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Oliver Milman, Guardian UK

Milman writes: "A 15-year legal tussle over a tiny plot of land near a lake in northern Idaho could culminate in the US supreme court drastically reshaping clean water laws across the country, with a decision by the conservative-dominated court now looming."

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New Biden Student Loan Plan Unveiled Amid Agency Funding Crisis

Cory Turner, NPR

Turner writes: "The Biden administration is unveiling an ambitious new student loan repayment program today that will be more generous, flexible and forgiving than previous plans - but it's unclear how or when the administration will be able to fully implement it."

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Please go our Eventbrite site to review the 2-day agenda which features great presentations from local, state, regional, and national experts on clean energy and transportation issues. There's information on tax credits for consumers, tax credits for businesses installing EV charging, other incentives, and many other opportunities to save energy and money while cleaning the air and strengthening Nevada's economy. Attend this conference and help us accelerate Nevada on the road to a brighter future. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../nevada-clean-energy...>



Most of Madagascar's animals are on the brink of extinction. If they all disappear, it will take **23 million years** [to get them back](#).

**The Hoover Wilderness recently scored a win when the Forest Service (FS) issued a decision to keep part of the area closed to cattle grazing, thanks to pressure from Wilderness Watch and our members and supporters.** The area in the "Bridgeport Southwest Rangeland Project" had been closed to livestock grazing for more than a decade, after domestic sheep were removed to protect state and federally endangered Sierra bighorn sheep. In 2018, the FS proposed re-opening part of the Hoover Wilderness to cattle grazing.

That's when Wilderness Watch—and so many of you—stepped in. In reaching the decision to not issue grazing permits for the area, the Forest Service acknowledged that early in the process they received more than 3,500 letters from "a campaign sponsored by a wilderness organization," and added that in response to the environmental assessment, **they received "thousands" of comments from people "responding to an outreach by Wilderness Watch."** Thank you for weighing in!

Bordering Yosemite National Park along the Pacific Crest and falling away to the Great Basin to the east, the Hoover Wilderness is a spectacular part of the Sierra Nevada range in California. First established as a Primitive area in 1931, **the Hoover Wilderness was officially designated as one of our first Wilderness areas in 1964 when the Wilderness Act was signed into law.**

**Re-opening this area to cows would have created substantial impacts to the Hoover Wilderness, its watersheds, and native wildlife.** As the decision properly stated, *"The improved conditions across this project area that has occurred over the last 10-20 years and the potential for continued improvement outweighs the benefit that would arise from authorizing cattle...."*

**A big thank you** to all of you who sent more than 5,000 public comments urging the Forest Service to drop this grazing proposal. And to the Forest Service for saying no to cattle and sheep in this part of the Hoover Wilderness. It's all too rare when the agency favors wildlife and Wilderness over domestic cows and sheep.

- [Read the FS decision](#)
- [Read our comments](#)



**For the hoopsters:**

<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/january-16?locrl=eatod#chicago-dunks-iowa>

## GrantStation

### **Adobe Stock Artist Development Fund**

**Deadline: January 23, 2022 (Rolling)**

The Stock Artist Development Fund supports and promotes outstanding artists identifying with underrepresented communities and provides a platform to showcase and celebrate their independent, empowered, and creative forms of visual expression. The fund offers empowerment of artists' voices and financial support for talented artists with the eventual impact of promoting imagery that has been historically underrepresented in commercial media and aims to ensure that artists are compensated for their work.

The fund provides a flat amount of \$7,500 (USD) per selected artist. 40 artists will be selected on a rolling basis between February 22, 2022 to January 22, 2023.

**Tourism Tip:** This fund can be used to highlight underrepresented Indigenous communities.

**More Information:** For more information, visit [adobe.com](https://adobe.com)

### **USDA: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program**

**Deadline: Open**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to:

- Provide microloans for microenterprise startups and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund.
- Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro-entrepreneurs.

**Tourism Tip:** This grant can help fund new tourism businesses in rural communities.

**More Information:** For more information, visit [usda.gov](https://usda.gov)

### **USDA: Economic Impact Initiative Grants**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

**Tourism Tip:** This grant can be used to construct, enlarge or improve tribal lands and rural community facilities for health care, public safety and public service.

**More Information:** [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov)

### **Bush Foundation: Community Innovation Grants**

**Deadline:** Open

The Community Innovation grant program is a flexible program that invests in great ideas and the people who power them across the Foundation's region (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota). CI grants fund the most promising ideas, across issue areas that have the potential to make the Foundation's region better for everyone. Through this program, they aim to:

**Develop, test and spread great ideas:** CI grants invest in efforts to develop and test ideas to solve problems and create opportunities, and then spread the best ideas across communities.

**Inspire, equip and connect leaders:** Great ideas spread through people. CI grants invest in efforts to inspire, equip and connect leaders to more effectively lead change.

**Tourism Tip:** This grant can help fund a wide variety of community projects for nonprofits, government entities and Tribal Nations located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

**More Information:** They recommend you **schedule a call** with their staff to discuss your idea. For more information, visit **[bushfoundation.org](https://bushfoundation.org)**

### **Nevada Arts Council: Folklife Community Grant**

**Deadline:** At least 30 days before the proposed project

Small community organizations can receive \$3,000 to support featuring folk arts in festivals, cultural events, and gatherings that bring folk artists and communities together. **Project dates must be between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.** Eligible applicants must be non-profit organizations with annual budgets of \$30,000 or less.

**Tourism Tip:** This grant can help support small community events located in Nevada.

**More Information:** For more information, visit **[nvartscouncil.org](https://nvartscouncil.org)**

## **National Opportunities**

### **Capital Projects Supported at Historic Houses of Worship**

The National Fund for Sacred Places provides support to community-serving congregations in the United States and its territories that are undertaking significant capital projects at their historic houses of worship.

### **Program Helps Innovators Serving U.S. Workers**

Through the 2022/2023 Innovation Fund cycle, The Workers Lab seeks innovators with early-stage ideas centered around making the ways the U.S. serves workers more modern and inclusive.

### **Grants Available for Youth Gardens and Greenspaces**

The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, a program of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening, is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States.



### **Challenge Aims to Boost Inclusivity of Animal Welfare Organizations**

The Open Arms Challenge aims to encourage animal shelters, foster-based organizations, and public charities focused on keeping pets and people together to pilot new approaches that open doors to new adopters and volunteers and welcome the entire community.

### **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Funding Promotes Oral Health in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont**

The mission of the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation is to improve access to and the quality of oral healthcare and education for the public and the dental communities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

#### **Grants Enhance Economic Security of Colorado Women and Girls of Color**

The Women's Foundation of Colorado's Women & Girls of Color Fund invests in and partners with women-of-color-led organizations that are working to advance the economic security of Colorado women and girls of color.

#### **Support Targets Basic Needs and Education in Montana**

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and governmental entities in the state of Montana with a focus on meeting the basic needs and education of Montana citizens.

#### **Healthcare Initiatives Funded in South Carolina**

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation supports projects that aim to promote the health of South Carolinians and to increase access to healthcare for the economically disadvantaged.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Seeks to Preserve Native Languages**

The Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of native languages in an established community.

#### **Grants Help Prevent Underage Drinking**

The purpose of the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States.

#### **Trans Justice Funding Project**

The Trans Justice Funding Project is a community-led funding initiative founded to support grassroots trans justice groups run by and for trans people in the U.S. and U.S. territories. The Project provides grants to groups that organize around their experiences with racism, economic injustice, transmisogyny, ableism, immigration, incarceration, and other intersecting oppressions. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

#### **Chamiza Foundation**

The Chamiza Foundation provides support to New Mexico's Pueblo Indian tribal communities to help ensure the continuity and preservation of Pueblo Indian culture and traditions. The Foundation invites proposals for grant awards in support of New Mexico's 19 Pueblo Indian

tribal communities; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in El Paso, TX; and non-Pueblo organizations requesting support for programs serving the Pueblos but not originated by these entities. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **[Mind & Life Institute](#)**

The Mind & Life Institute seeks to bring science and contemplative wisdom together to better understand the mind and create positive change in the world. The Institute's Contemplative Changemaking Grants program supports the use of contemplative approaches by grassroots changemakers addressing urgent community needs. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **[Michigan Nonprofit Association](#)**

Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy.

MNA manages multiple programs and affiliates including MNA Technology Services and is a sponsoring organization for AmeriCorps VISTA. Membership is open to all Michigan nonprofit/tax exempt organizations. For-profit businesses and government entities may join as affiliate members.

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of \$100 Million through Inflation Reduction Act for Environmental Justice Grants

Historic grant funding for environmental justice will support projects in communities overburdened by pollution and historic underinvestment.

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of approximately \$100 million for projects that advance environmental justice in underserved and overburdened communities across the country. This funding, made possible through President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, marks the largest amount of environmental justice grant funding ever offered by the Agency. EPA has published two Requests for Applications for this funding through the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program and the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program.

"Since day one, President Biden pledged to prioritize environmental justice and equity for all, and EPA is at the heart of delivering on that mission," **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. "Last year, we announced EPA's first-ever national program office dedicated to advancing environmental justice, memorializing our commitment to this critical work. I couldn't be prouder to now be announcing an unprecedented level of funding thanks to President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act for community-based solutions that support underserved and overburdened communities. This is a key step that will help build strong partnerships with communities across the country and move us closer to realizing a more just and equitable future for all."

These grant programs further the goals of President Biden's Justice40 Initiative and Executive Order, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, which directed that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to overburdened communities that face disproportionately high and adverse health and environmental impacts.

"Today, historic environmental justice funding I fought to secure in the Inflation Reduction Act is being made available," **said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer**. "This call for applications ensures money can flow directly to communities that need it most by splitting the funding between community based non-profits as well as the states, localities, tribes, and territories that usually receive federal grants. Helping these non-profits who know their communities better than anyone was central to my mission when fighting for environmental justice priorities in the Inflation Reduction Act and this is only the beginning. I will continue to fight for environmental justice and working with communities across New York to get this money where it is needed most."

"Every American deserves access to clean air and water—no matter their zip code, the color of their skin or the size of their paycheck," **said Senator Tammy Duckworth**. "That's why, as co-founder of the Senate's Environmental Justice Caucus, I'm proud to announce today's grant funding, which will help deliver results for environmental justice communities that have been ignored for too long. Access to clean air and clean water isn't 'only' an environmental issue—it's a matter of health and safety, systemic racism and persistent discrimination against those in low-income communities. I'm hopeful that today, we're making important advances toward ending this crisis."

"I'm grateful for the Biden administration's commitment to ensuring those disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change are given the opportunity to have a healthier, more equitable future," **said Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ-07)**. "The grants announced today and other investments from the Inflation Reduction Act will advance environmental justice in underrepresented communities and help ensure every person has access to pure air, clean water and an environment that allows them to thrive. In Congress, we will continue our legislative efforts to provide greater public health protections for vulnerable communities, strengthen the Civil Rights Act and improve federal agencies' environmental justice work."

"I've learned over the last two decades of working on environmental justice at the community-level how the proper support and funding can turn good ideas and hard work into something truly impactful," **said Catherine Coleman Flowers, Founding Director of the Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice**. "I'm confident that this historic investment from the EPA and Biden Administration is going to yield some incredible solutions to the crisis of environmental injustice, especially in Rural communities that are under-resourced and overburdened."

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Program (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program

The EJCPS Program will provide an estimated \$30 million in funding directly to community-based nonprofit organizations (and partnerships of these organizations), with \$5 million reserved for small community-based nonprofit organizations with five or fewer full-time employees. In total, the Agency anticipates funding approximately 50 awards of \$500,000 and 30 awards of \$150,000.

EPA's EJCPs Cooperative Agreement Program provides financial assistance to eligible organizations working on or planning to work on projects to address local environmental and/or public health issues in their communities. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships with other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical service providers, academia, etc.) to develop solutions that will significantly address environmental and/or public health issues at the local level.

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program

The EJG2G Program (formerly known as the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement program) will provide an estimated \$70 million in funding. Of this, \$20 million will be for State governments to be used in conjunction with Community-Based Organization (CBO) partners, \$20 million will be for local government with CBO partners, \$20 million will be for Federally Recognized Tribal Nations with CBO partners, and \$10 million will be for U.S. territories and remote tribes with limited access to CBO partners. In total the Agency anticipates funding approximately 70 projects of up to \$1 million each for a 3-year project.

The EJG2G Program works to support and/or create model state activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. These models should leverage or utilize existing resources or assets of state agencies to develop key tools and processes that integrate environmental justice considerations into state governments and government programs.

Under both EJCPs and EJG2G programs, EPA will be giving special consideration to the following focus areas:

- Projects addressing climate change, disaster resiliency, and/or emergency preparedness
- Projects located in and/or benefitting rural areas
- Projects conducting [Health Impact Assessments \(HIA\)](#)

Applicants interested must submit proposal packages on or before **April 10, 2023**, to be considered for the available funding. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on October 1, 2023.

This funding builds on additional funding from the American Rescue Plan. In December 2021, EPA selected 154 organizations to receive a total of approximately \$18.4 million in environmental justice grant funding.

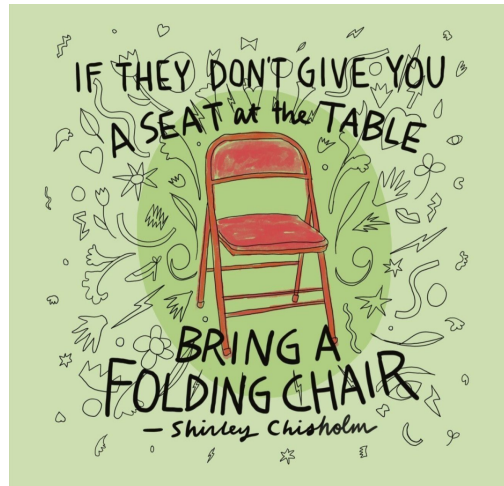
EPA is planning to announce an additional environmental justice grant competition, making extensive use of IRA resources, in early 2023 to establish a network of grant-makers across the United States to facilitate awarding assessment, planning, and project development grants to communities and their partners.

Pre-application Assistance Webinars

EPA will host pre-application assistance webinars to answer prospective applicant questions about the EJ grant process.

To attend the first webinar on January 24, 2023 focused on EJCPs, [register here](#).

To attend the second webinar on January 26, 2023 focused on EJG2G, [register here](#). [Learn more information about environmental justice grant funding](#). [Learn more information about the Inflation Reduction Act](#).



[Lithium mine announces \\$700 million federal energy loan, activists call it a ruse](#)

The company proposing the Rhyolite Ridge lithium mine today announced it received a conditional \$700 million loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Major Museums are Failing Obligation to Return Human Remains to Tribes

As the United States pushed Native Americans from their lands to make way for westward expansion throughout the 1800s, museums and the federal government encouraged the looting of Indigenous remains, funerary objects and cultural items. Many of the institutions continue to hold these today — and in some cases resist their return despite the 1990 passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

“We never ceded or relinquished our dead. They were stolen,” James Riding In, then an Arizona State University professor who is Pawnee, said of the unreturned remains.

ProPublica this year is investigating the failure of NAGPRA to bring about the expeditious return of human remains by federally funded universities and museums. Our reporting, in partnership with NBC News, has found that a small group of institutions and government bodies has played an outsized role in the law’s failure.

Ten institutions hold about half of the Native American remains that have not been returned to tribes. These include old and prestigious museums with collections taken from ancestral lands not long after the U.S. government forcibly removed Native Americans from them, as well as state-run institutions that amassed their collections from earthen burial mounds that had protected the dead for hundreds of years. Two are arms of the U.S. government: the [Interior](#)

[Department](#), which administers the law, and the [Tennessee Valley Authority](#), the nation's largest federally owned utility.

An Interior Department spokesperson said it complies with its legal obligations and that its bureaus (such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Land Management) are not required to begin the repatriation of “culturally unidentifiable human remains” unless a tribe or Native Hawaiian organization makes a formal request.

Tennessee Valley Authority Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison Marianne Shuler said the agency is committed to “partnering with federally recognized tribes as we work through the NAGPRA process.”

The law required institutions to publicly report their holdings and to consult with federally recognized tribes to determine which tribes human remains and objects should be repatriated to. Institutions were meant to consider cultural connections, including oral traditions as well as geographical, biological and archaeological links.

Yet many institutions have interpreted the definition of “cultural affiliation” so narrowly that they’ve been able to dismiss tribes’ connections to ancestors and keep remains and funerary objects. Throughout the 1990s, institutions including the [Ohio History Connection](#) and the [University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#) thwarted the repatriation process by categorizing everything in their collections that might be subject to the law as “culturally unidentifiable.”

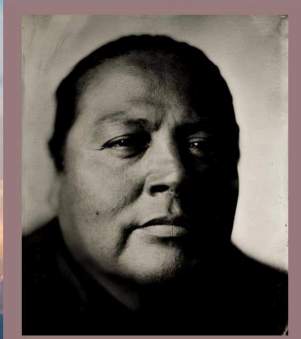
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**State regulators agreed to review how much water Los Angeles can draw from Mono Lake, an extraordinary move in one of the most contentious fronts of California's long-running water wars.** Stakeholders say the state could temporarily halt diversions to protect California gulls exposed to predation by the lake's plunging water level. Fierce resistance from Los Angeles, which has drawn from the lake 350 miles to its north since 1941, is assured. [S.F. Chronicle](#)

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**All the materials of Great Basin Native American artists Jack Malotte that have been exhibited at the Nevada Museum of Art are online!**

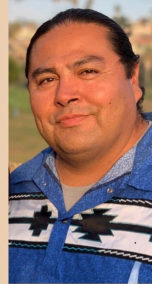
All the originals are at the NMA, in the research center—they are always available for artists, teachers, or anyone to use, borrow for exhibitions, incorporate into lesson plans or books, etc...

<https://www.nevadaart.org/art/collection-search/?q=malotte&subject=&sort=artist-az&collection=all&collection-view=grid>

**Ann M. Wolfe, Andrea and John C. Deane Family, Chief Curator | Associate Director  
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*Solidarity for Myron Dewey*



Myron Dewey's life was taken on September 26, 2021 by reckless driver John Walsh, who drove on the wrong side of the road under the influence of cannabinoids between 13.3 ng/ml – 18.7 ng/ml. The legal limit is 5 ng/ml in Nevada.



The pretrial will be on January 17, 2023 in Tonopah, NV. The family has reached out to district attorney John Friel Jr. about the status of the case with no response. The family has video, personal testimony, & additional evidence that should be used to support the conviction of John Walsh, but the DA has been unresponsive in receiving this material. The family believes the case is not being taken seriously & is asking for solidarity from community to advocate for Myron.



We want the man who is responsible for this crime to be held fully accountable for his actions. If you would like to show solidarity for Myron please call or email the DA's office & demand answers for the family, share who Myron was, & the legacy he left across Indian Country & the world. We believe that if the DA's office knows we will not be silent they would take the case seriously. Together we are stronger & so is our voice!

**#JusticeforMyronDewey**



*"We want John Walsh to receive maximum conviction punishable by the law and no plea deal."*

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