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Funds Distribution Report

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Celtic Arts Foundation

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Organization's General Goals:
Our mission is to "sponsor, encourage and promote Celtic culture through events and educational activities."

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Celtic Arts Foundation.

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March 5, 2024

Attn: Marilyn Sheldon
Sent via email: msheldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Dear Marilyn,

At Celtic Arts Foundation, we are so grateful to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions for your grant of [REDACTED] in May 2023 supporting our annual Skagit Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival. Please accept this letter as a report on the expenditures of the grant.

In 2023 we held the 27th annual Highland Games at Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon. This year we returned to a two-day event, the first time since 2019's annual event. It was also the first year since inception the event occurred without the leadership of former Executive Director of CAF, Skye Richendrfer, who passed away late 2022. The event proved to be a huge success, with more than 10,000 attendees on the first day alone, coming from counties across the state.

Thanks to the generous support of the grant, we were able to provide high caliber entertainment, bringing in some of the world's best musicians from the United Kingdom. The grant provided funds to offset expenses for the musicians, allowing us to keep entry ticket prices affordable for community members of all ages. We were successful in securing Finlay MacDonald from Scotland, known as the world's premier authority on bagpipes, and Ross Martin, guitarist of Scottish folk band Daimh. Scottish Fish, a Boston-based strings quartet, also attended, and all three performed on the mainstage and taught workshops, all of which had high attendance and participation from community members of all ages.

In addition to the high attendance overall (a 9% increase in admission revenue), we also doubled our membership revenue in 2023, resulting in increased exposure and interest in CAF, with many members returning for other events throughout the year.

In 2024 we're looking forward to continuing the two-day event at a new venue, the Skagit Fairgrounds. We would be honored for you, or any member of the council, to attend the games, or visit Littlefield Celtic Center for a tour and to learn more about our organization, or to attend an event as our guest.

Sincerely,

Cayley Schmid
Executive Director

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