



2024 Youth Philanthropy Project Grants

Organization Name	Project Name	Short Project Description	Grant Amount
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	Music and Life Skills	This program offers weekly music lessons and song-writing sessions for teens at the Whatcom County Juvenile Detention Center. The program includes music education, collaboration, and performance components, and seeks to build confidence and team skills among at-risk youth.	\$4,218
Assistance League of Bellingham	Teen Team	Teen Team's primary purpose is to assist unaccompanied, homeless and emancipated high school students with their everyday survival. Teen Team coordinates with public high school counselors to clothe and provide personal essentials to these students.	\$5,000
Compass Health	Treatment Enhancement Funds for Whatcom Children, Youth, and Families Programs	Compass Health is requesting funds for Treatment Enhancement Funds (TEF) for Whatcom County children, youth, and family programs. TEF can be used to meet any need that supports a client's treatment goals and allows them to maintain engagement in services with Compass Health.	\$5,000
Empowerment Through Connection dba NW Hearts United Foundation	Barn to Heart Healing and Resiliency Building Programs for Youth	"Barn to Heart" Programs are small group workshops which allow youth to engage with horses, professional mental health teams, and peers to heal and build important life skills and provide hope for a brighter future. The requested funds will support these services for approximately 150	\$5,000
Girl Scouts of Western Washington	Girl Scouts AmeriCorps Troops in Whatcom	Girl Scouts of Western Washington (GSWW) respectfully requests \$5,000 toward our Whatcom County-based AmeriCorps-led troop program.	\$5,000
Make.Shift	Free Studio Fridays	Piloting "Free Studio Fridays" in our Open Art Studio as a way to increase access to and awareness of our Community Education Program, especially among youth experiencing mental health challenges and homelessness/housing instability	\$5,000
Opportunity Council	East Whatcom Youth Project	The East Whatcom Youth Project provides healthy, fun activities for youth in the East Whatcom community. Project activities include weekly offerings for teens and summer school break events at the East Whatcom Community Resource Center with community partners.	\$5,000
Secret Harbor	Summer Environmental Work Experience Training Program (WET)	Youth who come to us have experienced acute trauma, through abuse and neglect. WET aims to provide a structured, supervised program that encourages self-confidence and job skill training, while helping protect and enjoy nature and the environment in their communities.	\$5,000

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Vamos Outdoors Project	Vamos a las Montañas	Vamos provides backpacking trips for Latine youth in 6th-12th grade to help newcomers and those learning english to connect to the land, community, and themselves. Participants spend three days in the mountains learning focusing on joy, socio-emotional learning, and mental	\$5,000
Whatcom Family & Community Network	Youth Cultivating a Community of Peers & Trusted Adults to Support Youth Experiencing Mental Health	WFCN will support youth in designing & implementing three Trusted Adult workshops to elevate their own peer support & well-being as they create something of importance in the community in which they live - building a caring community of adults who are learning from youth how to be Trusted Adults.	\$5,000
Whatcom Center for Early Learning*	Early Learning Program (ELP)	The ELP has playgroups and parent connect sessions designed to support caregivers and young children with disabilities and developmental delays. The ELP supports mental health, and peer learning that strengthens social-emotional, physical, cognitive, communication,	\$5,000
Total			\$54,218

*Funded by other Community Foundation discretionary funds on the recommendation of the Youth Philanthropy Committee

2024 Youth Philanthropy Project Values:

- + Integrity: Follow through, genuine interest
- + Impact: Helpful, makes a difference, meaningful
- + Equity: More than fair, evens the playing field, all can participate
- + Community-building: Creates more connections
- + Responsiveness: Responds to community needs and can adapt to changes in the environment