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"Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible."

~ M. C. Escher



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Excerpt: "Like Brazil's indigenous
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communities are recognized by the
Brazilian government as having
sustainable livelihoods rooted in
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Greg Sarris, author of *How a Mountain Was Made*, will speak in <u>Berkeley</u> and <u>Petaluma</u>.

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Mary Switzer Research Fellowships	\$75,000	05/15/2018
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MGMA Harry J. Harwick Scholarship	\$3,500	05/01/2018
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MGMA Midwest Section Scholarships	\$2,500	05/01/2018
MGMA Richard L. Davis, FACMPE/Barbara B. Watson, FACMPE - National		
Scholarship	\$5,000	05/01/2018
MGMA Western Section Scholarships	\$2,500	05/01/2018
Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Scholarship		
	\$1,500	05/12/2018
Mike And Flo Novoesky Scholarship	\$4,000	05/01/2018
Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship	\$1,000	05/01/2018
Mitchell/Tufts Scholarship	Varies	05/15/2018
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Internal Revenue Service/Indian Tribal Government News - Publication 5287, Employment Tax Video Guides for Indian Tribal Governments (CD-ROM)

The IRS office of Indian Tribal Governments has released a new CD-ROM with 12 employment tax video guides to help Indian tribal employers properly withhold, deposit and report federal taxes for their employees. Learn more about what to do when you hire and pay employees, including how to:

distinguish between employees and contractors, withhold taxes and make payments to the U.S. Treasury, and meet all your reporting requirements.

To Order the <a href="https://www.irs.gov/government-entities/publication-5287-employment-tax-video-guides-for-indian-tribal-governments-cd-rom" \n Pub 5287 CD-ROM, call 800-829-3676. View these guides online at https://www.stayexempt.irs.gov/home/resource-library/itg-employment-tax-lessons" \n Indian Tribal Governments Resources.

Tuition and Other Educational Benefits Provided by Tribes, Form 1098-T

Tuition and other educational benefits provided by Indian tribes to tribal members pursuant to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 (the Act) are **not** taxable and not subject to information reporting requirements if such benefits meet the requirements of the Act. Tribal students that receive these educational benefits paid by the tribe should not include them on their federal tax return even if they're shown on a Form 1098-T, Tuition Statement, from the educational institution. Read this <a href="https://www.irs.gov/government-entities/tuition-and-other-educational-benefits-provided-by-tribes-form-1098-t" \n article for a complete discussion.

AmeriCorpsMay 2 – Application deadline

HYPERLINK "https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps" AmeriCorps grants through the Corporation for National & Community Service's annual competitive round of funding. Indian Tribes that seek to propose an AmeriCorps program to operate within the state are encouraged to apply through the CNCS online grants management system, HYPERLINK "http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/egrants" eGrants. and use the CNCS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), application and supplemental materials found at: HYPERLINK "https://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2018/fy2018-americorps-indian-tribes-grants" AmeriCorps Indian Tribe Grants .

- **National Funding Priorities** FY 2018 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes competition seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in:
- **Disaster Services** improving community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, & mitigation
- **Economic Opportunity** increasing economic opportunities for communities by engaging opportunity youth, either as the population served and/or as AmeriCorps members, to prepare them for the workforce
- **Education** improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM), and/or serving students who attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools

Healthy Futures – reducing &/or preventing substance abuse and suicide (see HYPERLINK "https://www.nationalservice.gov/documents/2018/2018-americorps-indian-tribes-mandatory-supplemental-guidance" Mandatory Supplemental Guidance)

Veterans & Military Families - positively impacting quality of life of veterans & improving military family strength

Timeline

April 2 Notice of Intent to apply- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018ACTribesIntent

May 2 Applications due in HYPERLINK "http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/egrants" eGrants"

April 19 Up To \$11.5 Million Available for Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands

U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) funding to deploy energy infrastructure on tribal lands. This funding will support Native American and Alaska Native communities interested in harnessing their vast undeveloped energy resources. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) builds on efforts to strengthen tribal energy, economic infrastructure resource development, and electrification on tribal lands. This is also the first time that the Office of Indian Energy is issuing a FOA on an entirely fuel- and technology-neutral basis. This will expand the potential for tribes to use the particular resources available to them and is consistent not only with an all-of-the above energy policy, but also with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. This funding opportunity will solicit and select applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations in the following areas:

Topic Area 1: Install energy efficiency measures and/or energy generating systems for tribal buildings that may include deep energy retrofits, energy generating systems, or a combination of energy efficiency measures and energy generating systems.

Topic Area 2: Deploy community-scale energy generating systems on tribal lands to provide electricity to a substantial number of buildings or even an entire tribal community.

Topic Area 3: Install energy systems for autonomous operation to power single or multiple essential tribal loads during emergency situations, or to power a substantial number of essential tribal loads for community resilience.

Selected projects will take on a 50% cost share in order to reduce or stabilize energy costs, as well as increase energy security and resilience for Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. For additional details, read the "press release and download the HYPERLINK "http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?

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April 23 Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants

NIJ seeks to build an increased capability to conduct rigorous research and evaluation projects in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages through promotion of engagement between researchers and tribal nations. The objective of this solicitation is to fund multiple planning grants for projects promoting such engagements that address criminal justice issues in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages. Proposed projects must include a new tribal-researcher partnership component. " Review the solicitation. Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application.

April 24 Tribal Public Health Capacity Building & Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement (CDC)

Center for Disease Control's new 5-year notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), "CDC-RFA-OT18-1803: Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement, has been published on Grants.gov. Letters of intent are requested but not required. Letters are due by email attachment to <u>OSTLTSTribalNOFO@cdc.gov</u> by March 30, 2018, by 11:59 pm (EDT). Frequently Asked Questions(https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/ cooperative-agreements/faq.html). This program's purpose is to provide resources for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal nations and regional AI/AN tribally designated organizations to optimize the quality and performance of tribal public health system, including infrastructure, workforce, data and information systems, programs and services, resources and communication, and partnerships. Work in these areas will increase the capacity of Indian Country to identify, respond to, and mitigate public health threats and decrease the burden of disease among AI/Ans. Eligibility: Federally recognized AI/AN tribal nations, which include Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and AI or AN tribal governments (federally recognized), must demonstrate support from the tribe by providing an official letter from official tribal leaders, or a tribal resolution. Regional AI/AN tribally designated organizations, which include Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), must demonstrate support in the form of tribal resolutions or letters of support from elected and currently serving tribal leadership officials from at least half of the tribes within the organization's service area.

More info. at: https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/cooperative-agreements/tribal-capacity-building-OT18-1803.html

April 30 Rural Business Development Grants - RDBGs

USDA Rural Development grants to support rural businesses and help create jobs. The Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) is a competitive grant designed to help local governments, non-profits and Federally-recognized Native American Tribes with targeted technical assistance, training and more. These are NOT direct grants to individuals or businesses. The RBDG allocation for AZ is estimated to be \$300,000 which typically would fund 5-7 grants. Smaller requests are given priority. Grant applications requesting Native American Congressionally mandated funds will be awarded competitively through a national competition. For additional info go to: http://www.rd.usd.gov/programsservices/rural-business-development-grants.

April 30 2019 National Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grants

The U.S. Forest Service anticipates approximately \$900,000 in grant funds to be awarded through the 2019 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. The Council seeks to fund proposals that clearly broaden the base of participation through the involvement of such non-traditional partnerships and the inclusion of underserved communities with applicable local, state and/or national urban forestry contacts. Underserved Communities are communities that do not receive equitable financial and technical assistance as other communities might, in maximizing the benefits from the conservation and management of their natural resources. In this context we consider underserved as low income, under represented racial / ethnic minorities; Native Americans; people with disabilities and the elderly. Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. non-Federal organization and Tribal agencies, operating within the US. Collaboration with Federal agencies is encouraged. Individuals and private land are not eligible. Proposals are required to address National or multi-state, multi-tribal land urban and community forestry issues.





Scott Gloyd

UPCOMING TRAININGS in April

Apr. 10-11 Procurement and Contract Management Training - Oklahoma City, OK

Participants will gain the confidence and knowledge to conduct efficient and effective procurement that complies with HUD and other funding source requirements. Training topics will include careful preplanning and the basics of purchasing, practical how-to's of procurement planning and policy development, and specific regional issues. **Trainers**: Sonja Key & Charles Anderson **Event Flyer**

Registration and Event Information: http://newregistration.firstpic.org/proc/index.php

Apr. 10-11 Leveraged Funding, Title VI and Strategic Planning - *Phoenix, AZ*Learn how to multiply up to 5 times the Need portion of your IHBG Grant and mix the funds with

other resources. This comprehensive two-day class has been designed to cover all aspects of the Title VI program and Loan Leveraging. After attending this class, participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about the feasibility of including Title VI/Loan Leveraging options as part of their tribe's future housing development plans. For more information and to register, CLICK HERE.

Apr. 10-12 Environmental Review - Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

This 2.5-day training provides Indian tribes ("tribes" also includes Native Alaskan villages) and other recipients of HUD's Office of Native American Program funding — Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) — with specific instructions and guidelines for carrying out their responsibilities under the environmental review process according to 24 CFR Part 58: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities. CLICK HERE.

Apr. 24 - 25 The Essentials of Indian Law - *Albuquerque*, *NM* Falmouth Institute
This popular class explores the cases, laws and regulations that affect everyday life in Indian
Country. We'll answer questions such as: What is "sovereignty?" Can tribes be sued? Can tribal
officials and employees be sued? Who has jurisdiction? Who must use the tribal court? What is
the power of the tribal council? What are the federal laws that apply to tribes? What are the
impacts and extent of federal agency authority on Indian reservations? Plus we'll review recent
Supreme Court and lower court cases that impact sovereign immunity, a tribe's ability to take
lands into trust, civil and criminal jurisdiction within their reservations, and more. This class
provides important background to help tribes better protect tribal interests by understanding the
laws that apply. If you work for a tribal organization, you'll gain a better understanding of how to
assert and protect tribal sovereignty and serve your tribal community. If you work for a federal,
state or local government agency, you'll learn how to work more effectively and develop positive
relationships with tribes. For more information and Registration, Click Here.

Apr. 25-26 Communication Skills for Native Professionals - *Albuquerque, NM Falmouth Institute*

Whether or not you recognize it, you're constantly communicating, even without saying a word. This valuable training will help you become more aware of all the different channels of communication you're using and how you can use them more deliberately and effectively at work and beyond. In this important class, you'll learn crucial communication skills that every Native professional need, from "walking in two worlds" to making the best use of body language, listening, and verbal communication techniques. You'll get tips and tricks on how to conduct presentations that make an impact, overcome communication anxiety, communicate assertively, and handle difficult customers and toxic coworkers professionally. Today's Native professionals face greater communication challenges and higher expectations than ever before. We'll provide you with tools for stepping up to the challenge, including tips on communicating effectively in a team environment and communicating with coworkers from diverse backgrounds and of different generations. Plus, you'll discover what your own authentic professional brand is and learn how to project the image you want while improving your cooperative communication skills. For more information and Registration, Click Here.

Apr. 25-26 Procurement and Contract Management Training - Sacramento, CAParticipants will gain the confidence and knowledge to conduct efficient and effective procurement that complies with HUD and other funding source requirements. Training topics will include careful preplanning and the basics of purchasing, practical how-to's of procurement planning and policy development, and specific regional issues. **Trainers**: Christine Dennis

Event Flyer

Report: Half of the West's Rivers Altered by Development, Diversions

By Matt Weiser, Water Deeply, 3/29/18

A new report from the Center for American Progress found that rivers in Western states have been disturbed, from headwaters to floodplains. Kate Kelly sheds more light on the project, one



of the most extensive of its kind.

Water Lens

Navajo Generating Station, a coal plant in northeast Arizona, provides the power for the Central Arizona Project canal, the thin thread in the foreground. Photo © J. Carl Ganter / Circle of Blue

In context: Marriage of coal and water In Arizona renews vows.

Received a notice from Skip Canfield, 684-2723, nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov regarding a **funding source for tribes regarding non-point source clean water** E2018-1307 but in a format that would not copy well. Please contact him if this program is of interest to you.

Link to Additional Information:

NV 529 deadlines for opening/contributing to account have been extended to April 30.



Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) - GlobalSecurity.org

https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/tooele.htm

May 7, 2011 - Early Desert Archaic *Indians* inhabited the Tooele Valley and probably a portion of the North Area some 11,000 years ago. They were ... Originally the north area was known as the Tooele Ordnance *Depot*, which functioned as a storage *depot* for *World War II* supplies, *ammunition*, and combat vehicles.

Naval Undersea Warfare Center Aqua Channels to Pacific Ocean ...▶ 10:45

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0U0TmRmO_T8

Mar 7, 2016 - Uploaded by Bravo Alternative Media

Subterranean Aqua Channels from the Pacific Ocean to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in *Hawthorne*, NV ...

More to the Serpent than we realize

<u>Underwater UFO Facility at Walker Lake, NV - UFO Seekers ...</u>

https://ufoseekers.com/.../underwater-ufo-facility-walker-lake-nv-ufo-seekers-episode-...

May 16, 2017 - Walker Lake has been at the heart of a UFO *conspiracy* for years. Jimmy Church Radio announced in 2014 that ... There you will find the Hawthrone *Army Depot* and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center *Hawthorne* that has been renamed as a NAVSEA facility. UFO Seekers will investigate this theory and ...

http://listamaze.com/12-top-secret-places-owned-by-us-government/

Tribal Narratives from the Western Folklife Center (<u>www.westernfolklife.org/</u>)

Zuni Running, Zuni, New Mexico

We go to the Zuni Pueblo to record the sounds of a relay run across New Mexico from Taos Pueblo to the Hopi Reservation commemorating the Pueblo Uprising against the Spanish in 1680, and walk with a Zuni elder to a Runners Meditation Rock on a mountain above the village where long-distance runners meditated in preparation for competition.

Veterans Find Healing in Native American Tradition

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan wind down, America's soldiers are returning home by the tens of thousands. Some of them are coming home with physical wounds and will face enormous challenges in their readjustment. Many more are coming home with wounds of the heart and mind, and are struggling with depression, substance abuse and other symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). And while doctors and researchers work to develop cutting-edge treatments for this affliction, the VA Center in Salt Lake City is offering a healing ceremony that reaches back to America's first warriors: Native Americans. Each week, a group of vets attend a sweat lodge ceremony, held in a garden on the VA campus.

The sweats are conducted by Native American spiritual leader Arnold Thomas in a dome-shaped structure called a lodge. Sweats are common in Indian country, and ceremonies specifically designed to help returning warriors heal spiritually have taken place for centuries. Over the past several years, the sweats at the Salt Lake City VA Center have drawn increasing numbers of non-Native veterans as well, who've made them an integral part of their treatment for PTSD.

Visit Arnold Thomas' website: www.whitebuffaloknife.com Visit the Salt Lake City VA: www.saltlakecity.va.gov.

Media producer Taki Telonidis found out about these sweats while conducting research for a larger project about Native Americans in the military called *Healing the Warrior's Heart*.

Rap Music and Redemption on the Reservation

Our story reveals how a life-changing personal experience put <u>Supaman</u>, a Native American Hip Hop artist, on a different course, and infused his music with a new, positive message.

His music has followed the dramatic trajectory of his life on the Crow Reservation in southeastern Montana, from the early years celebrating the "gangsta" life he and his friends were leading, an existence marked by poverty, crime and substance abuse, to new messages of compassion, Christian love, and humor. Throughout, his songs still have signature rugged beats and heavy-hitting metaphors.

Supaman is part of a growing community of rappers on reservations in the West who are making music based on Native realities. Although Hip Hop was born in the inner city and originally reflected the experience of African American youth in the ghetto, it has resonated with Native Americans who face similar challenges out on remote reservations.

Navajo Churro Sheep

Our story traces the fall and rise of an animal that has been central to Navajo life for as long as anyone can remember, the Churro sheep. The Churro is woven into the tribe's creation story, which mentions that Talking God created the Churro by using clouds for the body, willows for the legs, and rainbows for the hooves and horns. The Churro was also key to the economic survival of the Navajo on the harsh desert of the Southwest, providing them with food and clothing. Yet in modern times, the Churro was hunted to near extinction by the US government. Beginning in the late 1860's with the forced relocation of the Navajo, and as recently as the 1940s these animals were hunted down by agents and shot on sight.

Then in the 1970s a Utah professor stumbled upon remnants of the once-great Churro herds and began a campaign to bring them back. He partnered with Navajo herders and elders, and together they began to systematically breed and reintroduce these animals to the reservation. The return of the Churro has contributed to a revival of Navajo weaving, and the tasty meat has meant increased income for herders.

But just as important has been the rekindling of the Navajo philosophy and spirituality that were always intertwined with the Churro. These animals are so important, that the Navajo use the expression: "Sheep is Life."

Sheep rancher and Navajo spiritual leader Roy Kady hosts the annual celebration of Sheep is Life Celebration. This festival is organized by Navajo sheep herders and weavers to honor the central role of sheep and fiber arts in the spirituality, philosophy, and daily life of cultures throughout the world.

Healing the Wound of Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota Hal Cannon accompanies a group of Lakota Indians on an odyssey to reclaim the remains of their ancestor, a Lakota chief who was killed at the massacre of Wounded Knee in 1890, and tells the story of past and present as those remains are brought home. This and other stories are included in our Deep West Recording, Stories From Native America, now out of print.



Housekeeping 101's post.

Easter tree in Germany. 10,000 eggs...WOW!

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