



Funds Distribution Report

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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:
2023 Q3	\$500 to \$2,500

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

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West Seattle Food Bank FY24 Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund

West Seattle Food Bank (WSFB) expresses our deepest gratitude to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund for a [REDACTED] grant in FY24 that supported our Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance (ERUA) program. With your help, we helped prevent utility shut-offs, evictions, displacements, homelessness, and poverty for 849 households. We are pleased to share more information in this report (Q3 2023 14.2).

Organization Overview

West Seattle Food Bank was founded in 1983 by a group of concerned neighbors who responded to the urgent need for a community food bank. Our mission is to strengthen the community through the power of neighbors helping neighbors, working to ensure all in our community have access to the necessities of living.

Over the last 35 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 thousands of families, seniors, and individuals primarily in the West Seattle and White Center neighborhoods. These programs and services include our local food bank, mobile food bank, home delivery services, emergency rent & utility assistance, clothesline, and community resources.

Impacts and Outcomes

The community members we serve face several, intertwined community crises that threaten their health and well-being: generational poverty, systemic inequities, and the lasting effects of the pandemic on one's health and economic position. According to the Washington State Department of Health, WSFB's census tract is in one of the most vulnerable regions in the state. It bears the highest vulnerability rating – a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10, with the adjacent tract to the east not far behind at a 9. These tracts hold the same high scores for the percentage of residents living below the poverty line. In a recent West Seattle Food Bank survey, 65% of recipients reported income below the federal poverty level.

Our Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance program uplifted 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 2023-24, we prevented homelessness, utility shut-offs, displacements, and evictions by distributing over \$1,099,637 in financial assistance to 849 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 2,608,510 pounds of food via our main Food Bank and Mobile Food Bank Services.
- Supplied food to households 116,321 times.
- Delivered groceries 20,742 times to 400 households per week.
- Provided food 10,841 times to 200-275 households through the Mobile Food Bank.
- Expanded our Mobile Food Bank to 7 sites.
- Partnered with 13 local schools to distribute 9,007-weekend food packages for students battling food insecurity.
- Provided \$1,099,637 emergency financial assistance to 2,038 neighbors for rent and utility bills.
- Distributed 84,960 items to 10,842 individuals through The Clothesline.

Conclusion

West Seattle Food Bank would like to thank Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for your support over the years. Your investment in our work, mission, and community is vital in transforming our neighbors' lives. Through partnerships like yours, our organization has responded to the evolving needs of our community, ensuring thousands of individuals and families overcome food and housing insecurities. We hope to have your continued support in the future and harness the strength of neighbors helping neighbors.

Sincerely,



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