Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: City Fruit

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Organization's General Goals: City Fruit's mission is to harvest and steward urban fruit trees to support sustainable and equitable access to fruit.

Date of Award: 2024 Q2

Level: \$2,501 to \$5,000

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For more information, please read the attached report from City Fruit.



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<u>Q2 2024 14.2 - 2024 Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions - City Fruit -</u> <u>Final Report</u>

As we conclude our 16th harvest season, City Fruit is proud to celebrate another successful year made possible by the generous support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions. The grant awarded for 2024 has been invaluable to the success of our Harvest Program, funding critical staff and operations that allowed us to harvest and distribute hundreds of pounds of fruit weekly to food banks and meal programs across Seattle. This summer, we harvested 28,600 lbs of fruit, and distributed roughly 89,500 servings of fresh fruit to 37 food banks, meal programs, senior centers, and health clinics across Seattle. We served roughly 25,000 Seattle residents. From apples to pawpaws, our harvest included 15 varieties of fruit, demonstrating the diversity of Seattle's canopy of fruit trees!

Fruit Distribution and Partnerships



(Image 1. University of Washington Intern, Ella, harvesting cherries in June 2024.)

Our partnerships with 37 food banks and meal programs ensured that harvested fruit reached communities in need. This year, we also distributed nearly 2,000 lbs (11,320 servings) of fruit at 17

Fruit-For-All events, collaborating with partners such as Garfield Community Center and the Delridge Farmer's Market. Additionally, we welcomed new partners like Cultivate South Park and West Seattle Mutual Aid Party, further extending our reach.



(Image 2. Volunteer apple harvest event at Longacres Orchard in October 2024.)

Volunteer and Intern Contributions

Volunteers remain at the heart of our work. This year, we hosted **27 community volunteer events** involving **450 volunteers**, who helped steward **11 public orchards** and harvested over **9,000 lbs of fruit**. These events also included workshops on tree care, such as pruning and pest prevention. We also benefited from the hard work of seasonal interns and harvesters, including interns from Teens in Public Service (TIPS) and the University of Washington Environmental Studies Capstone Program. These individuals played a pivotal role in harvesting and packaging fruit throughout the summer.

Innovative Initiatives

This year, we introduced a new scheduling system using Jotform and Calendly, streamlining communications with the 273 tree owners who signed up to share fruit through our Harvest Program. By creating a calendar scheduling feature to be used by tree owners, we were able to greatly improve communications and reduce staff time required for scheduling. Additionally, in an effort to increase transparency among tree owners for the staff time and transportation costs of harvesting their tree, we began asking for a suggested donation. Of the tree owners who shared their fruit with us this harvest season, nearly 50% (132 tree owners) made a donation, raising over \$5,000 in total to support our harvest efforts.

Impact of Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Grant Award

The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions supported our Harvest Program, providing the funding needed to support the sustainability of our programming. Thank you for partnering with us to build a more sustainable and equitable food system for all.



(Image 3. University of Washington Intern, Zoe, distributing fruit at Fruit-For-All event in August 2024.)