



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Nisqually Tribe gives \$1.7M in funding to local organizations

Olympia, Wash. – More than 200 area agencies and organizations will receive more than \$1.7 Million in vital operational funding from the 2020 Nisqually Indian Tribe Charitable and Local Government Program. Grant recipients were recently announced by the Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC), the economic development arm responsible for managing the Nisqually Indian Tribe's business enterprises.

"It's been a tough year for us all," said Nisqually Tribal Council Treasurer, David Iyall. "We are so pleased that we were able to carry out our tradition of giving back to support the local community and helping these organizations with these funds that are so vital to their operations".

The program includes three types of funding. Financial support is awarded to 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations dedicated to public safety, children's services, community health, cultural preservation, veteran's support and environmental protection.

Annually, the tribe invests a portion of its gaming revenues to local organizations, providing a strong foundation of support services for future generations of families and neighbors. The recipients are selected in a competitive application process. Scholarship funds and community groups also participate in the program. Local government funding provides for police, fire, emergency services and other public safety needs.

One of the grant recipients, Truly Motivated Transitional Living, will use the funds they have been awarded to support their sponsorship fund that gives help to residents encountering an inability to pay their program fees in this challenging time, as well as fill in critical funding gaps caused by the pandemic. "As you know, our organization exists to serve our community and build a better tomorrow for all our citizens by providing effective residential recovery programs" said Carmin Long, Executive Director of Truly Motivated Transitional Living. "We could not do it without partnerships with other community minded organizations like Nisqually Tribe".

**About the Nisqually Indian Tribe**

The Nisqually Indian Tribe is located along the Nisqually River in rural Thurston County, just east of Olympia, WA, and is made up of more than 830 enrolled members. The Tribe's Charitable and Local Government Program has awarded local area agencies and organizations over \$6 million over the past 3 years, demonstrating the tribe's important role in helping to support the community. For More Information about the Nisqually Indian Tribe, visit [www.nisqually-nsn.gov](http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov).

#### **About the Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation**

The Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC) is a board lead organization responsible for managing the business affairs for the Tribe's business enterprises, whose vision is to create a strong and sustainable economy for the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Business enterprises include Nisqually Construction Services, Nisqually Markets, Nisqually Post and Print, Medicine Creek Café, Nisqually Communication Services and the Nisqually Red Wind Casino. For more information about the Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC), visit [www.mc-ec.org](http://www.mc-ec.org)

#### **About the Nisqually Red Wind Casino**

The Nisqually Red Wind Casino has become the South Sound's go-to spot for gaming, dining, and entertainment. Boasting an expansive 46,000 square foot gaming floor, the casino offers more than 1,670 slot machines, Keno, and a plethora of table games including Blackjack, Three Card Poker, Pai Gow, Roulette, and Craps with 10x odds. There are also multiple dining venues from fast casual to fine dining, including the Medicine Creek Deli, Pealo's Bar, and the multi-award winning Squalli-Absch Grille. The casino offers more than just exciting and state-of-the-industry gaming and dining – it offers community. The casino's design, accents, and hospitality all seek to incorporate the local tribal presence. Built to resemble a traditional native longhouse, the Nisqually Red Wind Casino itself pays homage to its namesake. To learn more about Nisqually Red Wind Casino, visit [www.redwindcasino.com](http://www.redwindcasino.com).

A full list of 2020 funding recipients follows.



# Giving Back

## TO OUR COMMUNITY RED WIND CASINO & NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE DONATE OVER \$1.7 MILLION IN 2020

Lacey Police Department  
City of Dupont Police Department  
City of Yelm Police Department  
Olympia Police Department  
Thurston County Deputy  
Sheriffs Foundation  
Thurston County Emergency Management  
Washington State Patrol  
Yelm & Rainier Fire Department SE Thurston  
Fire Authority  
Lacey Fire District #3  
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Atayal Inc.  
LaPush 1910 Indian Shaker Church  
Leimomiwaianue Canoe Family  
Lighthouse Fellowship Church  
Panza DBA: Ouxote Communities  
Red Eagle Soaring Native  
Youth Theatre  
Leschi Learning Legacy  
Northwest Indian College  
Native Action Network  
Nation Indian Head Start  
Directors Association  
Northwest Tribal Emergency Management  
Council  
PeaceKeeper Society  
Penn Cove Water Festival Association  
Potlatch Fund  
Rise Above Native Youth Program  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribal Police  
UNEA Urban Native  
Education Foundation  
Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission  
Wa He Lut Indian School  
ARK Institute of Learning  
Central Washington University  
Children's Home Society of Washington  
Napavine Junior/Senior Highschool  
First in Training and Education  
MENTOR Washington  
Sound Learning  
University of Washington  
Emergency Food Bank (Network)  
Mercy Housing Northwest  
Northwest Harvest EMM  
Nourish Pierce County  
The Saint's Pantry Food Bank  
A Hero's Promise  
Special Olympics  
Great Peninsula Conservancy  
Cispus Learning Center  
Long Live the Kings  
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance  
Thurston County League  
of Women Voters  
Catholic Community Services of King  
County

First Baptist Church of Lakewood  
Advocates for Immigrants in Detention  
Northwest  
It Takes a Village  
Jubilee Women's Center  
Orting Senior Center Organization  
Parents Against Sexual Abuse  
Save our Water Tower  
SPSC Partners for Transition Solutions  
The DuPont Historical Society  
American Cancer Society  
Lifeline Connections  
Turning Point Survivor Advocacy Center  
Washington Healthcare Access Alliance  
Willapa Harbor Helping Hands  
AHAT Homecare  
Pat Tilman Memorial  
Amvets Service Foundation  
Lupus Foundation of America PNW  
Mary Bridge Children's Foundation  
Pacific County Friends  
of Fair Foundation  
Pierce County AIDS Foundation  
Centrum Foundation  
Community Roots Housing Foundation  
The Earth Circle Foundation  
Asia Pacific Culture Center  
Ballet Theatre of Washington  
Deaf Spotlight  
Environmental Science Center  
Greentrike  
Hill Top Artists in Residence  
Historical Society of Seattle  
and King County  
Lakewood Historical Society Museum  
Pioneer Farm Museum  
Taproot Theatre Company  
Nisqually Police Department  
NIT  
City of Lakewood  
Eastside Cooperative Pre School  
Evergreen State College/Native Pathways  
Program  
George Washington Bush Middle School  
Partners in Education  
L.P. Brown Elementary PTO  
Meadows Elementary  
North Thurston Education Foundation  
North Thurston Public Schools  
River Ridge High School  
Big Brother Big Sister of SW Washington  
Boys and Girls Club Thurston County  
Capital Clubhouse  
Child Care Action Council of Thurston  
County  
Hands on Children's Museum  
Heartstrides Therapeutic Horsemanship

Home First  
Hoopstar's Family  
HWY 507 Young Life  
Pacific Education Institute  
Pizza Klatch  
Rainy Day Ranch  
Therapeutic Riding Center  
Wild Grief  
South Sound Youth Athletics Football  
South Sound YMCA  
Stonewall Youth  
Tabu Fastpitch Organization  
Tenino Young At Heart Theater  
USAV Team  
West Academy  
Yelm Dollars for Scholars  
Yelm Tornado Youth  
Football and Cheer  
Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team  
Friends of Nisqually National Wildlife  
Refuge Complex  
Nisqually Land Trust  
Nisqually Reach Nature Center  
Nisqually River Foundation  
Salmon Defense  
South Sound Estuary Association  
Bounty for Families  
Build a Bus Home  
Community Farm Land Trust (South of the  
Sound Community Farm)  
Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason,  
& Thurston Counties  
Garden Raised Bounty GRUB  
Homeless Backpacks  
Seeds for Growth Sidewalk  
South Puget Sound Habitat  
for Humanity  
Thurston County Food Bank  
YMAM Faith Harvest Helpers  
Morningside  
NAMI Thurston/Mason  
Pacific Mountain Workforce  
Arbutus Folk School  
Ballet Northwest  
CIELO Project Radio Ranch  
Creative Theatre Experience  
Harlequin Productions  
Lacey Museum City of Lacey  
Olympia Film Collective  
Olympia Family Theater  
Olympia Film Society  
Olympia Symphony Orchestra  
Sound Studios Olympia  
Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia  
The Bridge Music Project  
Washington Center for the  
Performing Arts

Conservation Connection  
Raindancer Wild Bird Rescue  
Rez Animal Resource  
Wolf Haven International  
Family Education and Support Services  
Family Support Center of South Sound  
POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare &  
Econ Rights)  
South Sound Parent to Parent  
Gold Star Memorial Foundation  
Olympia School District  
Education Foundation  
Olympia Host Lions Club Foundation  
Providence St. Peter Foundation/Cancer  
System  
South Sound Reading Foundation  
SPSCC Foundation  
The Mayday Foundation  
The Strophy Foundation  
West Central Park Foundation  
Gods Portion  
Interfaith Works  
Sacred Heart Emergency Outreach  
Seven Angels Last Stop Services  
Society of St. Vincent  
de Paul Yelm Conference  
Enterprise for Equity  
The Moore Wright Group  
Thurston County Unit Washington Explorers  
Search & Rescue  
City of Lacey on Behalf of Lacey  
MakerSpace  
Friends of the Lacey  
Timberland Library  
Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's  
Office  
Thurston County Volunteer  
Legal Service  
Yelm Community Services  
YWCA of Olympia  
Lacey Firefighters Charity  
Nisqually Valley Moose Lodge 1905  
Nisqually Valley Moose Lodge 1905/WOTM  
960  
Northwest Lions Eyeglass  
Recycling Center  
Senior Services for South Sound  
Stars & Stripes QOV  
Thurston County Council on Aging  
Thurston County Veterans Services  
Truly Motivated Transitional Living  
True Responders in Lacey  
Yelm Senior Center  
Care Net Pregnancy Center  
Thurston County  
Crime Stoppers of South Sound  
Zonta Club of Olympia  
Crazy Faith



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