



## 2019 Funds for Whatcom County Grant Awards

Organization Name	Funded	Project Name	Short Project Description
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	\$ 5,000	Creative Spaces	“Creative Spaces” is an Allied Arts of Whatcom County collaboration with the City of Bellingham, local service organizations, and Creative Forces: ArtsWA, NEA and WA State Veteran’s Affairs to provide arts opportunities to local low income individuals – especially those with military backgrounds.
Bellingham MakerSpace, Inc.	\$ 6,000	Interactive Bellingham Planning Session	An inclusive and collaborative planning session to help Interactive Bellingham envision the future of BOOM, a unique space in Bellingham where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can play, engage in creative activities, discover new things and, more than anything, have loads of fun.
Blaine School District	\$ 10,000	Increasing mental health services for students and families in the Blaine School District	Provide school based mental health counseling to students and families in the Blaine School District who have experienced significant risk factors, demonstrated mental health need and have no access to mental health services in the community.
Brigid Collins House	\$ 9,900	Parenting Academy: Parenting Support for Low-Income Families	The Parenting Academy will partner with community organizations to bring parenting education to families experiencing homelessness or are low-income out in the community, where families are located; making high-quality, evidence-based parenting support accessible to everyone in Whatcom County.
Cascademicaladvantage	\$ 10,000	Opioid Dependence Recovery Peer Counselor	Cascade Medical Advantage is a local non-profit agency working to address our community's opioid epidemic. This funding will create a peer counselor position to build relationships with high-risk under-served people who are addicted and lack support, to help connect them with community resources.
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington	\$ 5,265	Francis House - Bridging the gap between those with and without shelter and honoring the diversity in our community via public art	Residents of Francis Place, a permanent supportive housing project of Catholic Community Services, and local artist Gretchen Leggett will design and create a mural. This display will further beautify downtown Bellingham and lift the voices of those who have lived without shelter.
Children of the Setting Sun Productions	\$ 10,000	Children of The Setting Sun Productions; 'Salmon People', formerly titled - 'Spirit of The Sockeye' film production	Salmon People: This documentary will share the interwoven lives of the Sockeye salmon and the Coast Salish people, the salmon people. Summary of the project and 12 minute trailer: <a href="https://youtu.be/j9D-XMes8s8">https://youtu.be/j9D-XMes8s8</a>
Ferndale School District	\$ 1,000	Ball Pit - Find Your Common	7th Grade Advisory students will design and build a portable "Ball Pit", with balls having conversation prompts written on them. The "Ball Pit" is an interactive space where two people have a unique opportunity to share their thoughts. It's a fun way for people, young and old, to connect.
Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County	\$ 10,000	Take a leadership role in researching options to achieve residential energy efficiency in support of Bellingham's Climate Action Plan.	The City of Bellingham, through the Climate Action Task Force, has set aggressive renewable energy goals to be achieved by 2035 for all homeowners. HHFWC is both committed and well positioned to take a leadership role in achieving energy efficiency for Bellingham and Whatcom County homeowners.
Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center (HSDC)	\$ 10,000	Access for Whatcom County Deaf and Hard of Hearing	HSDC Bellingham will provide free sign language interpreting to small businesses and nonprofits around Whatcom County. After the appointments, HSDC will teach organizations how to accommodate future interpreting requests, making their services accessible to Whatcom’s Deaf community.
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	\$ 5,888	Financial Literacy for Homeless Families with bonus Sensitivity Training for Volunteers	Create a financial literacy program for all families in our Family Promise program in partnership with The Whatcom Dream. An important bonus is also poverty sensitivity trainings for Family Promise volunteers
Kulshan Community Media	\$ 2,500	Community Powered Arts	Kulshan Community Media is putting KMRE up for a new challenge! Going out to Waypoint Park for a community powered event. Bringing local musicians, local artists, and local nonprofit groups for a very special piece of programming to be streamed live on KMRE 102.3 for those who can't make it.
Lydia Place	\$ 10,000	Centering Pregnancy	Centering Pregnancy is a model of group care combining prenatal visits, pregnancy and childbirth education and a supportive network of peers. At Lydia Place, we address some of the issues leading to poor birth outcomes among women who have experienced homelessness in a warm and caring environment.
Max Higbee Center	\$ 10,000	Recreation, Socialization, Health and Life Skills Program Expansion for Individuals with Disabilities to Meet an Unprecedented Need for Services	As Max Higbee Center moves to a larger downtown facility to eliminate waiting lists, it must restructure and expand all programs for people with developmental disabilities to accommodate unprecedented growth, meet a critical community need and support their inclusion, dignity, safety and wellbeing.

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Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	\$ 8,000	Habitat Restoration Tours	A series of 4-hour shuttle tours of NSEA's newly restored and historic habitat restoration sites across Whatcom County. Hosted by NSEA staff, with participation from landowners and partners, participants learn together with a behind the scenes look into several salmon habitat improvement projects.
North Cascades Institute	\$ 10,000	Forest School: Ecosystem Exploration for Bellingham Public School 3rd Graders	Forest School forms memorable connections between the human and the more-than-human community. This educational enrichment opportunity for 3rd graders nurtures students' natural sense of curiosity and inclination towards play, correlating time spent outside with feelings of joy and self-fulfillment.
Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center	\$ 9,000	Sound Horsekeeping	The Sound Horsekeeping program will teach environmental stewardship & sustainable horsekeeping practices to NWTRC participants and volunteers within our 7-week lesson sessions in 2020. Topics include herd health, protecting waterways, mud reduction, pasture improvement & manure management.
Northwest Youth Services	\$ 10,000	The Ground Floor Day-Use Center	The Ground Floor provides a low-barrier space for youth, ages 13-24, who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Up to 280 youth will receive intervention-type services such as showers, quiet rooms, hygiene kits, computer access, laundry, and community referrals.
Our TreeHouse	\$ 9,795	Anticipatory Grief Program for Families facing an Advanced Serious Illness	Funds from Whatcom Community Foundation will allow Our TreeHouse to partner with Whatcom Hospice to provide no-cost, bi-monthly support groups for families anticipating a death. Your support will have a tremendous impact as families navigate the difficult journey of a loved one's impending death.
Pickford Film Center	\$ 10,000	Media Literacy for Public Schools 2020-21	Pickford Film Center requests funds to hire a Media Literacy education specialist to help lead our efforts to shape and build a new program that takes Media Literacy workshops, at no cost, to public schools county-wide.
RE Sources	\$ 10,000	Cafeteria to Garden: Reducing Waste, Teaching Stewardship, Growing Food, and Tackling Hunger	RE Sources plans to design and install cafeteria food recovery and waste stations in 4 Bellingham schools. Our aim is to increase food recovery, feed hungry students, reduce food waste, replenish nutrients in school gardens, and empower students & staff to be more responsible stewards of the earth.
Rebound of Whatcom County	\$ 10,000	Family Advocacy Program	Family Advocacy strengthens connections with families we serve, providing a single access point between Rebound offerings, other social services, state agencies, schools, and churches. Our Program allows Rebound to focus on family support, meeting each family's unique and ever changing needs.
Seattle Goodwill Industries	\$ 10,000	Goodwill - Immigrant Rights Project - Whatcom County	Goodwill seeks to continue a project offering immigration rights services, toolkits, access to legal support, and basic needs support for our Whatcom County Job Training Education Center students. They will build on best practices identified in the project's first two years to increase effectiveness and impact.
Sustainable Connections	\$ 10,000	Bellingham For Everyone	The Bellingham for Everyone campaign will leverage a vast network of WHA member organizations to implement a widespread marketing campaign that connects community values to housing solutions to help build capacity for smart growth strategies that support equitable, affordable housing for all.
Sustainable Connections for Ekologi Design and Planning	\$ 7,645	Bellingham Waterfront Pop Up Village: Phase One	As the Bellingham Waterfront awaits development, we are proposing an interim activation through the development of a temporary container village. The "Pop Up Village" will promote opportunities for positive neighborhood collaboration and business growth and showcase new ideas, art and innovation.
Unity Care NW	\$ 10,000	Whatcom Veggie Rx Program	What you eat and how you feel go hand-in-hand. Eating right is the first step to having better health. The Whatcom Veggie Rx program helps individuals in poverty, who are struggling with a health condition, access and learn how to utilize fruits and vegetables to live a healthier more vibrant life.
Vamos Outdoors Project	\$ 4,000	Vamos A Western!	Vamos Outdoors Project will bring middle and high school age Latinx and English Language Learner (ELL) to WWU to hike through the arboretum with current WWU students of similar backgrounds. These affinity groups will discuss the path to college for first generation college students of color.
Whatcom Community Foundation for the Whatcom Coalition for Environmental Education	\$ 10,000	Whatcom Coalition for Environmental Education (WCEE), a program of the Whatcom Community Foundation	This initiative aims to ensure every child in the County graduates with the environmental literacy to create a healthier and more sustainable future. The initiative supports environmental educators and schools in bridging gaps, developing coordinated pathways for P-12 education, & increasing equity.
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 9,169	Youth Restorative Justice Feasibility Project	The Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center will complete a one-year feasibility study exploring how we could, in collaboration with our partners, use restorative justice to help youth exiting Juvenile Detention transition smoothly, build and maintain healthy relationships, and avoid recidivism.
Whatcom Dream	\$ 5,000	Spanish Language Financial Literacy Programming	To provide Spanish language Financial Literacy courses in Bellingham and north Whatcom County to low-income immigrant and minority families and to expand our core offerings to three new communities (Birch Bay/Blaine, Ferndale and Kendall).

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Whatcom Family YMCA	\$ 10,000	Supportive Afterschool Enrichment for Migrant Worker Families	The Y will be providing supportive afterschool enrichment for families onsite at a migrant worker housing complex. The Bellingham School District requested the Y implement this program due to the high need for access to quality afterschool youth development programming and physical activity.
Whatcom Intergenerational High School	\$ 10,000	Beyond Epistemicide: Toward knowledge democracy	Beyond Epistemicide: Toward knowledge democracy, is a project designed with teachers and elders to develop curriculum that balances Indigenous and Western knowledge. WA state mandates that all public schools teach Since Time Immemorial curriculum and this project creates progress for Whatcom Co.
Whatcom Land Trust	\$ 10,000	California Creek Estuary Community Education & Outreach Program	The California Creek Estuary Park Community Education & Outreach Program will enhance the neighborliness, public safety & access, recreation and conservation value of this future park for the Blaine/Birch Bay community and its visitors.
Whatcom Literacy Council	\$ 5,000	Whatcom Literacy Council EDI project	This project will allow the Whatcom Literacy Council to have a deeper discussion of inclusivity, bias, and culturally responsive teaching. The organization seeks to model best practices for equity, diversity and inclusion in its adult literacy programs as a platform for equity.
Wild Whatcom	\$ 5,266	Outdoor Explorations for Lydia Place Residents	A collaboration between Wild Whatcom and Lydia Place, this project aims to build community and comfort outdoors for the residents of Lydia Place's Campus Housing. Wild Whatcom will guide residents on five outdoor explorations and host three community picnics at no cost to families.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 288,428</b>		