and thinking about WSM's partnership with the Tulalip Tribes and how we might be able to serve that partnership more powerfully. I recently reached out to you to request a time for us to meet – I hope to meet with you in the near future.

In the meantime, please see the update for our 2013 grant:

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- In 2013, Washington State Mentors also supported youth mentoring in Snohomish through training mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County (BBBSSC), as well as partnering with BBBSSC to increase mentoring quality and to spur innovation. WSM provided in-depth training to BBBSSC professionals in order to enable them to in turn train BBBSSC mentors in best practices in working with middle school youth. Specifically, the training included:
  - Identify interests (Sparks), and connecting those interests to school coursework and academic performance
  - Learning about brain function and working with mentees to adopt a belief in their ability to increase their intelligence
  - Internalizing strategies for academic success (memory, stress relief, etc.)
  
- Another focused area of WSM support for this Snohomish County mentoring program is engaging mentoring programs in our Quality Mentoring Assessment Path (QMAP). In this intensive 12-18 month program, the mentoring program completes an in-depth self-assessment, participates in a 3-4 hour WSM site review, implements an improvement and/or innovation plan designed to improve the quality of the program and increase positive outcomes for youth, and recognizes the level of quality of the program. By publicly verifying the quality of the program, parents, funders, and potential volunteers can identify high quality programs that ensure the safety of their child, underscore the wisdom of investment, and show potential mentor volunteers the strongest programs and support their contribution.
  
- In August 2013, seven mentoring/youth development professionals attended our annual Statewide Mentoring Conference at Seattle University -Snohomish County Courts (1), Everett Mayor's Youth Council (3) and Everett Leadership Coalition(3).

- Additionally, in 2014 Bank of America has designated Snohomish County as an area where they want to invest funds in mentoring programs that support college readiness/access and workforce development. In June, WSM will invite eligible programs to apply for a Bank of America Mentoring Initiative grant. We would love input from Tulalip on programs we might not yet be aware of that could apply by the July 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. Average grant amount is \$5,000 and we have \$35,000 to disburse across WA state.

Marilyn, I hope to be able to meet you soon and learn much more about Tulalip Tribes so that we can build a transformative partnership moving forward.

Best,

Simon

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