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## **GrantStation**

### **The Home Depot Foundation: Veteran Housing Grants Program**

**The Home Depot Foundation's Veteran Housing Grants Program** provides support to nonprofit organizations for the new construction or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for veterans. Priority is given to projects in large cities. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **National Opportunities**

#### **Collaborations Promoting Adolescent Development Supported**

The Wallace Foundation's mission is to foster equity and improvements in learning and enrichment for young people, and in the arts for everyone.

#### **Grants Bolster Nonprofit Theatres Nationwide**

The Actors' Equity Foundation seeks to support the professional theatre community in the United States, from emerging artists to seasoned vets, while promoting and investing in the theatre and the performing arts.

#### **Efforts to Transform the Justice System Funded**

The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to advance justice and opportunity for people in need.

#### **Support Available for Youth Programs Preserving Native Culture**

First Nations Development Institute works to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities.

### **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Funding Benefits Texas Communities**

The Meadows Foundation seeks to improve the quality and circumstances of life for the people of Texas now and in the future.

#### **Grants Strengthen Education Initiatives in Alabama**

The mission of The Malone Family Foundation is to promote positive changes in the lives of people, who in turn can build and enhance the communities in which they live.

#### **Support Targets Coastal Areas of Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island**

The Island Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations for projects in coastal areas of Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

#### **Colorado Youth Music Instruction Programs Funded**

The goal of Take Note Colorado is to provide all Colorado youth in grades K-12 access to musical instruments and instruction.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Helps Address Community Problems**

The AmeriCorps State and National American Rescue Plan Planning Grants provide support to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

## Small Museums Supported

The Inspire! Grants for Small Museums initiative supports small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public.

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*“Bad libraries build collections. Good libraries build services. Great libraries build communities.”*

—[R. David Lankes](#) – Professor and Director of the School of Library & Information Science at the University of South Carolina, the Follett Chair at Dominican’s Graduate School of Library & Information Science, and recipient of the American Library Association’s 2016 Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship

## **How a South Carolina Library Became a Model of Social Impact Innovation**

<https://www.aam-us.org/2022/10/07/how-a-south-carolina-library-became-a-model-of-social-impact-innovation/>

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## **Biden administration outlines plan to pay for Colorado River cuts**

By CNN, 10/12/22. As concerns grow over the future of the drought-plagued Colorado River system, the Biden administration has announced how it intends to pay farmers, cities and Native American tribes in the Southwest for significant, voluntary water cuts.

The money is coming from \$4 billion in drought relief funds in the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats’ recent climate law, and is primarily focused on encouraging water cuts in the three lower Colorado River Basin states – California, Arizona and Nevada.

## **California 100 Presents: Scenarios for California's Agriculture Future**

Watch Live at 12:00 PM PDT here: [\(In-Person \)CA 100 Presents: Scenarios for CA's Agriculture ...](#)

Oct 17, 2022 · **California 100** to Release Policy and **Future Scenario** Report on **Agriculture**  
About this event Join **California 100** -- a new statewide initiative being incubated at the

University of **California** and Stanford University-- for an in-person event at the Fresno State Library's Ellipse Gallery for the unveiling of our issue and **future scenario** report focused on the **future of agriculture**.

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*Extract: October 2022*

*(irony ...something about 250+ years)*

## **The Economic Benefits of Multilingual Learning**

Bay Area Council Economic Institute

### **Educational**

The educational benefits of multilingualism are well studied. Language immersion incentivizes more parents to enroll their children in public schools. An analysis conducted by researcher Rubén Rumbaut of adult children of immigrants in Southern California found that fluent multilingual children were more likely to complete their high school education than those who grew up speaking only English, or who were non-fluent multilinguals.<sup>36</sup>

Additional evidence also suggests that multilingual children from low-income families perform better on a number of verbal and nonverbal tasks than their single-language counterparts, underscoring the value of investing in bilingual early childhood education to raise children's lifetime income profiles.<sup>37</sup>

Research overwhelmingly indicates that the earlier children are exposed to a second language, the better they will perform. In knowing this, they reach the conclusion that the early education system holds the key to a more multilingual society and more competitive economy.<sup>38</sup>

### **Health**

The health benefits of multilingualism are similarly well documented, and only strengthen the case for the expansion of multilingual programs. Multilingualism has long been shown to benefit brain health by delaying the onset of dementia. It has also been associated with an increased ability to concentrate and process information.<sup>39</sup>

According to a 2015 article published by the University of Texas News, benefits of multilingualism include higher test scores, better problem-solving skills, sharper mental acuity, and greater empathy.<sup>40</sup>

As time goes on, research into neuroscience and brain development will likely continue to expose new developments in support of multilingual programs.

*...something about 250+ years*

Reading a book with a  
gay character will not  
make you gay anymore  
than reading a book  
about Einstein will  
make you a genius!  
If you're afraid that  
books might change  
someone's thinking,  
you're not afraid of books,  
**you're afraid  
of thinking.**

[Dwindling Lake Mead water levels revealed a 12-million-year-old surprise](#)

Water levels continue to fall in Lake Mead due to worsening drought in the western United States and overuse of the Colorado River. In recent months, several shocking discoveries, such as human remains and sunken ships, have been uncovered as the water levels plummeted to

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[Wildlife Populations Have Dropped 69%, Finds WWF Report](#)

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**Get those Applications In! The 2022 Changemaker Fellowship Grant Cycle Ends this Friday**

The NDN Changemaker Fellowship is a 12-month opportunity for Indigenous leaders to articulate their vision for social change, to identify the support they will need to get there and to invest in their own personal development and wellbeing.

Grants of up to \$75,000 are offered to 21 Indigenous Changemakers across the continental U.S., Canada, Mexico, Islands of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Boriken (Puerto Rico), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Visit the Changemaker Fellowship Grant Page for More Information and How to Apply**

**ACCESS THE CHANGEMAKER FELLOWSHIP GRANT PAGE HERE**

## Webinar: J40 and Technical Assistance Providers

The White House Council on Environmental Quality is pleased to invite you to the “*Justice40 and Technical Assistance Providers*” webinar, as part of the *Justice40-In-Action: Advancing Environmental, Economic, and Health Justice* webinar series.

**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm ET

**Register Here:** [https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_fGYbAf1PS8qNqqkJaii1A](https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_fGYbAf1PS8qNqqkJaii1A)

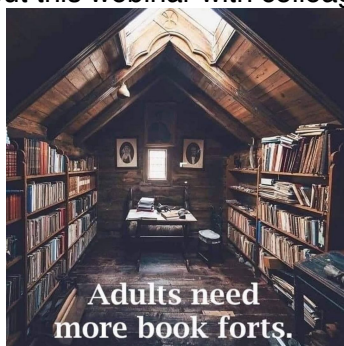
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. In addition, to help facilitate future communication between participants for potential partnerships, please take a moment to fill out this [survey](#).

At the Justice40 and Technical Assistance webinar, attendees will hear from the [Anthropocene Alliance](#), [Environmental Protection Network](#), [Justice40 Accelerator](#), and [Thriving Earth Exchange](#). These are a few of the many organizations currently working to achieve the goals of the Justice40 Initiative by providing technical assistance to community-based organizations to allow for greater access to Federal investments. These organizations will share information about some of the capacity-building pro bono resources they offer to communities with environmental justice concerns, including assistance identifying and applying for government funding, and technical, scientific, and legal assistance. In addition, they will be joined by community leaders they have collaborated with, who will share their stories about the environmental challenges their communities are experiencing, the community projects they are undertaking to address these challenges, and how they are utilizing pro bono technical assistance to strengthen their efforts.

### Featured Speakers:

- [Harriet Festing](#), Co-Founder and Executive Director, Anthropocene Alliance
- [Yvonka Marie Hall](#), Executive Director, Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
- [Kya Williams](#), Senior Community Outreach & Development Associate, Environmental Protection Network
- [Leatra Harper](#), Founder, Freshwater Accountability Project
- [Christina Cummings](#), Vice-President of Operations, Partnership for Southern Equity, on behalf of the Justice40 Accelerator
- [Donele Wilkins](#), President/CEO, Green Door Initiative
- [Blake McGhghy](#), Program Manager, Thriving Earth Exchange
- [Camille Hadley](#), Program Director, Little Growers Inc.

Please share information about this webinar with colleagues. We look forward to seeing many of



you soon!

## “Making A Difference”

### Greatest American Indian Website In The World!

#### Karissa Valencia, Creator, Spirit Rangers

“Our show celebrates Indigenous storytelling with Indigenous talent at the helm. I created this show inspired by my time growing up on the Chu-mash Reservation in the Santa Ynez Valley of Southern California.

I grew up with bedtime stories of our land, animals and plants. I went to Pow Wows, attended our Bear ceremonies and believed my culture was magic. However, I never saw that reflected back at me in my favorite TV shows or movies. As a Native kid, that can feel incredibly isolating. I can’t wait for the next generation of Native youth to see themselves on screen and have new Native heroes to look up to. It’s the show I always wished for as a kid who loved cartoons.

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However, you don’t have to be Native to enjoy the show! There will be plenty of action, adventure, magic and lots of love for our Earth. With spunky heroes, goofy sidekicks and catchy songs, every family will have something to look forward to in this show, set in the most beautiful National Park you’ve ever seen.”

In 2020 Netflix announced a new all- Native fantasy-adventure series called “Spirit Rangers.” The animated show is finally set to be released in October (10th). Karissa Valencia is the creator of the project and previews the adventures. Watch interview with Indian Country Today. Internet Posted by Joely Proudfit, PhD. American Indian Studies, California State University San Marcos.



[Netflix Life](#)

[What is animated series Spirit Rangers about on Netflix?](#)

## American Native Indians

In the final months **before his surrender in 1877, Crazy Horse retreated alone to the Powder River country** and pleaded for a vision that would show him how to preserve his people and their homeland.

Compounding the Lakota war chief's grief during that long winter was the ill health of his wife, Black Shawl. As he fasted and prayed in the hills near the present-day Montana-Wyoming line, a red-tailed hawk, his spirit helper, descended with an eagle.

Crazy Horse took the eagle's message to holy men and together they created a healing ceremony. Although Crazy Horse was killed within months of his surrender, Black Shawl — thought at the time to have tuberculosis — lived to be an old woman.

The eagle, chief of birds — the one who could fly the highest and carry messages to and from First Maker — was intricately woven into life on the Northern Plains.

Two Leggins, a chief of the River Crow in the last of the buffalo days, was protected by the medicine of an eagle feather painted with six white spots. It gave him the power to direct the wind, he said in his dictated autobiography.

“After the proper ceremony, the wind would blow from the direction pointed by the feather in my hair,” he said. “The six spots meant the owner could cause a sudden hailstorm between myself and a pursuing enemy. Later I used the feather many times and it always worked.”

Who could doubt the spiritual power of such a magnificent bird?

Once, on a hunting trip in the Bighorn Mountains, Cheyenne warrior Wooden Leg watched as an eagle swooped down on a buffalo calf and carried it far up a cliff to its nest.

“Ordinarily a capturing eagle would drop its prey from high in the air, so that it would be killed by the fall to the ground,” Wooden Leg told his biographer Thomas Marquis. “But this did not happen in this case. As long as we stayed there watching, we could see the buffalo calf standing up there on the cliff and wiggling its tail.”

In 1875, at the end of his grueling vision quest on Otter Creek in southeastern Montana, the 17-year-old warrior was presented with an eagle wing bone flute by his father.

“It was to be worn about my neck, suspended at the mid-breast by a buckskin thong during times of danger,” Wooden Leg said. “If I were threatened with imminent harm I had but to put it to my lips and cause it to send out its soothing notes. That would ward off every evil design upon me. It was my mystic protector. It was my medicine.”

Warriors sought the courage and protection of the eagle in battle and wore eagle feathers as a testimony of honors earned. Each tribal group had its own traditions.



“An eagle’s feather worn in the hair was a mark of distinction and told the world that the wearer had counted coups,” Crow Chief Plenty Coups said in his biography by Frank Linderman.

If a Crow warrior was wounded counting coups — a lesser honor than returning from the field of battle without a scratch — the feather would be painted red to show that he bled, Plenty Coups said.

Four eagle feathers were attached to the shield given to Sitting Bull by his father after exploits against the Crow at Powder River. The four feathers boasted of his success in all four directions. Warriors couldn’t just claim to have counted coups. The deeds had to be witnessed and attested before the right to wear an eagle feather was earned.

Even after intertribal warfare ceased and tribes have been relegated to reservations, the eagle continues to hold its power.

Joseph Medicine Crow, a Crow historian and World War II veteran, wrote in “Counting Coups” that before he went to war, a Shoshone sun dance chief gave him a white eagle feather. When battle loomed, he stuffed it inside his helmet. He credits the feather with protecting him during the bloody invasion of Germany.

Then he passed the feather on to one of his cousins.

It was carried by members of Medicine Crow’s family to Africa, Germany, Italy and later to Korea.



## Hundreds of Federal Sites Officially Drop Racial Slur From Their Names

The Interior Department is renaming locations across the country to remove the derogatory word for Native American women



*A butte in Gem County, Idaho, is now named Sehwoki'I Newenee'an Katete. Photo by John Sowell / Idaho Statesman / Tribune News Service / Getty Images*

A racist and misogynist slur referring to Native American women will no longer be included in the names of hundreds of islands, lakes, rivers, mountains and other geographic sites around the United States.

Last month, the United States Department of the Interior [completed its ten-month-long process](#) of removing the word “squaw” from federal use, and the federal Board on Geographic Names approved the final replacement names for 643 sites that included the slur. The decision took effect immediately, per a [statement](#) from the department.

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The [new names](#) apply to public lands located all over the country, from Beacon Peak in Arizona to Lowrey Run Valley in Pennsylvania.

“Yes, this is just one word,” writes [Deb Haaland](#), the Interior Department secretary, in an opinion piece for the [Washington Post](#). “But words matter.”

Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of the Laguna and a 35th-generation New Mexican, is the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. She argues that the derogatory term is “not a casual insult” and that the damage it has caused “cannot be overstated.”

The term likely [originated](#) as an inoffensive word for “woman” in the [Algonquian](#) language. But as white settlers latched onto the term and began employing it for their own purposes, it took on new, pejorative meanings. Throughout the rest of American history, it has endured as a slur.

“From the outset, Europeans who set the first foot on this continent sought to take over the land, to colonize it and to remove the Native Americans they viewed as a hindrance to amassing land

and power,” writes Haaland. “In pursuit of this mission, the rape and sexual assault of Indigenous women were used as weapons. And instead of calling them women, the men would use that word.”

For the men who uttered it, she adds, the word helped them justify their acts, “as if using cheap slang would make the victims somehow deserving of assault—even to this day.”



A ski area in California changed its name to Palisades Tahoe in September 2021. Courtesy of Kate Abraham / Palisades Tahoe

To determine replacement names for the sites, federal officials collaborated with nearly 70 tribal governments and considered more than 1,000 recommendations from members of the public. The process began last November, when Haaland issued a [secretary's order](#) that declared the term derogatory and established a task force to review the names of federal sites.

Elsewhere, other efforts have made headway in banishing the slur at the state level. [Maine](#), [Oregon](#), [Minnesota](#) and [Montana](#) have passed laws to remove the word from place names. Earlier this month, California's governor [signed a bill](#) to remove the derogatory term from the names of nearly 100 geographic sites across the state. In [Alaska](#), a group of elementary school students is pushing to rename a creek and a road in their community that contain the word.

Private entities are also taking similar steps. A historic ski resort in California [changed its name](#) to Palisades Tahoe in September 2021.

The word “is a hurtful term, and we're not hurtful people,” Dee Byrne, the ski resort's president, told the [New York Times](#)' Vimal Patel last year.