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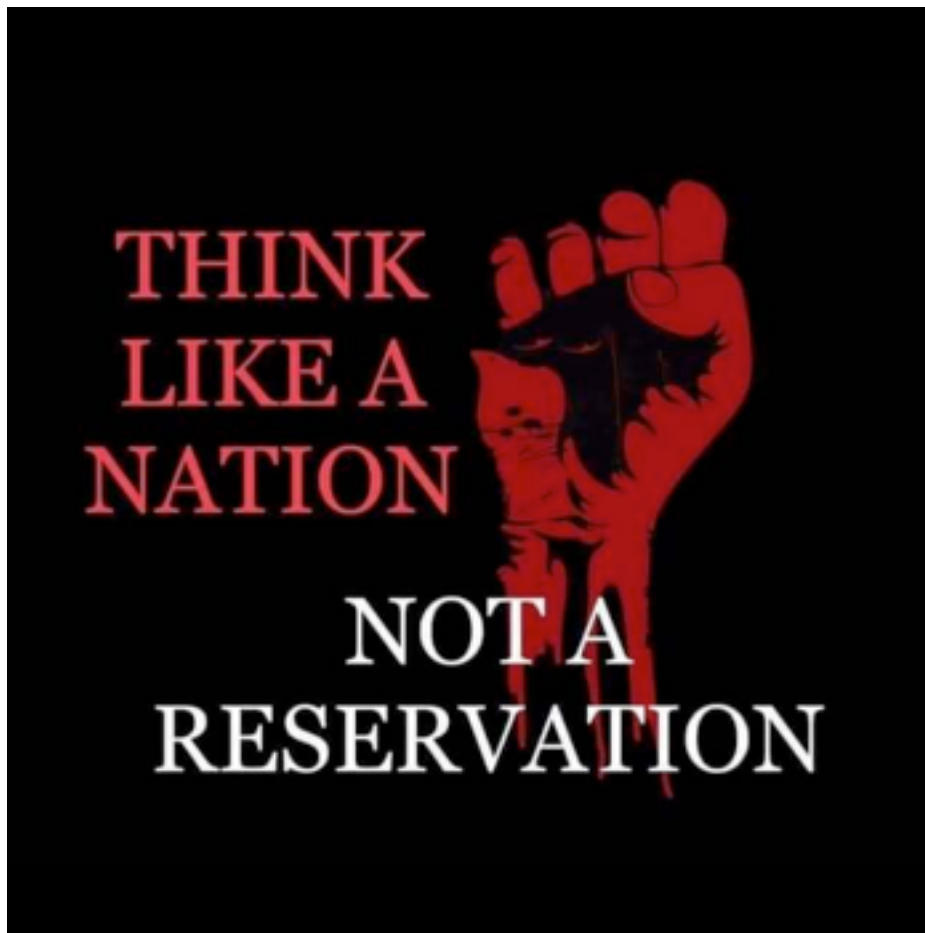
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National Funding

Support for the Preservation of Audio and Audiovisual Content

Council on Library and Information Resources: Recordings at Risk

Recordings at Risk is a national regranting program, administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), to support the preservation of rare and unique audio and audiovisual content of high scholarly value through digital reformatting. The program aims to help institutions identify priorities and develop practical strategies for digital reformatting, build relationships with partners, and raise awareness of best practices. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and will cover up to 100% of the direct costs of audio or audiovisual digital reformatting services. Applicants must be U.S. nonprofit academic, research, or cultural heritage institutions. The final application cycle will open on December 3, 2018; the application deadline is February 8, 2019. Visit the CLIR website to review the Applicant Resources.

Grants Promote Revenue Generation Programs for Progressive Groups

Progressive Multiplier Fund

The Progressive Multiplier Fund is dedicated to helping progressive nonprofit organizations in the U.S. who are interested in testing and scaling their best revenue generation ideas. The Fund focuses on organizations addressing progressive issues such as racial justice, social justice, environmental justice, economic justice, and gender justice. Support is provided through the following initiatives: The Test and Innovation Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations to test new revenue generation models or test the replication of revenue generation models that have worked in other organizations. The Growth Fund supports organizations that wish to scale up existing projects that are proven revenue generators. Requests are reviewed four times per year. The upcoming application deadline is January 18, 2019. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the grant and loan opportunities.

Support for Afterschool Programs Serving Middle School Youth

New York Life Foundation: Aim High

The Aim High grant program, funded by the New York Life Foundation and administered by the Afterschool Alliance, supports out-of-school programs serving middle school youth nationwide. The focus of Aim High is to help economically disadvantaged eighth-graders reach ninth grade prepared to succeed in high school by supporting afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. Funded programs must serve a high percentage, at least 75 percent, of low-income youth. In 2019, the Aim High grant program will provide 26 awards nationwide as follows: eight awards of \$100,000 over two years, eight awards of \$50,000 over two years, and ten awards of \$15,000 for one year. The application deadline is January 25, 2019. Visit the Afterschool Alliance website to download the grant guidelines and submit an online proposal.

Organizations Advancing Social and Economic Mobility Funded

Kresge Foundation: Next Generation Initiative

The Kresge Foundation is dedicated to promoting human progress by helping to improve the lives of low-income people living in America's cities. The Foundation's Next Generation Initiative invests in nonprofit and public human services organizations working to advance social and economic mobility for children and families. The initiative is a two-year program consisting of three components: 1) leadership development; 2) development of a community of practice; and 3) the creation of organizational and cohort action plans designed to advance and accelerate social and economic mobility using a two-generation, whole-family approach. Grants of up to \$500,000 over two years will be awarded to up to ten human service organizations and agencies. The application deadline is January 15, 2019. Visit the Foundation's website to review the FAQs and submit an online application.

Matching Grants for Communities and Foundations in the U.S. and Canada

Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities: Partners for Places

Partners for Places, an initiative of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, is a matching grant program that creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. Through the program, national funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being of all residents. For Round 14, grants will range between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one-year projects, or \$50,000 and \$150,000 for two-year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations. Proposals should be for projects that local government sustainability leaders or water directors, and local, place-based funder(s) consider important to advancing sustainability goals in their communities. The application deadline is January 31, 2019. Visit the Funders' Network website to download the Request for Proposals for Round 14.

Partnerships to Improve Local Natural Resources Supported

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. The focus is on ecological improvements, including wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and water quality monitoring and stormwater management. Projects should increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards, and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach, and implementation. The program requires the establishment of diverse partnerships of at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, local and state government agencies, Indian tribes, and educational institutions). Grants for this program are available nationwide, but additional funding is available for specific geographic priorities. Matching grants will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with an average of \$30,000. The application deadline is January 31, 2019. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website to review the Request for Proposals.

Regional Funding

Funds for Healthy Aging Efforts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island

Tufts Health Plan Foundation

The Tufts Health Plan Foundation is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the communities the company serves throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The Foundation invests in communities that promote healthy living across the life span, with an emphasis on healthy aging. The Foundation is currently accepting requests in the following two focus areas: The Systems and Best Practices category supports the work of nonprofit organizations to improve, influence, and ultimately create healthy communities and age-friendly cities and towns. Activities addressing Health and Wellness, Workforce Development, Purposeful Engagement, and Field and Capacity Building are funded. The Collaboration and Community Engagement grants support community leaders in their work with multiple stakeholders that leads to age-friendly communities and addresses barriers to success that contribute to the social isolation of older people. The deadline for letters of intent in both categories is January 23, 2019. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

Grants Enhance Rural and Urban Programs in Colorado

Anschutz Family Foundation

The Anschutz Family Foundation supports rural and urban nonprofit organizations throughout the state of Colorado that assist people to help themselves while nurturing and preserving their self-respect. The Foundation encourages endeavors that strengthen families and communities and advance individuals to become productive and responsible citizens. There is a special interest in self-sufficiency, community development, and programs aimed at the economically disadvantaged, the young, the elderly, and people with disabilities. The first application deadline for 2019 is January 15. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding areas and application procedure.

Support for Oral Health Initiatives in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana

Delta Dental Foundation: Building Brighter Futures Community Grants

The Delta Dental Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that provide dental care for the underserved, to programs that promote the importance of good oral health, and to educational institutions to enhance dental education and research. In 2019, through its Building Brighter Futures Community Grants program, the Foundation will provide \$150,000 in grants to support programs that focus on adult and children's oral health in Michigan, Ohio, or Indiana. Of particular interest are programs designed to increase access to dental care for at-risk populations, reduce consumption of sugary foods and beverages, educate about and provide oral healthcare to pregnant women and their babies, and educate about and improve children's oral health, especially in school-based settings. Grants are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 each. The application deadline is February 1, 2019. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application.

Community Programs in Hawaii Funded

Alexander & Baldwin Kokua Giving Program

The Alexander & Baldwin Kokua Giving Program creates opportunities to help build vibrant

communities, with healthy and fulfilling lives for the people of Hawaii. The program's areas of interest include the following: health and human services, education, environment and land stewardship, arts and culture, and community development. Applying organizations should have the proven support of the community the organization serves. The application deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1, annually. (Applications for requests of \$20,000 or greater should be submitted by February 1 or August 1.) Visit the Alexander & Baldwin website to review the Kokua Giving Program guidelines.

Funds for Rural Communities in Idaho and Montana

The Steele-Reese Foundation: Idaho and Montana Grant Program

The Steele-Reese Foundation is dedicated to addressing the unique challenges of rural living and to helping people build healthy, successful, and sustainable communities. For the Idaho and Montana Grant Program, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations working in rural Idaho and Montana communities, and in Native nations that share the geography.

Organizations serving rural regions in the areas of education, health, human services, arts and humanities, and environmental conservation and historic preservation are eligible to apply. The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review its website and contact the Western Director to discuss proposals before submitting a letter of inquiry. For the 2019 grant cycle, the Foundation will accept 150 letters of inquiry beginning on December 3, 2018. The process will close once 150 letters of inquiry have been received, or by January 9, 2019, whichever occurs first. The 2019 LOI preparation worksheet is available to download at any time. Invited applications will be due April 1, 2019. (The Foundation also supports organizations serving Appalachian Kentucky through a separate funding cycle.) Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application guidelines for the Idaho and Montana Grant Program: www.steele-reese.org.

Training Grants for Colorado EMT Providers

Colorado Resource for Emergency and Trauma Education

The Colorado Resource for Emergency and Trauma Education (CREATE), administered by the Colorado Rural Health Center, provides support to assist nonprofit organizations and public agencies in improving and expanding the emergency medical and trauma system in Colorado. This grant program is intended to provide funding to urban and rural EMT agencies for education and training of emergency medical and trauma service providers working in Colorado only. Applicants must provide a 50 percent cash match, unless they apply for a waiver of this requirement. Grant requests are reviewed monthly. Visit the CREATE website to learn more about the program and to submit an online application.

Alaskan Grassroots Environmental Groups Funded

Alaska Conservation Foundation: Discovery Grants Program

The Alaska Conservation Foundation works to protect Alaska's natural environment and the diverse cultures and ways of life it sustains. The Foundation's Discovery Grants Program provides grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to Alaska-based grassroots organizations in order to foster a more effective and sustainable conservation movement. The focus is on strengthening an organization's leadership base, encouraging collaboration, and helping leaders and organizations navigate changing political and economic climates. Preference is given to organizations with annual operating budgets under \$200,000. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and

reviewed every two months. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Discovery Grants Program.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Address Opioid and Other Substance Use

Department of Health and Human Services

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program supports treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, in rural counties at the highest risk for the disorders. Support is provided for planning efforts to strengthen organizational and infrastructural capacity to address these issues. The application deadline is January 15, 2019.

Coral Reef Conservation Supported

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The Domestic Coral Reef Conservation Grants program supports coral reef conservation projects in shallow water coral reef ecosystems in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and coral-dominated banks in the U.S. portions of the Gulf of Mexico. The application deadline is January 29, 2019.



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**“Today we can help herd  
cattle, go on a nature hike, get  
a sauna and massage, or go  
into town and rob the bank.”**

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#### ***Included for inspiration***

#### **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Native American Library Services Enhancement ABSTRACT**

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (lead applicant) is a federally recognized Tribe that is currently operating a Basic Native American Institute of Museum and Library Services grant within a Tribal Promise Zone.

Turtle Mountain will actively partner with the tribally-appointed Turtle Mountain Community College to enhance the services of the Turtle Mountain Library, which was designated as the official tribal library in 1998.



The two-year preservation, perpetuation, and access project will directly advance the operation of the Turtle Mountain Library by expanding access to information and educational resources for individuals of all ages and backgrounds within this highly-challenged, underserved rural community (44% poverty).

The effort has been specifically designed to address identified tribal/community/stakeholder needs, as well as, provide digital heritage access for future generations

The community to be served is the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Reservation in the wooded Turtle Mountains and encompassing Rolette County in northern North Dakota, a mere ten miles from the Canadian border. Despite its natural beauty, this extremely geographically-isolated community suffers from multi-generational distress as evidenced by high unemployment (69.25%), insufficient education (36.92% drop out rate), and escalating crime with border drug trafficking issues. The Tribe's enrollment is 33,830 members, of which 13,764 live on or near the Reservation. Rolette County has been repeatedly named as one of the poorest counties in the United States (US) and is the poorest county in North Dakota. One-third (32.4%) of children live in extreme poverty here as compared to 10% in the US.

Based upon the needs identified in community assessment and strategic planning, the Library will work with the Sustainable Heritage Network and Oral History Centre to accomplish the performance purposes of the collaborative Library Enhancement effort: (1) digitize and migrate audio visual holdings to a stable format, (2) create item level metadata and finding aids, (3) establish and implement a safe dependable three-tiered digital back-up and preservation strategy, (4) upload culturally appropriate material online via the Mukurtu CMS; and finally (5) conduct outreach within the community and to other interested parties to promote access and use of the digital heritage materials.

Currently, the Library's audio visual holdings are in outdated formats and showing signs of deterioration, which if not remedied will lead to a lack of access for the community. These collections contain invaluable cultural, historical and linguistic content that, if lost, would be irreplaceable.

Tangible products will include the digitized materials, the three-tiered backup system, the digital heritage materials accessible via Mukurtu CMS an online open source platform built with indigenous communities to manage and share digital cultural heritage, and a project manual describing the process to be shared with other Tribes and libraries. Anticipated outcomes, measured via survey, will include increased awareness and usage of the materials, as well as, increased knowledge of Turtle Mountain culture and heritage within a broad array of audiences.

As a result, Library staff can sustain the goals achieved during the project into the future. Finally, and most significantly, the project will allow for important Turtle Mountain cultural and historical materials to reside within the tribal community in a culturally relevant and stable format allowing for greater access and interaction with the materials than currently offered.

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Our Mission - Empowering our people to become better, and do better.

The Vision of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, a sovereign nation in the heart of North America, comprised of a people in harmony with our unique traditions and culture, is to achieve self-sufficiency, financial independence and healthy lifestyle through the knowledge and education of our most important asset – our people.

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sdc: *Recently a younger person told me they were interested in running for the Tribal Council, but in reality they had no clue about what they should know or their community's history. I have often wondered why Tribes do not have an informational program that provides basic information to emergent leaders. Here's a nice outline that can be adapted by all groups:*

[https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/centers/americanindianhealth/files/Who\\_I\\_Am\\_20Aug07.pdf](https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/centers/americanindianhealth/files/Who_I_Am_20Aug07.pdf)

### **FORWARD**

To the People of the Turtle Mountains,

Growing up on Turtle Mountain and leaving here at the age of 17 to attend college at UND, I was amazed at about how little I did know about my reservation, my culture and my history. I sat in classrooms and listened to other students talk about issues--sometimes Indian issues--and I did not know the answers. I filled out a BIA scholarship and did not have a clue what BIA was all about. I went to PHS (public health service hospital) as it was called back then and again did not understand why “we” went to an Indian hospital. I heard about treaties but did not know how they could possibly affect me as they were so far back in history. I would think, “what is a treaty and what does it mean to me?”

In my home my parents spoke Michif though my dad always said when I asked, “I speak Cree”.

Talk about confusing.

I am an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Then I started hearing words like Ojibwa, Ojibway, Anishinaube and I was like...hmmm? I am confused again. My grandmother Mary Davis said she was a Michif and would say she spoke Michif.

Because grandma Mary went to boarding school as did my dad and mom, they rarely spoke about our history. So many questions.

Who am I anyway?

As I looked around the reservation I saw as much confusion as I had in my head. And I also began to realize that tribal politics and religion were all affected by who you are and where you came from and sometimes that problem just created more problems.

Even though we have all these differences with what we identify with, in many ways we are all so much the same. We do have common ground and we need to accept that.

As I got older I knew if I ever got the chance I would find away to put together that information and present in a way whereby some of the questions could be answered. When a young



person left Turtle Mountain they would have a reference book of sorts that describes the different things that make us a tribe but also unique individuals. There are no right or wrong answers about who you are. I called this book **Who I Am and not Who Am I** because I know deep inside we know who we are--it just takes some time getting it all sorted out. I hope this handbook helps a tiny bit with sorting.

Through my job as Director of the Indian Law program at Turtle Mountain Community College I have been able to get a book started. The book by no means has all the answers but it is a start.

I was able to find three people who I knew could do the job and they did their finest. They worked long and hard hours trying to produce a handbook that would be helpful to our community and others. I can't take credit for any of the work done as the credit goes to Scott Belgarde, Les LaFontain and Orie Richard; I thank you.

Sincerely, Susan Davis. Project Peacemaker

[https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/centers/americanindianhealth/files/Who\\_I\\_Am\\_20Aug07.pdf](https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/centers/americanindianhealth/files/Who_I_Am_20Aug07.pdf)

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## **Native Realities Launches “Deer Woman” Kickstarter Campaign**

Posted By [Toyacoyah Brown](#) July 19th, 2017 Blog

*Toyacoyah Brown is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, currently living in Chicago. She received her B.A. in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and an M.A. in Media Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. When she's not scouring the Internet for fun things to share with PowWows.com readers you can find her digging for vinyl in her local record store or curling up with a good book.*

From the folks that have published some outstanding Indigenous comics such as *Tribal Force*, and *Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers* comes this amazing new project! *DEER WOMAN: AN ANTHOLOGY* aims to bring together more than a dozen Native and Indigenous women artists and illustrators to present stories of resistance, survival, empowerment, and hope.

Drawing from the inspiration of traditional Deer Woman stories, *DEER WOMAN: AN ANTHOLOGY* will be a powerful collection of stories by Native women to bring determination and healing to those in need and those willing to listen with their hearts.

In case you're unfamiliar with the Deer Woman story, their [Kickstarter campaign](#) lays it all out for you.

### **Who Is Deer Woman?**

The stories of Deer Woman come from numerous tribes and nations throughout the United States. As Muskogee scholar, Carolyn Dunn tells it, “In some of these stories, a beautiful young woman meets a young man and entrances him into a sexual relationship. The woman is so beautiful that the young man is often swayed by her beauty away from family, home, community. If the young man is so entranced as to not notice the young woman's feet—which in the case of Deer Woman are hooves—then he falls...and stays with her forever, wasting away into depression, despair, prostitution, and ultimately, death.” In other stories, Deer Woman uses her sensuality to lure young men or women away from the light of the fire into the deep woods, where she would bring a bloody lesson to bear with her sharp hooves.



In all of the stories, Deer Woman is a powerful, spirit-being meant to remind us (People of creation) to remember our responsibilities, to tend the fire, and to be aware of the powerful forces that exist beyond the homeplace.

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Good morning and welcome to the Deer Woman: An Anthology Kickstarter!

This is Native Realities first, ever Kickstarter and we are so very excited to share this work with you!

This important anthology is the heart-work of Elizabeth LaPensée who graciously allowed us to join her in this journey.

Over the next several weeks, we will be posting all sorts of great work highlighting our

artists, editors, and Native women through their journeys of empowerment and healing!

Da'wah'eh! Thank you for joining us on this journey!

Sincerely, Lee Francis, CEO/Publisher, Native Realities

<https://www.nativerealities.com/products/deer-woman-an-anthology>

What's Up With Water – Cutbacks Ahead For The Clean Water Act

- In the United States, the Trump administration last week **proposed major cutbacks in federal protections for waterways**

- The proposal narrows the federal government's jurisdiction by limiting the number of waterways protected under the Clean Water Act


- Hear the full story in this week's edition of [What's Up With Water](#)

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Mountain Mann Survival

- Getting the tree decorations to hold still  is hard at times.