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MADRONA INSTITUTE AWARDS STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

The Madrona Institute has awarded \$22,500 in grants to local nonprofit organizations in its first year of grantmaking based on revenues received from sales of the San Juan Islands Special License Plate.

This year's grantees include the San Juan Islands Conservation District for their San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps (\$6,000), the Friends of the San Juans for their Youth Environmental Mentoring Program (\$5,000), the Alchemy Art Center for their Young Environmentalists Art Intensive & Exhibit Program (\$5,000), the Coast Salish Youth Stewardship Corps operated by The Madrona Institute (\$4,000), and the Indigenous Education Institute for their Indigenous Speaker Series - A Sense of Place in the Pacific Northwest: Indigenous Perspectives on Land, Water, and Sky (\$2,500).

Awards are made on an annual basis for local projects and programs that support the conservation and stewardship of agricultural, cultural, historic, and natural resources in the

islands, with emphasis on youth engagement. It is expected that grantmaking will increase each year as plate sales increase across the county, region, and state.

Purchasing a San Juan Islands Special License Plate is a great way to support stewardship in the San Juan Islands. For more information the San Juan Islands Special License, please visit <https://madrona.org>.

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