



**WHATCOM
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

2019 Project Neighborly Grant Awards

Organization Name	Award Amount	Project Name	Project Description
Alderwood PTSA	\$4,200	Alderwood Community Connection	Welcoming and celebrating the diversity of students and their families through festive gatherings and inclusive events that will be grounded in collaborative work, experience and expertise from parents, volunteers, community partners, and school staff.
Allied Arts of Whatcom County	\$5,000	Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival	Highlighting the arts, performances, and food of the our diverse community to encourage participation, elevate the talents of all people, and to be inclusive as a community.
Animals as Natural Therapy	\$1,598	Family Farm Day	Reaching out to families living in local shelters and transitional housing to invite them to the farm to enjoy a picnic lunch; spending time with our small animals, making a craft, and of course, riding a horse.
Archdiocesan Housing Authority dba Catholic Housing Services	\$1,000	The Children of Villa Santa Fe	Meeting together after school hours young people will engage and help around the community with others.
Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center	\$3,315	Seas the Day on Bellingham Bay	Opening 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, water safety, and marine stewardship, and build team skills and a sense of community.
Bellingham Public School District for Shuksan Middle School	\$5,000	Building Community by Beautifying the Shuksan Cafeteria	Bringing community artists and students together to create a collective work of art for the school cafeteria that both celebrates the cultural diversity of the student body and promotes healthy eating.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$4,850	Building Community at Villa Santa Fe	Connecting residents with one another and building positive relationships through three dinners and activities.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$3,000	World Peace Game in Bellingham	Training high schoolers to teach children the work of peace through an interactive game.
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation	\$3,400	Bilingual Dance Fitness in Birchwood	Connecting community members, including moms, teens/pre-teens, and local school teachers from diverse linguistic/cultural backgrounds, through bilingual dance fitness classes. Strengthening school-community relationships and increasing access to affordable, healthy, fun and culturally-appropriate music-based exercise.
Columbia Parent Association	\$460	Columbia Elementary PTA Inclusion Book Club	Parents will be reading and discussing books together on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion before passing the books on to another parent teacher organization.
Downtown Bellingham Partnership	\$5,000	I Bike Bellingham (#IBikeBellingham)	Engaging, inspiring and educating downtown businesses around the benefits of cycling as a form of transportation and will document the value of having a "bike culture" in our growing and vibrant commercial core.
Ferndale Arts Commission	\$2,000	Downtown Community Alley Murals	Coordinating murals down several alleyways within Downtown Ferndale, designed and painted by volunteers and community members, in an effort to beautify the area and foster a sense of community.

Friends of Sumas Library	\$2,613	Meet Me at the Movies	Creating a night to remember for the whole family--drawing the residents of Sumas together in community around some of the great gems of the movie world.
Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County	\$5,000	Build Community Day in Sudden Valley	Volunteering to clean up or do small renovation projects for neighbors of two Habitat homes being built. The goal is to dispel myths in an effort to achieve neighborliness, inclusiveness and a welcome mat for the family.
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County	\$5,000	Building Bridges with Books: Reaching Our New Neighbors	Distributing books promoting cooperation, kindness and curiosity to families with low-incomes - especially immigrant families -who will share their ideas and responses on community bulletin boards.
Kulshan Community Land Trust	\$4,000	Birchwood Neighborhood Social Touch Points	Encouraging connections between Birchwood neighbors and grass-roots support of our innovative affordable housing project.
Lhaq'temish Foundation	\$5,000	Lummi 2019 Canoe Journey	Protecting and improving the health and quality of life for the Lummi Nation by focusing on strength-based projects, culture and empowerment to help build a stronger community rich with tradition, history, togetherness, success, prosperity, health, hope and stewardship for future generations.
Lhaq'temish Foundation	\$4,978	Song & Story: Youth Gathering for the Salish Sea	Gathering of Tribal and non-Tribal young adults hosted by the Lummi Nation to break bread and learn how, based on traditional Coast Salish teachings and practices, we all might be better stewards of the Salish Sea.
Mercy Housing Northwest for Sterling Meadows	\$3,095	Sterling Drive Community Clean Up and Block Party	Bringing the larger Sterling Drive community together to clean up the neighborhood and foster connection through food, music, and games.
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	\$5,000	Acme Elementary Watershed and Community Engagement Project	Connecting the youth of the South Fork Valley with local community members to better understand local ecosystems and the economies they support through field experiences to better understand watershed features of the place they live.
Northwest Youth Services	\$5,000	Whatcom Youth Pride	Celebrating with a parade and festival designed for LGBTQ youth from across Whatcom County.
Opportunity Council	\$4,897	East Whatcom Open Mic	Creating a twice monthly East Whatcom Open Mic Night planned by youth for local artists inclusive of all ages, formats, and levels of expertise, to share and interact in a safe, accessible, and welcoming space.
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for Happy Valley Neighborhood Association	\$4,876	Water Works	Building a rainwater catchment system to water a community garden which serves a population from diverse backgrounds; incorporating a new tree nursery while providing sustainability for the Southside Community Meal program which is served through this effort.
Recreation Northwest for Vamos Outdoors Project	\$3,135	¡Vamos a Galbraith!	Connecting Latinx and ELL youth from the Birchwood neighborhood to the trail system of Galbraith Mountain and the vibrant community of mountain biking.
South Fork Valley Community Association	\$3,400	South Fork Roots: Shared History and Diverse Culture	Exploring the surprising blend of cultures and histories that came together in the South Fork Valley, through rediscovering the people, places, and traditions that created our present-day community and the common threads that bind us.
Sylvia Center for the Arts	\$1,000	Drag-topia: An inclusive, educational, drag & variety show	Celebrating drag and a queer history of Whatcom County utilizing both visual and performance art from the LGBTQIA community and their allies to focus on creating a community/safe space for queer youth by educating others in allyship.

Three Rivers Cooperative	\$4,470	South Fork Watershed Education Forums - Promotion and Accessibility	Expanding efforts to increase local understanding of the issues that threaten water quality and quantity through effectively promoted community forums that feature expert as well as local presenters and recordings to make the presentations more accessible.
Western Washington University Foundation	\$4,650	Front Porch Factor: Building Designs That Promote Neighborliness	Incorporating viewpoints of local residents to develop a measurement tool, the Front Porch Factor, that can be used by community members including architects, planners, developers and other stakeholders to ensure that property features maximize opportunities for residents to interact.
Western Washington University Foundation	\$5,000	Open Minds Open Hearts	Encouraging all members of the Western community to take personal responsibility and an active role in cultivating a culture of mutual respect, kindness and compassion on campus and beyond.
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center	\$5,000	Comfort with Conflict: Connecting across Differences	Building comfort with conflict between neighbors, strengthen communication skills, and inspire more openness to connecting across differences.
Whatcom Dream	\$2,150	Walk a Mile Poverty Simulation Event	Inviting participants to live a day in poverty; trying to pay bills, find transportation, and access resources without the support systems we all take for granted.
Whatcom Family & Community Network for Birchwood Neighborhood Association	\$10,000	Birchwood International Market	Celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the Birchwood neighborhood by inviting neighbors and visitors share food, artisanal merchandise, art, information, activities, and entertainment in an open-air market once per month from June to September.
Whatcom Family & Community Network for Kendall Summerfest Committee	\$5,000	Kendall SummerFest 2019	Building community pride, enhancing positive relationships between neighbors, law enforcement and local businesses, increasing resilience and mitigating issues that impact our community such as crime and substance abuse.
Whatcom Family and Community Network for Columbia Neighborhood Association	\$3,510	Columbia Neighborhood Workshops and Intercultural Meals	Providing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion workshops and community meals to increase our neighborhood's intercultural awareness and bring neighbors together to create a more welcoming and healthy neighborhood.
Whatcom Family Farmers	\$3,593	Meet Your Farmer Series	Introducing the community, especially in and around Bellingham, to the farmers of the different sectors of the Whatcom County agricultural industry, in order to open lines of communication and foster a collaborative approach to dealing with environmental issues.
Whatcom Family YMCA	\$2,562	Cycling Without Age: Bike Rides for People with Limited Mobility	Cycling Without Age providing pedicab rides for people with low mobility.
Whatcom Museum Foundation	\$3,350	Conversations on Social Justice from an Empathetic Place	Using the Whatcom Museum's exhibition "WANTED: Ed Bereal for Disturbing the Peace" as an anchor, "Conversations on Social Justice" will create safe spaces for community dialogue through a facilitated public program and training for Museum docents to continue the conversation in more intimate tours.
Whatcom Peace and Justice Center	\$5,000	Building Community Together	Bringing together high school kids, and veterans to build a tiny home for a homeless veteran in Whatcom County.

Wild Whatcom	\$3,973	Conexiones Naturales: Nature and Community Connections at Villa Santa Fe	Building connections within the community of Villa Santa Fe (an affordable housing residence) through a combination of community-wide outdoor picnics, child nature outings, and the research-backed power of the outdoors to increase prosocial behavior.
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