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['Smoke Signals' inducted into National Film Registry for its 'cultural significance' Twenty years. That's how much time has passed since the groundbreaking 'Smoke Signals' ..abqjournal.com](#)



[Reservation high school students' film on missing and murdered Indigenous people wins award](#)  
The film, created by Fort Washakie High School students, is an attempt to help raise awareness about the problem in Indian County and on the Wind River Reservation. [trib.com](#)

## Research Resources

### [Indians of Arkansas: First Encounters - Arkansas Archeological Survey](http://archeology.uark.edu/indiansofarkansas/index.html?pageName=Firs...)

<http://archeology.uark.edu/indiansofarkansas/index.html?pageName=Firs...> - 71k - similar pages  
Jan 19, 2017 ... Soto's first contact with Arkansas Indians took place in May, 1541 (on the .... "provinces" whose names fail to appear in later historical records?

### [Native American Relations in Texas | TSLAC](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/exhibits/indian/intro/page2.html)

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/exhibits/indian/intro/page2.html> - 46k - similar pages  
Jun 22, 2017 ...

Texas was home to hundreds of tribes of American Indians. ... of land that helped make the Alabama-Coushatta more competitive ... The Apaches dominated almost all of West Texas and ranged over a wide area from Arkansas to Arizona. ... Caddo is the name given to about 25 affiliated groups of

people ...

### [\[PDF\] Indian Place-Names in Mississippi. - LSU Digital Commons](https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=...)

<https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=...> - similar pages of Indian geographic names in Mississippi — only\* however# of those names which ..... w e t of Arkansas river early to this ae»tury\*«nd in IB22 t># population ...



*Stock Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Ill., is a UNESCO World Heritage site.*

## Illinois site almost as cool as Giza

<http://e.startribune.com/Olive/ODN/StarTribune/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=MST%2F2019%2F12%2F15&entity=Ar06901&sk=CFB68ABA&mode=text>

## **GrantStation**

## **National Opportunities .**

### **Support for Initiatives to Address Cardiovascular Health in the U.S.**

The mission of the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's program, *Connections for Cardiovascular Health<sup>SM</sup> (CCH)*, is to improve cardiovascular health within the United States.

### **Community Grassroots Groups Funded**

The Clif Bar Family Foundation supports nonprofit grassroots organizations that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions.

### **Fellowships for Pre-K-12 Teachers Nationwide**

Fund for Teachers believes that extraordinary leaders are made more extraordinary when they are empowered to push past the boundaries of knowledge

### **Grants Promote Sustainably Managed Forests in the U.S. and Canada**

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) is a solutions-oriented sustainability organization that collaborates on forest-based conservation and community initiatives in the United States and Canada.

### **Regional Opportunities**

### **Efforts to Strengthen Health Equity in Colorado Supported**

The Colorado Trust is dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of the people of Colorado.

### **Funds for Organizations in Bank Communities in New Jersey and New York**

The Investors Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the communities that Investors Bank serves, which include most of the state of New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island.

### **Grants Focus on Toxics Issues in California**

The mission of As You Sow is to promote environmental and social corporate responsibility through shareholder advocacy, coalition building, and innovative legal strategies.

### **Support for Initiatives to Improve the Health of South Carolinians**

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation awards grants to health-focused initiatives that directly impact South Carolina's most economically disadvantaged residents.

### **Federal Opportunities**

### **Funds Available for Organic Agriculture Programs**

The Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities.

### **Arts Projects Supported**

The Grants for Arts Projects program supports public engagement with forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life.



[Edward Mesher to Indigenous people are joining forces](#)

To Unite is the Key. Strength in Unity for a cause whatever it may be Unite. Where there is unity there is always victory.

[I am filled with hope by the alliance of indigenous Amazonian women who came together in a historic march in defense of the Amazon, Mother Earth and Climate Justice on International Women's Day. It was the first time ever that indigenous Amazonian women from seven nationalities joined forces and marched together in defense of their rights, rainforests and future generations.](#)



### [Indigenous Women Unite to Defend the Amazon, Mother Earth and Climate Justice - Amazon Watch](#)

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#### HUD News

**SWONAP will conduct FY19-20 ICDBG NOFA training in Phoenix, AZ, January 7, 2020; Albuquerque, NM, January 8, 2020; and Reno, NV, January 9, 2020. REGISTER TODAY! Click [here](#) for location details and contact information.**

The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability was posted on November 19, 2019. Applicants must be eligible Indian tribes (or tribal organization). Funding of up to \$65,000,000 is available through this NOFA from funds appropriated for FY 2019. Funding for FY2020 will be awarded through this NOFA and is subject to congressional appropriation.

More information about the funding announcement may be found at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19fy20cdgpforindiantribesandalaskanativevillages](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19fy20cdgpforindiantribesandalaskanativevillages)

All grants must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#). To view the grant opportunity and submit an application package, visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=322606>

**Applications are due on February 3, 2020.**

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**Vacancy Announcement- [Grants Evaluation Specialist](#) GS 9-12, Seattle, WA**

**Open:** December 19, 2019 **Close:** January 6, 2019

The following are the duties of this position at the **GS-12**. If you are selected at a lower grade level, you will have the opportunity to learn to perform all these duties, and will receive training to help you grow in this position.

- Implement national policies, standards, procedures and guidelines with regard to the monitoring and evaluation of all applicable programs. Provide guidance to Indian tribes and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) regarding the interpretation and application of grants evaluation program policies and procedures.
- Participate as individual or member of functional team to conduct targeted compliance assessments of specific TDHEs using diagnosis, problem analysis and resolution, and follow-up. Provide technical assistance to TDHEs by responding to inquiries, disseminating relevant information, identifying needs, and assisting in the development of tailored packages to address those needs. Develop and initiate corrective actions for non-compliant grant recipients. Initiate enforcement and referral actions to address substantial non-compliance issues. Refer severe compliance issues to the appropriate Departmental officials with recommendations for addressing the issues.
- Provide feedback to the Division Director regarding the effectiveness of current policies and procedures in meeting ONAP objectives and the unique concerns of assigned Indian communities.

Monitor performance indicators and implement long-term proactive performance trending so that potential problems are identified and solutions developed before they reach the problem state. Use available resources to develop solutions to complex and data-specific problems. Track the effectiveness of implemented solutions through on-site visits, feedback questionnaires, interviews with appropriate personnel, and remote monitoring. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

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Program Guidance No. [2019-04](#): Notice of Funding Availability for Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

The purpose of this guidance is to provide potential applicants with a summary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant I Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, also known as the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program, posted on November 19, 2019.

**Vacancy Announcement- [Director, Field Operations](#) GS-15, Washington, DC**

**Open:** December 14, 2019 **Close:** December 30, 2019

**As a Director,**

**Field Operations in the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), you will:**

- Provide broad technical and administrative supervision and consultation to six Area Office Administrators in the general implementation of ONAP program and policies.

- Work cross-functionally and collaborate closely with ONAP senior leaders to ensure achievement of ONAP's Mission.
- Advise the Deputy Assistant Secretary on matters relating to the special conditions and housing needs of Native Americans and other indigenous native groups under U.S. Jurisdiction which include: development of specialized housing efforts, recommending revisions to specific housing programs, recommendation of specific new legislation or amendments to existing legislation; funding for special Native American housing requirements; and for developing policies criteria and operating procedures.
- Provide guidance and consultation to Area Offices, and other Departmental entities, in housing programs with respect to managing special or ongoing problems unique to Indian housing. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

**Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Awards Announced December 12, 2019**

On December 10, 2019, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced nearly \$200 million in grant awards to 52 Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across the Nation for new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, and critical infrastructure projects. HUD announced the grants during the 2019 National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Legal Symposium in **Las Vegas**.

These grants will be awarded through HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program to help construct approximately 1,200 new housing units for low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other Indian areas, and spur economic opportunities in distressed communities to help our neediest families. Additionally, our Tribal partners are maximizing this investment by leveraging an estimated \$90 million dollars in additional resources. Many of the grantees announced today are located in Opportunity Zones. Created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Opportunity Zones aim to stimulate long-term investments in low-income communities.

"HUD is committed to working collaboratively to address housing needs with our Native American partners," said HUD Assistant Secretary Hunter Kurtz. "The IHBG program is a wonderful example of how HUD continues to invest in Tribal communities."

The IHBG competition was extremely competitive. HUD received almost 200 applications from eligible Native American Tribes and TDHEs. A total of \$197,392,782 in grant funds were awarded to 52 Tribes and TDHEs. Click to [view the press release](#)

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**Dr. Cornel West On His Experiences at Standing Rock** [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWvAnvT17c) Taken from [Joe Rogan Experience #1325 w/Dr. Cornel West: https://youtu.be/ViWvAnvT17c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWvAnvT17c)

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**8.3 million** Estimated number of people killed by toxic air, water, land, and workplaces in 2017, according to a report by the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution. The United States ranked seventh overall for pollution-related deaths according to the report, with an estimated 197,000

fatalities. [The Guardian](#)



**[Little Shell Tribe celebrates federal recognition](#)**

[krtv.com](#)

[President Donald Trump is set to sign a major defense funding bill on Friday evening that will include a provision to grant federal recognition to Montana's Little Shell Tribe.](#)

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**[A Defense of Cursive, From a 10-Year-Old National Champion](#)**

TRACEY TULLY

Edbert Aquino is a national handwriting champion from New Jersey, where a lawmaker wants all public schools to teach the skill again

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**[A Cree Artist Redraws History](#)**

By HOLLAND COTTER

With humor and fantasy, Kent Monkman disrupts clichés of Native victimhood at the Met.



**Damen Bell-Holter**

December 20, 2018 at 9:03 AM · 🌐

If you work in the native realm for your tribe, a Native organization or work with Natives folks in general.

If you do not love your people, do not work for them. If you sit on your tribes council or board and do not have your tribes best interest at heart, step down.

If you work with Native youth and do not give your all to those children, please step down.

If you work for Native people, you better love your people.



[Peter Kirk Litster](#)

I was present for tribal land defense actions against US government livestock impoundments in the gold fields of Newe Sogobia, Western Shoshone Nation Nevada af... [See More](#)

[Notes from strategy session for raid on Wet'suwet'en nation's ancestral lands show commanders argued for 'lethal overwatch'](#)



**[Exclusive: Canada police prepared to shoot Indigenous activists, documents show](#)**

[Notes from strategy session for raid on Wet'suwet'en nation's ancestral lands show commanders argued for 'lethal overwatch'](#) [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com)

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**[Inside the Plot to Murder Honduran Activist Berta Cáceres](#)**

*Danielle Mackey and Chiara Eisner, The Intercept*

Excerpt: "Cáceres was a 44-year-old activist, mother of four, and an international celebrity - she won the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize for leading a grassroots campaign to prevent a private energy company, Desarrollos Energéticos Sociedad Anónima, from building a hydroelectric dam on Indigenous land." [READ MORE](#)

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**[People Power in Romania Stopped a Mining Project. Now the Corporation Is Suing.](#)** STEPHANIE DANIELLE ROTH, [INEQUALITY.ORG](http://INEQUALITY.ORG)

In 2013, Romanians took to the streets to stop a Canadian mining corporation, Gabriel Resources, from creating an open-pit gold mine in the town of Rosia Montana. In response, Gabriel Resources went to international tribunals through an investor-state dispute settlement system in 2015 to demand \$3.3 billion in compensation. A ruling is expected in the spring of 2020. [Read the Article →\\*\\*](#)

## The Future Of Eating Is The Past

[For the last year, Rob Greenfield did not buy a single bite of the food he consumed.](#)

Greenfield, who lived in a self-built tiny home in a backyard in Orlando, Florida, chose to grow or forage all of the food he ate in 2019.

- In exchange for the living space, Greenfield transformed his landlady's front yard into a pantry, building rainwater harvesting, composting systems, and planting raised beds for produce.
- He planted nutrient- and calorie-rich foods such as sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and bananas, as well as raised bees for honey. Besides growing food, Greenfield also foraged and fished, and grew medicinal plants for health.
- In addition to growing his own food, Greenfield also helped others in their journey to find more local, sustainable food sources. Through building gardens, sending out seed packs, and planting fruit trees, he gave back to the people around him.
- The year-long experiment was a lesson to Greenfield, and his community: with careful planning and cooperation it is possible for communities to step away from the reliance on globalized, industrial food which we have all become accustomed to.

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### **These Miniature Tools Taught Ancient Children How to Hunt and Fight | Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/these-mini-tools-taught-ancient-children-how-hunt-and-fight-180973838/?>

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*While the world gets "waylaid" into impeachment watching, etc., these are the kinds of things that should be watched. Do be vigilant about watching E.O's, etc.*

[VanDyke confirmed to 9th Circuit despite claims he's 'not a Nevadan' | Nevada Current](#)

[Cortez Masto, Rosen complain of VanDyke's far-right political views and lack of meaningful connection to the state. nevadacurrent.com](#)

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The author(s) shown below used Federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and prepared the following final report:

Document Title: Community-Based Analysis of the U.S. Legal System's Intervention in Domestic Abuse Cases Involving Indigenous Women

Author(s): Thomas Peacock Ed.D. ; Lila George M.S.W ; Alex Wilson Ed.M. ; Amy Bergstrom Ed.D. ; Ellen Pence Ph.D.

Document No.: 199358      Date Received: March 2003      Award Number: 1999-WT-VX-K007

This report has not been published by the U.S. Department of Justice. To provide better customer service, NCJRS has made this Federally- funded grant final report available electronically in addition to traditional paper copies..

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**Water Shorts: \$60 million:** Federal funding that will be withheld from a proposed project in southern New Mexico to divert water from the Gila River. After years of deliberations, attempts by a New Mexico organization to select a diversion project have failed to make any progress, according to a letter from the Interior Department. “Even today, a feasible project with necessary funding and contractual commitments has not been identified to enable project success,” stated Tim Petty, assistant secretary for water and science. The department will not extend funds that were made available from a 2004 act of Congress. ([Silver City Daily Press](#))  
In context: [Gila River Diversion Pits New West Vs Old](#)

### **2020 Budget Deal**

President Trump [signed a bill](#) that funds the federal government through September 2020. The budget deal includes increases to a number of water programs:

- \$9 billion for the EPA, an increase of \$208 million over 2019.
- \$1.45 billion for loans to rural communities for water and wastewater projects. It’s an increase of \$250 million over 2019.
- \$2.77 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water state revolving funds. No change from 2019.
- \$65 million in grants for salmon recovery and conservation programs in the western states and tribal territories.
- \$206 million for water storage, recycling, and related infrastructure in California.
- \$495 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, an increase of \$60 million

### **Defense Spending Bill Signed...With PFAS and Climate Provisions**

President Trump also signed the [National Defense Authorization Act](#).

The annual military spending bill included more than a dozen sections related to PFAS chemicals. The bill sets a timetable for phasing out the use of toxic firefighting foams at military bases. It orders the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct nationwide testing of rivers, lakes, groundwater, and wetlands for PFAS chemicals. It also requires companies to report PFAS discharges to air, land, and water as part of the Toxics Release Inventory.

In addition, the bill establishes a National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative within the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Emerging contaminants are defined as those without a national drinking water standard.

Certain more controversial PFAS items were left out: how to handle the chemicals under the federal Superfund law and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The bill also addresses climate risks at military bases. In planning and designing new construction projects, future sea-level rise projections will be taken into account. Military installations will be required to assess risks from extreme weather and develop plans to address the risks.

### **Gillibrand Asks for More Dam Safety Funding**

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) asked the leadership of the Environment and Public Works Committee to increase funding to repair aging dams that pose a safety risk.

In [her letter](#), Gillibrand requested full funding for a dam-repair grant program that was authorized in 2016. In context: [At Least 1,680 Dams across the U.S. Pose Potential Risk](#)

## Water Bills in Congress

- A bill to [permanently authorize a fund](#) to pay for Indian water rights settlements moved to the full Senate for consideration.
- Sen. John Tester (D-MT) introduced a bill to [settle water rights claims](#) with the Fort Belknap Indian Community. The bill would authorize \$630 million for water infrastructure and economic development in Fort Belknap. Tester and Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) teamed up earlier this month to introduce a water rights settlement for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
- The Massachusetts delegation, all Democrats, introduced the [Affordable Safe Drinking Water Act](#). The bill would extend the repayment period to 50 years or more for water infrastructure loans from the state revolving funds. It also allows for revolving funds to pay for PFAS and lead filtration systems at individual buildings, such as schools and community centers.

## DOE Contractor Fails Oversight Evaluation

The main contractor responsible for a \$16.8 billion hazardous waste treatment facility at the Department of Energy's Hanford site did not follow auditing procedures when handing out sub-contracts, according to an [inspector general's report](#).

Bechtel is the construction firm responsible for building a treatment facility for some 56 million gallons of waste stored at the former nuclear weapons production site. The waste is currently held in underground containers, roughly one third of which are leaking and contaminating groundwater. The treatment facility will turn the waste into a glass-like material.

The inspector general found that Bechtel audited only 23 out of 110 eligible sub-contracts. By not doing the audits, Bechtel risks passing on unauthorized costs to the Department of Energy, the report concludes.


## Lead and Copper Rule Comment Extension

The EPA [extended](#) by 30 days the period to submit comments on proposed revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule. Comments are now due February 12.

## Colorado River Report

David Bernhardt, the Interior secretary, announced that the Bureau of Reclamation will assess the effectiveness of current rules that guide operation of the two largest Colorado River reservoirs.

The rules were put in place in 2007 and are due for revision by 2026. The report will take a year to complete, he said.



You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor to wrap Christmas gifts, then try to get up...