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ONCE IN 80 YEARS

Puya raimondii, queen of the Andes, is the largest species of bromeliad, reaching up to 15 m (50 ft) in height and carry 20,000 flowers. It is native to the high Andes of Bolivia and Peru. It has been considered a Protocarnivorous plant (ensnaring birds).

Its reproductive cycle lasts approximately 80 years.

Photo : Waldemar Niclewicz

FTA Announces Approximately \$20 Million Funding Opportunity to Help Communities Prosper Through Access to Transit

To create new opportunities for those experiencing poverty, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced a new [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) to help improve transit in areas experiencing long-term economic distress. The \$20 million in competitive grant funding through FTA's [Areas of Persistent Poverty \(AoPP\) Program](#) provides more resources to underserved and disadvantaged communities seeking to expand or improve transit systems.

The AoPP program supports planning and technical studies to improve public transportation in areas experiencing long-term economic hardship -- in rural and urban communities alike. The AoPP program also funds planning for transit agencies to transition to low- and no-emission vehicles and associated charging equipment.

Projects will be evaluated by criteria outlined in the NOFO. This NOFO will utilize Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 funding. **Applications are Due by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on March 10, 2023.**

Upcoming FY23 AoPP Grant Webinars:

- February 7th - [Click Here for Registration](#)
- February 9th - [Click Here for Registration](#)
- February 15th - [Click Here for Registration](#)

Webinar: Food Sovereignty – Healthier Foods, Cultural Practices and Food Security

Tribes have been seeking to reestablish food sovereignty as a way to not only provide healthier and more traditional foods, but to also revitalize traditional food sources and mitigate the effects of potential human-made and natural disasters. COVID certainly raised the level of awareness of how a disaster, in this case a pandemic, can significantly impact and imperil food sources.

This webinar will focus on developing more traditional and healthy food sources in and for tribal and indigenous communities, reducing food loss, and expanding food markets can be accomplished by tribes, tribal communities, indigenous communities, or any interested community to enhance food security.

Date & Time: Thursday, February 16, 2023, (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM PT), (2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET)

To register: Please click on this link: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bG6QBrCLQl6IAuHqhDrKTQ

Presenters:

- **Marc Anderson, P.E. (Seminole)**, Consulting Engineer

- **Jacque Salomon**, Seeds to Inspire Foundation
- **Tom O'Donnell**, Land, Chemical and Revitalization Division, Region 3, U.S. EPA-NEWS (National Experienced Workforce Solutions)
- **Danny Gogal**, Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA (Facilitator)

This webinar is part of the U.S. EPA [Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar,

For questions about this webinar, or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Danny Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice, gogal.danny@epa.gov. Peoples, please contact Danny Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice, gogal.danny@epa.gov



What's is Like Living in an Earthship Home Made of Dirt?

<https://www.thesimplifydaily.com/budget/off-the-grid/tours/earthship-home-44510326>

Barbie pays tribute to Bessie Coleman with new Inspiring Women series doll

<https://www.yahoo.com/gma/barbie-pays-tribute-bessie-coleman-215715060.html>

Navigating the ethics of ancient human DNA research

Paleogenomic research has expanded rapidly over the past two decades, igniting heated debate about handling remains. Who gives consent for study participants long gone — and who should speak for them today?

https://knowablemagazine.org/article/society/2023/navigating-ethics-ancient-human-dna-research?utm_source=pocket-newtab



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[**How the US stole thousands of Native American children**](#) [**Vox**](#)

Interested in Hosting a Delegation in Your Home for Dinner?

As we get ready for a busy year for both the exchanges and resettlement teams, we are looking for home hosts for the following delegations:

- Sixteen entrepreneurs and small business owners from Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt will visit Reno in Mid January, we are looking for a dinner host for the whole group on February 18 or 19
- A delegation of early childhood educators from Albania, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Ghana, Hong Kong, Jordan, Namibia, Nepal, Palestinian Territories, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tanzania, Tonga, Tunisia, and Ukraine will visit Reno to learn about educational leadership approaches in the US. We are looking for one or two dinner hosts for the whole or partial group on February 25 or 26th.

We will also be looking for many more dinner and overnight hosts for youth and adult groups in the coming months.

Please contact Dominique Stedham at dstedham@nnic.org if you are interested in one of the first two groups

Biden Protects Vast Wilderness Area in Minnesota From Mining

Timothy Puko, The Washington Post

Puko writes: "The move comes as the administration faces a string of tough decisions on federal conservation for spots in Alaska and Nevada."

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Jefferson's Library

On January 30, 1815, President James Madison approved an act of Congress appropriating \$23,950 to purchase Thomas Jefferson's library of 6,487 volumes.

"...there is, in fact, no subject to which a Member of Congress may not have occasion to refer."

[Thomas Jefferson to Samuel H. Smith, September 21, 1814](#), Series 1: General Correspondence, 1651-1827. [Thomas Jefferson Papers, 1606 to 1827](#). Manuscript Division

After capturing Washington, D.C. in 1814, the British burned the [U.S. Capitol](#), destroying the Library of Congress and its 3,000-volume collection. Thomas Jefferson, in retirement at [Monticello](#), offered to [sell his personal library](#) to the Library Committee of Congress in order to rebuild the collection of the Congressional Library.

[Thomas Jefferson to George Watterston \(1783-1854\), May 7, 1815](#). [Memory Gallery A. American Treasures of the Library of Congress](#). Manuscript Division (do click on this)

Jefferson's library not only included more than twice the number of volumes as had been destroyed, it expanded the scope of the library beyond its previous topics—law, economics, and history—to include a wide variety of subjects in several languages. Divided into the categories Memory, Reason, and Imagination—which Jefferson translated to "History," "Philosophy," and

“Fine Arts” — today, [Thomas Jefferson’s library](#) is part of the [Rare Book and Special Collections Division](#) and is currently on public exhibit in the [Thomas Jefferson Building](#).

Anticipating the objection that his collection might be too comprehensive, he argued, “*I do not know that it contains any branch of science which Congress would wish to exclude from their collection; there is, in fact, no subject to which a Member of Congress may not have occasion to refer.*”

Learn More

- For more information about the Library of Congress and its history, visit [About the Library](#). In particular, see [History of the Library](#), [The Library of Congress: A Timeline](#), and the webcast, [A History of the Library of Congress](#).
- Today, Thomas Jefferson’s library is one of the Library’s “special collections.” For more information, visit the home page of the [Rare Book & Special Collections Reading Room](#) and read [About the Rare Book and Special Collections Division](#).
- View [The act authorizing the purchase of Jefferson’s library](#), January 30, 1815, in the Statutes at Large, and [Thomas Jefferson’s library: a catalog with the entries in his own order](#), edited by James Gilreath, Douglas L. Wilson, an online edition of a printed catalog to Thomas Jefferson’s collection.
- Thomas Jefferson [arranged his books into three categories](#): Memory, Reason and Imagination. [American Treasures of the Library of Congress](#), an online exhibition, follows his subject arrangements in organizing its contents, adding a special category for America’s [Top Treasures](#). Among the latter are Jefferson’s [original rough draft of the Declaration of Independence](#).
- Peruse Thomas Jefferson’s correspondence, commonplace books, financial account books, and manuscript writings in the [Thomas Jefferson Papers, 1606 to 1827](#), a collection which consists of approximately 27,000 documents. An [essay by Joseph J. Ellis](#) on Thomas Jefferson and a [Timeline](#) of Jefferson’s life are part of the special presentation material which accompany this online collection.
- Search [Today in History](#) on the term *library* for more information related to the Library of Congress and other libraries, including, the Library Company of Philadelphia and the many libraries endowed by Andrew Carnegie.

Research Assistant (Temporary Position)

The Library of Congress is accepting applications for a Research Assistant (Temporary Position), GS-09, until February 13, 2023.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) Resources, Science and Industry Division (RSI) is seeking one Research Assistant. The Agriculture and Food Supply Section within RSI provides policy analysis to Members of Congress, congressional committees, and their staff on topics related to the policy and economic implications of agriculture and food policy in key areas

including domestic agricultural support, agricultural disaster assistance, agricultural markets, international trade, agricultural conservation, farm credit and disaster assistance, farm economy, and rural development.

Responsibilities:

The selectees for this temporary position will serve as a Research Assistant in the Agriculture and Food Supply Section within RSI. The information produced by this division is considered to be authoritative and objective for federal policymakers. It is consulted widely by lawmakers and their staff seeking accurate, objective information on and analysis of policy issues addressing federal land management agencies, extractive industries, and management of living and nonliving resources, often in the water context.

The Research Assistant may in consultation with an analyst or independently collect and present policy-relevant information for use by analysts and congressional clients to inform their analysis and understanding of policy issues before the U.S. Congress. The Research Assistant may also identify, enter, and verify data for inclusion in CRS written products. The Research Assistant is expected to respond to RSI's shifting needs and priorities, as directed.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Expected:

- Knowledge of agricultural and food supply policy
- Ability to attend to detail
- Ability to utilize computer/information technology
- Ability to interact collaboratively with others
- Ability to adapt
- Ability to communicate effectively other than in writing

Requirements:

The position requires two years of progressively higher level appropriate graduate education leading to a Master's degree OR, a Master's or equivalent graduate degree, OR, one (1) year of specialized experience at the GS-07 grade level in the federal service or at a comparable level of difficulty outside the federal service.

Anticipated Start Date: Early to mid-March, 2023. Location: Washington, DC

If you are interested in being considered, please submit an e-mail to Steven Lev, slev@crs.loc.gov, with your expression of interest and a copy of your resume that includes the start and end dates and number of hours per week for each work experience. Interviews may be held.

RELOCATION EXPENSES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR THIS POSITION.

[Click here for more information.](#)

To see more current job and internship opportunities at the Library of Congress, [visit our careers site](#) and our [internship and fellowships site](#).

GrantStation**National Opportunities****[Small Grants Improve U.S. Communities](#)**

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities throughout the U.S. become more livable for people of all ages—especially those age 50 and older.

\$100,000 Awards Available for Native Arts Projects

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) focuses on the power of arts and collaboration to strengthen Native communities and promote positive social change in the United States.

Funds Address Patient Safety in Healthcare

The Doctors Company Foundation supports patient safety education for healthcare professionals and patient safety research with clinically useful applications.

Gender Justice Organizations Supported

Third Wave Fund's Mobilize Power Fund resources gender justice organizations in the U.S. and U.S. territories to adapt or pivot their work when met with unanticipated, time-sensitive opportunities or threats to their movement building work and organizing conditions.

Regional Opportunities

Rural Arts and Environmental Efforts Funded in Six States

The Laura Jane Musser Fund will accept applications through the Rural Arts Initiative and Environmental Initiative beginning in February 2023.

Grants Advance Racial Equity and Social Justice in the South

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation supports nonprofit organizations helping people and places move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice in 11 southern states.

Support Strengthens Healthcare in OR, ID, MT, and Parts of WA

The PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement seeks to improve access to high-quality healthcare in communities statewide in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, and within Clark, Pierce, and Spokane counties in Washington.

Funds Promote Legal Services in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation's IOLTA Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts whose programs either provide civil legal services to low-income clients or improve the administration of justice.

Federal Opportunities

Program Seeks to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment

The Adult Reentry Program's purpose is to expand substance use disorder treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adults in the criminal justice system who are returning to their families and community.

Arts Research Funded

The Research Grants in the Arts program supports research that investigates the value or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other or with other domains of American life.

Department of Justice Funding Sources

See [Available Funding](#) for a comprehensive list of all currently open opportunities or you can view opportunities for specific topics on the following pages:



[Corrections](#)



[Courts](#)



[Drugs &
Substance
Use](#)



[Forensic
Sciences](#)



[Hate Crime](#)



[Law
Enforcement](#)



[Mental Health](#)



[Tribal Justice](#)

Scholarships

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards applications, available only online, are **due by February 6, 2023**. If you are a child or grandchild of an active Elk member, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm to find out more!

Reno Elks Lodge Scholarships

The Reno Elks Lodge #597 awards three (3) \$1,500 scholarships, along with awarding scholarships from the David J. Tacchino (DJT) fund. Also available from the Reno Lodge are Vocational Grants. Please download the DJT application and/or the Vocational Grant Application below and deliver the completed application to the Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, NV 89509.

Application Due Date: No later than 5:00pm on March 18, 2023.

[Click below for a printable application:
Vocational Grant Program](#)

The David J. Tacchino Scholarship and Education Grant

Nevada State Elks Association Vocational Grant. This grant is available to any prospective student (male or female) resident within the jurisdiction of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the State of Nevada, who plans to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course, above and supplemental to high school or preparatory school level, may file an application. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2023, for consideration. O

Nevada State Elks Association, Past Exalted Rulers Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship is to assist individuals attending a Nevada School of Nursing with a one-time award of \$1,000 to be used toward tuition in a nursing field of study at a NEVADA Institution of Higher Education. For more information and the application, Online Application available [HERE](#). All applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2023, to be considered.

Nursing Scholarship Application
Contact Rachel Drake at Mollie1@charter.net for information.

~EPA to Host Training on Proposed Clean Air Act Rule

EPA will host a training on **January 31, 2023** to provide an overview of the proposed rule to update the Agency's regulations governing the timelines and other requirements for state plans to limit pollution from existing sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. It will also provide information on how to effectively engage in the regulatory process and an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Although this training is open to the public, it will include information tailored to specific groups: communities with environmental justice concerns, tribal nations, tribal environmental professionals, and small business stakeholders. This virtual event is FREE and open to the public. The event will be held using Zoom, and a toll-free call-in number will be available.

Date: **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM (Eastern time)

Register Here: <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-qrrj4pG2o5wyllh3ZMgga71ynw1KE>

To read the proposed rule and an accompanying fact sheet, please click [HERE](#). EPA will take public comment on the proposed updates through Feb. 27, 2023.

Background: On December 14, 2022, the EPA Administrator signed the proposed updates to the Agency's regulations governing the timelines and other requirements for state plans to limit pollution from existing sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's "Implementing Regulations" apply to states that must submit plans for existing sources of pollution covered by Emissions Guidelines and to eligible Tribal Nations that choose to develop their own plans. The proposed updates would revise several timing requirements for state plans, including the allowed time for states to submit plans and for EPA to review them, among others. The proposal also would provide states clear guidance on when they can apply a less-stringent standard to a facility or class of facilities. In addition, it would require states and EPA to conduct meaningful engagement as part of state plan and federal plan development, including with communities and Tribal Nations most affected by, and vulnerable to, the plans' impacts.

"Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds." —FDR



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