



WHATCOM
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2020 Project Neighborly Grant Awards

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
Allied Arts for From a Child's Point of View	\$ 5,000.00	From A Child's Point of View	From A Child's Point of View (Child's POV) is a 4th-grade interdisciplinary educational theatre and visual arts project. Students study the impact of human activities on planet Earth. Children express their thinking and worrying, and their pragmatic ideas for beneficial actions. Student-made art reflecting their inquiry is transformed into public art installations in Bellingham.
Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center	\$ 500.00	Seas the Day on Bellingham Bay	"Seas the Day on Bellingham Bay" is designed to open pathways onto the water for youth between the ages of 12 - 17. Through eight, half-day on-water workshops, participants learn the basics of kayaking, cold water safety, and marine stewardship, and build team skills and a sense of community. Our marine resources belong to everyone and our program provides the bridge to access.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$ 4,800.00	Bellingham Public Schools Back-to-School Block Party	The Bellingham Public Schools Back-to-School Block Party will celebrate our connections and help all students be "school ready". The event will be held in August 2020 at Bellingham High School and will include immunizations, athletic physicals, haircuts, backpacks, dental screening and after-school care options, as well as fun and festive activities including music and live entertainment.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$ 4,000.00	Multicultural Dance for Elementary School Students	Bellingham Public Schools would like to provide weekly multicultural dance classes for elementary school students, to be held at Birchwood Elementary School and Villa Santa Fe apartments. Students will explore the culture behind the dance, wear traditional attire and will perform around the county. The instructor will use Spanish and English to teach the class, which will be open to students K-5.
Center for Local Self Reliance	\$ 5,000.00	Bringing Permaculture to Urban Settings - A Pilot Project	The Chuckanut Center wants to develop a community-focused permaculture training. Beginning with a visioning process (charette), the Center will bring people with diverse interests and perspectives into the planning process. With the help of "Garden Mentors" and permaculture specialists, local families will learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and preserve food using the Center's gardens.
City of Bellingham for the Bellingham Police Department	\$ 5,000.00	Books and Badges	Studies show that middle-income neighborhood homes have approximately 13 book titles per child; compared to lower-income neighborhood homes who had approximately 1 title per 300 children. Books & badges is a collaborative program between BPD & the library to provide books to children ages birth to five as a way to increase literacy through access to books. The goal is to provide 10,000 books.

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
City of Ferndale	\$ 3,000.00	Star Park Community Celebration and Revitalization	In 2016, over 2,000 volunteers built Star Park, the largest volunteer event in the history of Ferndale. It's a park designed by school children and built as a community. Since then, the paint has peeled and the stories of teamwork have faded. This year, we are hosting the Star Park Community Celebration and Revitalization, to connect both old and new neighbors with the magic of our favorite park.
Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District	\$ 4,984.00	East Whatcom Gets Active!	The Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District is a new district in East Whatcom; we support overall well-being through opportunities to be active in casual, community shared spaces. East Whatcom Gets Active! project seeks to support community cohesion and physical wellness by offering no-cost fitness activities designed to accommodate a diverse range of age groups, accessibility and interests.
Cordata Neighborhood Association	\$ 3,730.00	Cordata Community Garden	The Cordata Community Garden (CCG) has been an organic garden since 2009. Various food banks benefit from the CCG. The CCG is an inclusive gathering place for gardeners to meet beyond their homes to learn and share the excitement of gardening. To meet the growing needs of gardeners, more regular beds and beds for individuals with handicaps are needed so anybody who wants to garden can at CCG.
Ferndale Community Service Cooperative	\$ 2,724.00	Practical Preparedness	In the spring or early summer, the Volunteer Mobilization Center proposes to host Practical Preparedness, a public event to help build community awareness of emergency response organizations' activities, especially volunteer organizations, while simultaneously guiding families and neighbors to become better prepared with pragmatic activities, suggestions and expert guidance.
Growing Veterans	\$ 4,650.00	Growing Veterans, Growing Together: Free Community Farming Workshops	Wondering what to do with that unused plot near your garage or the embarrassing space on your apartment balcony? Grab a friend or come alone to our free farming classes in 2020. We'll learn ways to fill those spaces with organic veggies from local experts, Vet Conservation Corps students, and each other. We'll grow veggies, community, and friends! Together, we'll learn and have fun!
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	\$ 4,031.00	CAST Come Back!	Coffee and Sandwiches Together, CAST, was created in 2000 to feed hungry neighbors living on the streets, and came under the umbrella of Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County in 2015. As a result of angst towards the homeless, we were forced to go on hiatus abruptly in Fall 2019 as local businesses asked us to stop serving. The volunteers rallied and we are hoping to serve starting in February.
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	\$ 5,000.00	Building Bridges with Books: What We Value in Our Community	Building Bridges with Books: What We Value in Our Community will distribute free books weekly to low-income families. Each month the project will showcase books that promote a specific core value, e.g., compassion or gratitude. During the book distributions participants will share their ideas and respond to the featured monthly value by writing greeting cards and mini-posters for their neighbors.
Kulshan Community Land Trust	\$ 4,000.00	Building a community at Telegraph Townhomes	This project will increase community connections of the future buyers at Telegraph Townhomes through completing sweat equity hours alongside one another, collaboratively making decisions about the development, and creatively thinking about possibilities for future amenities at the site.

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
Kulshan Community Media	\$ 1,800.00	Taking Technology to the Community	Kulshan Community Media is working to empower people in Whatcom County with the resources and skills necessary to lift the voices of underrepresented communities. Through Community Workshops open to everyone, we hope to enable more people to share about powerful work happening in our community. KMRE 102.3 is about being community powered, but also an outlet to give members of the community power.
Lhaq'temish Foundation	\$ 5,000.00	Eagle Haven Tiny Home Project-Lummi Stepping Stones	Not Eligible, Can't Afford, Waiting. As Lhaq'temish people we strive improve the health and quality of life for the people of Lummi Nation by supporting and strengthening community members & families engaged in programs, projects and special initiatives; further addressing homelessness seeking community support in completing Eagle Haven, a community of sustainable, clean and affordable tiny homes.
Lhaq'temish Foundation	\$ 4,950.00	Salish Sea Youth Summit	The Salish Sea Youth Summit brings Tribal and non-Tribal youth together to learn about Lummi's traditional, reciprocal relationship with the Salish Sea and how all of us, together, might build a healthy Salish Sea future based on Indigenous teachings. Hosted by Lummi Nation, the Summit will outreach to Whatcom County and Lummi Nation high schools, colleges, and working youth for participation.
Maple Falls Park Group	\$ 5,000.00	Maple Falls Community Park Pump Track	The Maple Falls Community Park bike pump track will provide a fun and positive place for people of all ages and backgrounds to meet each other, exercise, build community and be stewards of our park resources.
NAMI Whatcom	\$ 1,688.00	NAMI Whatcom Community Connection Events	Community Connection Events are opportunities for NAMI Whatcom members and the community beyond to come together over food, games and conversation to build relationships and resiliency. Often those who are experiencing mental health issues become isolated and lose a sense of place within the larger community. Connection events help to build healthy relationships.
Point Roberts Historical Society	\$ 2,250.00	History Where It Happened	This project will place historical signs around the Point Roberts community, sparking interest and conversation for residents and visitors alike. A collection of historical signs will be placed where key historical events in the Point Roberts community occurred. This will help the community tie Point Roberts' unique and long history into an interactive, easy-to-digest experience.
Road2Home	\$ 4,830.00	"Helping our Homeless Neighbors" A Community Mentor Program	Road2Home will offer mentor training sessions that will be open to the public. The purpose is to enable community members to help homeless people navigate available resources and ultimately find housing. As a result of this training, individuals and members of community groups, nonprofits, and religious groups will gain the skills and tools needed to engage with people experiencing homelessness.
Shifting Gears	\$ 1,250.00	Stepping Forward: an enrichment program for Lydia Place	Many people who have experienced homeless have negative experiences with the outdoors and have lost touch with their true self. Stepping Forward is an opportunity for the women of Lydia Place to reconnect with themselves, each other and nature in a positive way, Over 4 weeks participants will do some personal work and explore the trails around their residence, culminating in a trip to Mount Baker.

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
South Fork Valley Community Association	\$ 3,100.00	South Fork Meet & Eat	Learning how to grow, harvest, preserve and distribute food while sharing a community meal - that's South Fork Meet & Eat. Local folks gathering at the solstices/equinoxes for four neighborly potlucks featuring speakers on a variety of food-related topics. It'll be a bountiful harvest of ideas, discussions, and follow-up actions increasing food access and availability, and community cooperation.
Sustainable Connections	\$ 4,200.00	Waterfront Placemaking Design Series	Six Degrees, the Port of Bellingham and community partners present a nine (9) part Waterfront Placemaking Design series in Bellingham, WA. This interactive event series will engage our community in creative dialog to shape five interactive installations and tangible outcomes for the Waterfront public space. The community will share authentic stories intended to drive a culturally rich community.
Vamos Outdoors Project	\$ 5,000.00	Vamos A Galbraith	This program builds community through mountain biking. Vamos Outdoors Project, along with the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition, brings Latinx youth to Galbraith to go mountain biking after school and during the summer. This program introduces youth, mostly from migrant and/or agricultural industry families, to outdoor activities and community resources that they do not have access to otherwise.
Whatcom Center for Early Learning	\$ 5,000.00	It Takes A Village	'It Takes A Village' is pertinent to raising any child, however for caregivers of children with special needs this is exceptionally relevant. Our aim through the It Takes A Village project is to create a sense of neighborliness with a strong connected group of Whatcom County parents and caregivers of children with special needs through utilizing both traditional and innovative models of support.
Whatcom Conservation District	\$ 5,000.00	Columbia Valley Community Chipping Events	The Columbia Valley Wood Chipping Events will be hosted biannually with a goal of inspiring safe disposal of yard debris, educating neighbors about wildfire risks, and providing an alternative to burning yard waste, a practice that is illegal yet common in the Columbia Valley. Two chipping events will allow for affordable disposal of yard debris for over 150 families in the Columbia Valley.
Whatcom County Library Foundation	\$ 3,500.00	Help Those Dealing with Homelessness	The Whatcom County Library System has secured nationally-recognized homelessness expert Ryan Dowd to provide workshops on practical ways to manage problematic behavior from homeless, addicted, and traumatized individuals. Attendees will gain a better understanding of problematic behavior and learn skills for deescalating conflict and gaining voluntary compliance with rules.
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 5,000.00	Community-Building Circles for Whatcom County	Rooted in indigenous traditions, restorative practices - like circles - help groups build comfort, connection, and trust. The WDRC proposes to host a series of four community-building circles, which will offer community members a unique opportunity to connect and build the deeper relationships necessary for successful future collaboration and problem solving.
Whatcom Dream	\$ 3,872.76	Savvy Seniors, Techy Teens: Focus on Financial Fitness	We will host seniors & teens, graduates of financial literacy courses, for a sharing event. Separated by 50 years they share two things. They worry about their financial future & they are socially isolated. Teens will learn how today's decisions affect their future financial well-being; seniors will benefit knowing their life experiences contribute to a better life for future generations.

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
Whatcom Family & Community Network	\$ 4,312.00	Birchwood Farmers Market	The Birchwood Farmers Market increases access to healthy, locally grown food products for the communities of North Bellingham while promoting collaboration and increasing market opportunities with and for local producers. For the past two years, the market has built community ties as an inclusive gathering place for neighbors every Sunday morning.
Whatcom Family & Community Network for Birchwood Neighborhood Association	\$ 5,000.00	Birchwood International Market	The Birchwood International Market celebrates the cultural diversity of the Birchwood Neighborhood and our community at large. This Celebration immediately connects people in a way that is beyond simple networking. For many cultures, sharing music, breaking bread and having conversation is how they mark milestones and connect with people in their lives. This is what the market is all about!
Whatcom Family & Community Network for Kendall Summerfest Committee	\$ 4,999.00	Kendall SummerFest 2020	The 3rd Annual Kendall Summerfest 2020 is a community-building event that builds community pride, enhances positive relationships between neighbors, law enforcement and local businesses, it also increases resilience and mitigates issues that impact our community such as crime and substance abuse. One of the 2020 Summerfest goals is to build community cohesiveness with the "We Are Family" theme.
Whatcom Family YMCA	\$ 5,000.00	BEYOND THE BELL: Blaine After School Youth Enrichment Program	Blaine is greatly lacking in after school enrichment for middle school youth. Beyond the Bell (BTB) will be a free program that will help alleviate that need by providing educational and recreational youth development programming for those aged 11-14. Options will include video production to enhance digital literacy, job preparation, homework help, dance, soccer, nature adventures, and more.
Whatcom Literacy Council	\$ 2,500.00	Whatcom Literacy Alliance Community Training	This project will pay for transportation for staff and volunteers from the Whatcom Literacy Alliance (WLA) to attend free training sessions in Seattle that focus on adult literacy. WLA is made up of the local Goodwill, the Whatcom Literacy Council, the Bellingham Public Library, the Whatcom County Library System, Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College, and the Volunteer Center.
Whiteswan Environmental, WE	\$ 5,000.00	NXT GEN - LANGUAGE HEALER	To support community healing, WE will host the conference: Nexw Xwelemi Tengexw (NXT) Generation of Language Healers. The Language Healer, Dr. Greymorning, Ph.D., will lead us through the Accelerated Second Language Acquisition (ASLA) process that helps to revive Indigenous languages threatened by extinction. The conference takes place on April 24-25, 2020 at the Silver Reef Casino.
	\$ 144,670.76		