## **Funds Distribution Report**



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## **Recipient Organization:**

## **West Seattle Food Bank**

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## **Organization's General Goals:**

West Seattle Food Bank strengthens the community through the power of neighbors helping neighbors, working to ensure all in our community have access to the essential necessities of living.

Date of Award: Level:

2025 Q1 \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from West Seattle Food Bank.



# West Seattle Food Bank FY25 Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund

West Seattle Food Bank (WSFB) would like to thank Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund for a in FY25 that supported our Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance (ERUA) program. With your help, we helped prevent utility shut-offs, evictions, displacements, homelessness, and poverty for 726 households. We are pleased to share more information in this report.

#### **Organization Overview**

In 1983, a group of concerned, compassionate neighbors came together to form a food bank in the West Seattle community to ensure that no neighbor was without food. Since then, West Seattle Food Bank has strengthened the community through the power of neighbors helping neighbors, working to ensure that all in our community have access to the essential necessities of living. Over the last 42 years, West Seattle Food Bank has become an integral part of our neighborhood, providing access to food, clothing, emergency rent and utility assistance, connections to community resources, and other essential services. Each year, we offer responsive, community-informed programs to hundreds of families, seniors, and individuals primarily located in the West Seattle and White Center neighborhoods.

### Impacts and Outcomes

Each year, our Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance program uplifts at-risk neighbors experiencing hardships by providing direct emergency financial assistance for past-due rent, utilities, or move-in expenses caused by an emergency or unexpected challenge. In 2024-25, we prevented homelessness, utility shut-offs, displacements, and evictions by distributing \$919,392 in financial assistance to 726 households. In addition, we connected clients to next-step services that increase financial stability, including employment search assistance, child-care resources, and mental health counseling.

Last year, we served approximately 25,000 unduplicated individuals across our programs. While our primary focus is serving families, seniors, and individuals within seven King County zip codes (98106, 98108, 98116, 98118, 98126, 98136, and 98146), we also assist those in need throughout the greater Seattle area. The community we serve includes a broad spectrum of individuals, particularly from historically underserved populations such as Black/African American (10%), Hispanic/Latino (14%), Indigenous and Native American persons (4%), Asian Americans (42%), Middle Eastern (1%), and Pacific Islanders (1%), members of religious minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, and others who face persistent poverty and inequalities. These statistics highlight the diversity of our community and the importance of tailoring our services to address everyone's specific needs and experiences.

WSFB also exceeded our annual goals and made the following impacts on the community:

- Distributed 2,245.651 pounds of food via our Food Bank Services
- Supplied food to 8,667 households.
- Delivered groceries 19,608 times to 400 households per week.
- Provided food 10,682 times to 200-275 households through the Mobile Food Bank.
- Partnered with 13 local schools to distribute 14,656 weekend food packages for students battling food insecurity.
- Provided \$919,292 emergency financial assistance to 726 neighbors for rent and utility bills.
- Distributed 101,864 items to 14,355 individuals through The Clothesline.

These figures represent real people regaining stability; families staying together, children arriving at school ready to learn, and seniors seeking help without shame. As one client recently told us: "Everyone is so professional, really cool, and non-judgmental. It made me feel okay to be here. It helped knowing others were in a similar place, and we were getting through it together." This feedback reminds us that community care extends beyond food and shelter, restoring dignity, builds trust, and creates belonging.

#### Conclusion

The challenges our neighbors face continue, but so does our community's resolve. West Seattle Food Bank is truly grateful for the support from partners like the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. Together, we form a continuum of care that strengthens individuals, families, and West Seattle as a whole. We hope to have your continued support in the future and harness the strength of neighbors helping neighbors.

Sincerely,

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