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Organization's General Goals:

The mission of the Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interests in land and promoting land stewardship.

Date of Award:	Level:
2017 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:

For more information, please read the attached report from Whatcom Land Trust.

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November 7, 2018

Marilyn Sheldon
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Dear Ms Sheldon,

I have enclosed a final report for the [REDACTED] Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund general operating support grant we received last December to participate in the South Fork Nooksack River (SNR) Community Watershed Project. We achieved all of the projected benefits from our participation in this project and continue to participate as the project has evolved into the South Fork Nooksack Community Watershed Education Committee.

I have also enclosed the Skookum Creek Conservation Corridor case for support for your information. This acquisition project complements the work of the South Fork Nooksack Community Watershed Education Committee in improving conditions for salmon recovery in the South Fork Nooksack as well as watershed health. I am pleased to report that to date we have successfully raised \$2.9 million in local gifts toward our \$4.2 million goal and have proposals pending for \$600,000 more. We anticipate raising the balance by February 2019.

Thanks for speaking with me today. I appreciate your suggestion and recommendation that our December 1 focus on a sponsorship request. I look forward to submitting that proposal next month. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any additional questions about this final report or budget recap.

With gratitude,

Jill Clark
Director of Philanthropy

Enclosures:

South Fork Nooksack Community Watershed Project Final Report
Skookum Creek Conservation Corridor case for support.

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FINAL REPORT



Whatcom Land Trust

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Funds: [REDACTED] received 12/13/2017

Project Support for: South Fork Nooksack River Community Watershed Project

Whatcom Land Trust's principal goal in the South Fork Nooksack River Valley seeks to balance the needs of forestry, farming, floodplain mitigation, water quality and wildlife protection in partnership with its diverse communities. The South Fork Nooksack River and its watershed – the geographical area encompassed in this funding request, is one of seven priority focus zones encompassed by the Trust's Conservation Plan Update. Property owners in this zone, many who are Whatcom Land Trust partners, include farmers, recreational and retail businesses, large and small timber companies, the Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Nation, state public agencies and residential citizens.

The Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund grant of [REDACTED] provided support for key staff to participate in the South Fork Nooksack River Community Watershed Project from November 2017 through October 2018.

This funding helped Whatcom Land Trust key staff participate in activities that improved communication between diverse landowners and interests in the South Fork Nooksack River (SFNR) watershed while balancing the needs of forestry, farming, floodplain mitigation, water quality and wildlife protection. This led to a better understanding among project partners and residents of Whatcom Land Trust's role in addressing SFNR watershed issues and coordinated, voluntary (non-regulatory) actions to address the health, livelihoods and well-being of tribal interests, business and property owners while protecting and restoring the water resources of the SFNR watershed and community.

Project deliverables include:

- Creation and adoption of a cohesive vision by the SFNR Community Watershed Group in the formation of the South Fork Nooksack Community Watershed Education Committee and associated action plan for 2018, including 5 community forums addressing salmon recovery, watershed health, climate change, forestry, and agriculture. These forums were attended by an average of 40 community members each.
- Initial steps taken by SFNR Valley property owners to improve water quality and quantity and improve ecosystem health in the SFNR Valley include studying examples of how other rural Whatcom County communities organize their water allocation through PUDs, WIDs, and other methods
- Conservation Director Gabe Epperson and Stewardship Director Jennifer Mackey together contributed over 90 hours as official Whatcom Land Trust liaisons on the South Fork Nooksack Community Watershed Education Committee participating in meetings, making presentations, meeting with community members and attending the 5 forums.

