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Nevada's opposition to Trump administration efforts to revive the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project will be underscored Tuesday at a Las Vegas conference on radioactive waste where government and industry experts will gather.

[Greenpeace and Indigenous Water Protectors Respond to](#)

[Lawsuit Accusing DAPL Activists of Eco-Terrorism](#)

Amy Goodman, Democracy Now!: The company that owns the Dakota Access pipeline -- Energy Transfer Partners -- has sued Greenpeace International and other environmental groups, accusing them of inciting "eco-terrorism." Annie Leonard, executive director of Greenpeace USA, and Tara Houska, national campaigns director for Honor the Earth, discuss more. [Watch the Video and Read the Transcrip](#)

Bucky Harjo

While you all are busy arguing about non sense such as Burning Man, Leonard Peltier had triple Bypass heart surgery. Pray for him, pray for his freedom! Pray for about things you don't know, don't let the unknown dilute your prayer. Like the water, keep it pure!

BBC News

[Amazon study discovers 381 new species in two-year period](#)

[Sacramento sets its eye on taxing our drinking water](#)

[OC Register](#)

Sacramento is setting its eyes on the latest resource it can tax in *California* — drinking *water*. For the first time in *California*'s history, lawmakers are proposing a or the proposed legislation as it nears a full vote in the Assembly.

BUT

Free College Introduced in 4 More States by Susan Dutca

More and more colleges are introducing free college scholarship programs, with more than 20 states currently on board. The latest states to join the [free community-college program](#) initiative are Arkansas, Indiana, Montana and Rhode Island. Some critics claim that, while the idea sounds great, free college may not actually help those who need it most.

[New York's Excelsior Scholarship](#) already awards free tuition for four years to state residents whose family household adjusted gross income caps out at \$100,000. Excelsior Scholarship recipients are able to attend SUNY or CUNY college without paying tuition, granted that they plan to live and work in New York once they have graduated college. Announced earlier this August, Rhode Island will also offer a free college scholarship to state residents who intend to remain in-state after graduation. Unlike the Excelsior Scholarship, Rhode Island's free college Promise Scholarship does not have an income requirement.

The free college program in Arkansas will award its first grants in the fall to traditional or nontraditional students who enroll in a STEM or other high-demand fields at state community or technical colleges. [ArFuture](#), or the Arkansas Future Grant, is a last-dollar grant which will be dispersed only after students have received federal and state aid and requires grant recipients to work full-time in Arkansas for at least three years after graduation. If the free college scholarship requirements are not met, "the grant converts to a loan that must be repaid to the state."

Some critics argue that lower-income students already receive financial aid through grants and scholarships and don't pay much tuition for in-state colleges and universities. "In fact, tying the scholarship to four-year programs could increase costs for low-income students, who would otherwise complete a two-year program and enter the workforce more quickly." For students whose family incomes are less than \$60,000 a year, free college programs won't "do anything to help the group that really does need help the most," according to the Director of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute.

It's important to read all the requirements and fine print when it comes to free college scholarship programs and know what scholarships will cover - many such scholarships do not cover books, or room and board.

Scholarships by State

Aside from finding scholarships through a search, common state scholarships will be offered by guidance counselors or college admissions offices via [local scholarships](#). State scholarships will be both merit and are needs-based. [Merit scholarships](#) will recognize high school academic achievements and standardized test scores, while needs-based scholarships examine finance and individual ability to pay for college.

State Financial Assistance

State scholarships pay particular attention to applicants pursuing certain high-needs fields. Many states have well-funded [nursing](#) and [education](#) programs, for example, as they are constantly in need of new recruits, especially in low-income communities where turnover is common. These awards often come with conditions- recipients of state scholarships may be required to work in a certain field or specialty or remain in the state for a certain period of time in the aforementioned, high-needs fields, post-graduation. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority ([KHEAA Teacher Scholarship](#)), for example, provides financial aid to [Kentucky students](#) pursuing their initial teacher certifications at participating Kentucky schools. If recipients don't complete their Kentucky education programs or take on a job certified by the Kentucky Department of Education post-graduation, any scholarship they receive becomes a loan with interest. The same is true for many career-specific state scholarships, so pay close attention to the award's description and eligibility requirements.

A Cost-Effective Decision

There are ample cost benefits for choosing to attend a state scholarship. State scholarships and grants are common, but often only go to long-time state residents as a way to both boost the local economy and keep qualified college applicants local once they have graduated. In-state tuition differs immensely when you are a state resident versus an out-of-state applicant, but public [state universities](#) can also be more generous with your financial aid package than out-of-state or private schools. It is essentially a "thank you" for remaining in-state, with future prospect of working in-state after graduation. State schools are typically more eager to award merit-based scholarships to students with exceptional academic qualifications, or reward students based on talents like [athletics](#), [music](#), or science and math skills.

Scholarships by State

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Grant Announcements

On August 21, HUD announced the FY 2017 [Main Street Grant](#) in the amount of \$500,000 to Monticello, NY. Main Street grants are used to create affordable housing in smaller communities.

A total of 16 [Safety and Security Grants](#) totaling \$5M were announced on August 28. These grants allow PHAs to address safety concerns at public housing developments through capital improvements.

Funding Opportunities

The FY 2017 [Choice Neighborhoods Implementation NOFA](#) was published on August 24, making \$132M available for approximately 4 grants. This NOFA will support locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing. Applications are due by November 22.

The FY 2017 [Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency \(ROSS\) NOFA](#) was also published on August 24 with applications due October 23. This NOFA will make \$35M available for service coordinators to assess resident needs and link residents to supportive services that increase earned income and self-sufficiency.

Applications for the FY 2017 [Family Self Sufficiency \(FSS\)](#) funds are due September 15. HUD will award \$75M to approximately 700 PHAs. FSS funds coordinators to work with residents on developing a 5-year plan that will lead to further employment and self-sufficiency.

Coming Soon

PIH will announce the **FY 2017 Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG)** shortly and four additional **FY 2016 Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS)** grant awards within the next few weeks.

National Drive Electric Week

WHO: Electric Auto Association of Northern Nevada

WHAT: National Drive Electric Week (#NDEW2017), Reno.

WHEN: Sunday, September 17th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

WHERE: Virginia Lake Pavilion at [2400 Lakeside Dr.](#), in Reno.

WHY: #NDEW2017 is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more!

DISPLAY CAR DEADLINE (September, 10th): We ask that those willing to bring and display cars RSVP with Cindy Ryan via email: ladybird53@icloud.com.

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic lunches. A BBQ is available for cooking.

A donation is suggested to help defray the cost (\$110) for reserving the Pavilion.

Action Item!

"The new EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is trying to roll back and weaken clean car standards. This is an extreme waste of taxpayer dollars – the EPA has already worked with the automakers and other stakeholders to develop clean car standards, and conducted an extensive technical analysis and review process before implementing clean car standards. Pruitt's decision to reopen

the review of these standards at the behest of the automakers is just undoing a process that was already done, and done well."

Plug In America requests that you send a message to Administrator Pruitt via the link below!

[Please Send a Message to Pruitt--NOW! >>>](#)

[Nevada Gives Solar Panels to Homeowners at No Cost Down Not Everyone Qualifies, So Please Don't Be Mad As Only Some Zip Codes Are Eligible In Each State. Those That...](#)

Click [HERE](#) to see how much solar energy incentives you are eligible for before the program expires. Nevada homeowners only solar-rebate.com

[Brazilian Judge Stymies Plan to Allow Mining in Amazon Region](#)

By ERNESTO LONDOÑO and SHANNON SIMS

The ruling comes amid a fight between conservationists and President Michel Temer over environmental protections and indigenous rights.

[Drilling to begin in University's Great Basin geothermal exploration project](#)

The University of Nevada, Reno received funding to begin drilling geothermal test wells this fall in the final phase of a multi-year research project to refine exploration strategies and reduce the risks in developing new geothermal systems capable of producing commercial electricity in Nevada's Great Basin. [Learn More](#)

[Report: Proposed EPA Cuts Harmful to NV Air Quality](#)

September 1, 2017 - Suzanne Potter, [Play Audio in Browser Window](#)

Should I Make Art?

BY JOHN OSEBOLD



Public News Service (NV)

Advocates fear that EPA budget cuts would result in more "code red" days with poor air quality in Nevada. (Caitlin Hippler/Moms Clean Air Force)

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The quality of Nevada's air and water would diminish - if President Trump's proposed 30-percent cut to the EPA's budget is approved.

That's according to a [new report from the Environmental Defense Fund](#). Researchers found that

over the past five years, Nevada has received more than \$83 million in grants from the EPA to protect the state's environment.

Caitlin Hippler, a military spouse in Henderson, joined Moms Clean Air Force after her five-year-old son developed asthma. So she's fighting to save programs that monitor air pollution. "People with these kind of health conditions rely on air-quality monitors to tell them when it's safe to go outside, where they should live," she explains. "Some areas of the valley are a little bit worse than others. So if we lose this funding, it's going to be really hard for these people to have a good quality of life."

Trump's budget proposes to zero out funding for a program to address leaking underground chemical storage tanks, one that reduces poisonous radon gas in homes and schools, and one that fights polluted runoff water from parking lots, roads and excessive fertilizer.

EPA chief Scott Pruitt argues that many environmental regulations are too onerous for the business community.

Bill Becker, an environmental consultant and former head of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, says any cuts to the EPA budget will reverse years of progress made in public health, quality of life and the tourism-based outdoor economy.

"It is an extraordinarily small price to pay to equip state and local officials with the necessary financial and regulatory tools to clean up the environment when you fully understand the impacts that could occur if you don't provide these resources," he says.

Congress is set to take up a series of 12 appropriations bills in the next few weeks.

Guess we can't complain about fire smoke in the air: 2,700 Tons of extra pollution that have contaminated the air around Houston, Texas. Flooding from Hurricane Harvey caused leaks from refineries and chemical plants, pushing the Houston ozone level three times higher than the national standard. Water contamination from the excess pollution is also possible. [*The Guardian*](#)

Investment Giant Votes to Require Exxon to Detail Climate Risk Disclosure

Investing giant Vanguard voted to require [ExxonMobil](#) to include more detailed assessments of how [climate](#) policies impact its bottom line, according to proxy voting records released Thursday.

Vanguard's vote at the shareholder meeting and its vote in favor of a similar resolution for Occidental Petroleum mark the first time the firm has voted for shareholder resolutions opposed by company management.

"Climate risk is an example of a slowly developing and highly uncertain risk—the kind that tests the strength of a board's oversight and risk governance," CEO Bill McNabb wrote in a [public letter](#) released with the voting records. "Our evolving position on climate risk (much like our stance on gender diversity) is based on the economic bottom line for Vanguard investors. As

significant long-term owners of many companies in industries vulnerable to climate risk, Vanguard investors have substantial value at stake."

The overall Exxon vote passed in early June with nearly 63 percent of shares in favor.

"With Exxon and to a lesser extent Occidental, these votes can also be seen as bellwethers for the entire industry that major investors are expecting action on climate risk disclosure," Jon Hale, the director of sustainability research at Morningstar, told [CNBC](#).

"What seems to be going on with Vanguard is that they are giving companies time to make progress towards improving their climate disclosures, but in the cases of Exxon and Occidental, they felt they had already done so and not seen the progress they were expecting."

For a deeper dive: [CNBC](#), [WSJ](#), [FT](#), [MarketWatch](#), [Pensions & Investments](#)

Pope, Patriarch Bartholomew: 'Support the Consensus of the World' to 'Heal Our Wounded Creation'

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This is a Drum Gourd, one of the crops in our Adopt-A-Crop Campaign, currently growing at [Crooked Sky Farms](#) in Phoenix. We included this enormous gourd in our campaign at the specific request of the Yoeme/Yaqui people, for use by their Deer Dancers.

It's not too late to [Adopt-A-Crop!](#)

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National Funding

Support for Green Growth Efforts in the United States, Canada, and Mexico
[Commission for Environmental Cooperation: North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action](#)

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) facilitates collaboration and public

participation to foster conservation, protection, and enhancement of the North American environment. The North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA), an initiative of CEC, provides funding to nonprofit organizations, non-governmental organizations, environmental groups, community-based associations, academic institutions, Tribal nations, and indigenous peoples and communities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Grants of up to \$53,000 support community initiatives focusing on *Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth* in order to advance environmentally-responsible economic development while decreasing pressure on natural resources and promoting more sustainable patterns of production and consumption. Strategic priority areas include climate change mitigation and adaptation, green growth, and sustainable communities and ecosystems. Proposals must be submitted by September 22, 2017. Visit the CEC website to review the Call for Proposals.

Established Theatre and Dance Companies Funded

The Shubert Foundation

The Shubert Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the United States, with a particular emphasis on theatre and a secondary focus on dance. The Foundation provides general operating support to nonprofit, professional resident theatre and dance companies that have an established artistic and administrative track record, as well as a history of fiscal responsibility. A limited number of grants are also made to arts-related organizations that help support the development of theatre and dance, as well as graduate drama departments of private universities. Applications for theatre grants are due December 1, 2017. All other grant applications must be submitted by October 18, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and application instructions.

Local Communities Promoting Healthy Living Honored

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Culture of Health Prize

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize honors outstanding communities throughout the United States that have placed a priority on health and are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments that will enable everyone, especially those facing the greatest challenges, to have the opportunity to live well. Up to ten winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country. For the purposes of this prize, "a community" is defined as one of the following: town/village, city, borough, county, tribe or tribal community, Native Hawaiian organization, or region (such as contiguous towns, cities, or counties). The Phase One application deadline is November 3, 2017; Phase Two applications will be due on January 18, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to review the call for applications.

Grants Enhance K-12 Gardens in the U.S. and Canada

Whole Kids Foundation: School Garden Grant Program

The Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting schools and inspiring families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. The Foundation's School Garden Grant Program provides support for edible gardens at K-12 schools in the U.S. and Canada. These grants of \$2,000 are awarded to schools as well as nonprofit organizations working in partnership with schools. Consideration is given to new or existing garden projects at any stage of development that help

children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. The application process for both U.S. and Canadian projects opens on September 1, 2017. [U.S. applications](#) must be submitted by October 31, 2017; [Canadian applications](#) are due November 15, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the program.

Regional Funding

Organic Food Movement in California Supported

Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation: California Consumers Advancing Agroecology and Organics Fund

The Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation is offering a new funding opportunity, the Californian Consumers Advancing Agroecology and Organics (CACAO) Fund, to help nonprofit organizations in California build the movement for agroecology and organic food and consumer products. The CACAO Fund will provide grants to organizations who will 1) educate consumers about organic advertising and advance efforts toward regulatory reform and corporate accountability; or 2) educate consumers about organic advertising and strengthen local, equitable, and ecologically healthy food systems. Grants will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Applying organizations must have been in operation for at least five years and have annual operating budgets of at least \$250,000. Brief online letters of interest are due on September 18, 2017. Visit the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation's website to learn more about the CACAO Fund.

Funds for Oral Healthcare Organizations in Arkansas

Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation

The mission of the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation is to improve the oral health of Arkansans through education, prevention, and treatment. The Foundation is currently offering Community Grants and Mini Grants, which seek to expand access to oral healthcare in



underserved areas by supporting nonprofit organizations that provide preventative services for individuals of all ages, ethnicities, gender, and socio-economic status in the state. Priority is given to organizations that provide services to the following groups: children and youth, aging adults, low- to moderate-income individuals, and underserved populations. Grants ranging up to \$30,000 will be provided. The application deadline for Community Grants is September 30, 2017. Requests for Mini Grants may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about each grant program.

Grants Strengthen STEM Education Projects in the Midwest and East

Constellation E2 Energy to Educate

The Constellation E2 Energy to Educate initiative provides grants for educational projects in company communities in the Midwest and Eastern U.S. that help foster energy conservation and progress. Priority is given to projects that are designed to enhance students' understanding of science and technology and that inspire them to think differently about energy. The focus is on projects that reach a minimum of 100 students and that align with the following themes: Energy in Transportation, Backyard Generation, and Zero Waste. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for programs in grades six to 12; higher education programs are eligible for grants of up to \$50,000. The application deadline is October 1, 2017. Visit the company's website to download the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

Grassroots Programs for Hawaiian Women and Girls Supported

Women's Fund of Hawaii

The mission of Women's Fund of Hawaii is to support innovative, grassroots programs that empower women and girls in Hawaii. The Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote women's financial security and girls' strengths and leadership; address the factors that stand in the way of women's success, including violence, low self-esteem, health problems, substance abuse, reproductive issues, poverty, racism, etc.; and build on the gifts, strengths, and assets of women and girls. Programs serving Native Hawaiian women and girls, as well as programs in rural areas of the state, are of special interest. The fall 2017 grant cycle opens on September 1 and closes on September 30. Visit the Fund's website to submit an online application.

Federal Funding

Coastal Habitat Protection Funded

Fish and Wildlife Service

The Coastal Program helps coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The application deadline is September 30, 2017.

Support Available for Tribal Suicide Prevention

Indian Health Service

The Zero Suicide Initiative seeks to improve the system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally informed, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in Indian health systems. The application deadline is October 12, 2017.

"Every one of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves." — Princess Diana