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## Nisqually Indian Tribe and Red Wind Casino Award Over \$1.3 Million to Support Local Agencies and Nonprofits in 2025

The Nisqually Indian Tribe has awarded over \$1.3 million in operational funding to more than 160 local agencies and organizations as part of its 2025 Charitable and Local Government Program. The latest distributions underscore the tribe's long-standing dedication to strengthening the well-being and resilience of the surrounding community.

Each year, a portion of gaming revenue generated by the Nisqually Red Wind Casino is directed to nonprofit organizations, scholarship initiatives, and community-based programs. Funding is allocated through a competitive application process designed to support organizations that provide essential services and resources across the region.

The program prioritizes 501(c)(3) organizations working in key areas such as public safety, youth services, community health, cultural preservation, veterans' support, and environmental stewardship. By investing in these sectors, the Nisqually Tribe continues to reinforce the foundation of local communities and ensure that future generations benefit from strong, sustainable support systems. Over the past ten years, the tribe has contributed more than \$16 million to local charities and community partners through this program alone. "Every organization we support reflects the spirit of partnership that defines our community. When we invest in their work, we invest in the future of our families, our neighbors, and the generations still to come," said Ken Choke, Chairman of the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

Among this year's recipients is All Kids Win, a nonprofit that provides weekend meals to students in Thurston County who may otherwise face hunger. The organization currently supports over 1,000 students each week, across 49 schools, including middle and high schools in North Thurston, Tumwater, and Olympia; K-8 students at Wa He Lut Indian School; and K-12 students in Tenino, Rainier, Yelm, and Rochester. "Nisqually's Charitable Program plays a vital role in helping us serve food-insecure students throughout Thurston County. We are deeply grateful for the Nisqually Indian Tribe's continued support and proud to partner with them in providing weekend meals for local students," said Matthew Klifman, Co-Board Chair Elect for All Kids Win. "For more than 20 years, this program has thrived thanks to generous community contributions and steadfast partners like Nisqually's Charitable Program."

The Nisqually Tribe's Charitable and Local Government Program continues to demonstrate the power of partnership and shared purpose. Through these targeted investments, the tribe is helping build a stronger, healthier future for families and communities throughout the region.

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### **About the Nisqually Indian Tribe**

Located along the Nisqually River in Thurston County, WA, The Nisqually Indian Tribe is made up of more than 800 members. The tribe has a long history of fostering partnerships that benefit local communities. Through its Charitable and Local Government Program, the tribe invests in organizations that promote health, safety, education, and cultural preservation, helping to build a stronger future for all. For more information, visit [www.nisqually-nsn.gov](http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov).

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

The Nisqually Red Wind Casino is South Sound's premier destination for gaming, dining, and entertainment. Featuring a 46,000-square-foot gaming floor, the casino offers over 1,600 slot machines, Keno, Sports Betting, and a wide array of table games. Guests can enjoy diverse dining options, ranging from casual eats at the Medicine Creek Deli to fine dining at the award-winning River Water Bar & Grille. Other notable venues include Pealo's Bar, Coho Sports Lounge, and The Delta, a Quick Service Food Hall with Italian, Asian, Tex-Mex, and Coffee/Ice Cream.

More than a gaming destination, the Nisqually Red Wind Casino celebrates community and culture. Its architecture reflects the design of a traditional native longhouse, honoring the rich heritage of the Nisqually Tribe. From its décor to its hospitality, the casino embodies a deep connection to the local community and tribal presence.

For more information, visit [www.redwindcasino.com](http://www.redwindcasino.com).

A full list of 2025 funding recipients follows.