



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Work Force Development Center

DATE OF AWARD: 2018 Q1

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GENERAL GOALS: WFDC is a social enterprise nonprofit aerospace manufacturing company working in the aerospace, marine, automotive, trucking and agricultural industries.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards support of their administration and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Work Force Development Center.



Work Force Development Center - "A Resource Center for Our Future"

October 19, 2018

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
c/o Marilyn Sheldon
8802 27th Ave NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund Committee and Board,

On behalf of the Work Force Development Center's student trainees, staff and executive board, please accept our profound gratitude for your generous [REDACTED] grant in June 2018 to support our Apprenticeship Program for at risk youth. We think you'll be pleased to hear that your investment has helped WFDC significantly expand our student services and provide additional vocational training options for them in the future!

Your investment is changing lives for the most vulnerable youth in the north Puget Sound region of Washington State. Most of our student trainees are challenged by a learning disability and most are economically disadvantaged – which puts these young people at risk for a lifetime of struggle. Your support of our apprenticeship program helps these students stay in school and develop critically important vocational skills, life skills, and a solid work ethic to prepare them for self-sufficiency and personal success as they enter adulthood. Student trainees are referred to the program by thirty-six partner high schools, transition programs and alternative schools throughout the north Puget Sound region. Referred students are typically at high risk of school dropout and/or are on a pathway destined for chronic challenges due to poor life choices. Once accepted into our program, students learn to produce mechanical parts, electrical assemblies (wire cutting and coding and production of wire harnesses) as well as machining skills for both commercial and military applications in the aerospace, trucking, automotive, agricultural, and marine industries. Student trainees spend at least one academic year (and often longer) involved in WFDC's Vocational Training and Apprenticeship Program receiving one-on-one training and support from experienced and caring employees. Once our students graduate high school, they also receive job placement assistance. Ninety-seven percent of our trainees that graduated in June secured employment in aerospace or manufacturing companies before the end of summer 2018.

We are actively working to grow our capacity to serve more youth who desperately need this program in the years to come. Thanks to your support, we have had many exciting developments this past year and seek to foster and propagate these business developments for our students' benefit this coming year. We have created a new electrical wire harness department which has increased our work statement and created full time regular positions for many of our trainees. Our staff has grown an amazing 135% in 2018 – providing more mentors and opportunities for skill development for more students. This is a direct result of the support of our partners like Tulalip Tribes.

Please know that we will do our very best to ensure that your contribution makes a real and lasting difference in our student's lives. Over the course of a school year, the changes we see in their attitudes, abilities, and confidence are truly inspiring. We hope that someday you'll be able to visit us, so we can show you in person why we are so proud of our trainees. Of course, you are welcome at any time, but the best time to visit is during the school year once students have been through their classroom training and have made it to the production floor. Thank you very much for your support of our student trainees!

Respectfully yours,

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