Paddy Hough Grant

agenda

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History

- "Paddy" Hough was a respected figure in SW WA known for his deep commitment to agriculture, education and community development. Living in this region, his roots were in farming traditions, and he believed in supporting youth opportunities in Agricultural Education and hands-on learning



Legacy

- Battle Ground specifically has programs that the Community Foundation says fits right into the use of this grant. Hough wanted experiential learning—he wanted to give students the tools, facilities and opportunity to engage in Agriculture Education and environmental stewardship.
- Today his legacy lives on through the continued success and growth of our Ag programs.

How the Grant is Used-Program support

- Funds are given to Prairie High School, Battle Ground High School, CASEE Campus for program support and student opportunities in Agriculture programs.
  - Used to enhance greenhouse operations and plant science programs.
  - Supports floral design programs, including purchasing essential equipment (e.g. floral cooler)
  - Provides for Plant sales and greenhouse production.



Used to support Student Opportunities

- **Funds student workers or paid internships at the CASEE Campus and Battle Ground High School campus.**
- **Students gain hands-on workforce experience**
- **Supports public-facing agricultural spaces such as the CASEE Campus and the BGHS and PHS gardens.**

Used to assist with Facilities and Infrastructure

- **Concrete flooring installation in CASEE and Prairie greenhouses**
- **Development of a large composting area on the CASEE Campus**
- **Purchase of tools and greenhouse equipment**
- **Maintenance and repair of:**
  - **Greenhouse systems (fan replacement)**
  - **Tractors and mowers**
  - **Utility vehicles (Gators)**
  - **Shop and facility infrastructure (CASEE)**
  - **Cold storage buildings**

Program Expansion & Restoration Work

- **Launch of a prairie land restoration project adjacent to CASEE A**
  - **Provides students with ecological restoration experience**
  - **Helps preserve rare native prairie ecosystems**
  - **Demonstrates land stewardship and environmental science in action-fits into Paddy's vision.**

Overall Outcomes-Hough Grant has directly enabled:

- **High quality agricultural programs that would not otherwise be possible.**
- **Robust experiential learning opportunities in:**
  - **Greenhouse management**
  - **Plant science**
  - **Environmental restoration**

Outcomes continued:

- **Increased student engagement through hands-on-education**
- **Workforce readiness by the paid internships**
- **Improved facilities that support long-term sustainability**
- **Preservation and restoration of local ecosystems**

Last Word- Stability

Hough helps us with stability for programs--which is especially critical following recent funding challenges.

With reduced funding, the Hough Grant is more essential than ever in assisting us to maintain program quality and student access.



Thank you

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