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[James Bay Cree Communications Society](#)

[Cree tradition, honouring our past. A Cree Child's first snowshoe walk. 23 students with a Cree elder guiding the students.](#)

(Credit to [Roy Weistche](#))



Native Americans

INUIT CHILD IN ITS FIRST PARKA

At the age of two or three, children would receive their first PARKA.

Parka is a hooded fur coat worn in arctic regions. The outer layer is made of sealskin, which is waterproof. Clothes can also be made from the pelts of seals, caribous, foxes, or polar bears, and often coated with fish oil for waterproofing. Arctic Inuit “parka” is designed to keep the child warm and safe from frostbite. These durable and easily available materials have allowed Inuit to survive in a severe climate.

Inuit babies spend their first year of life until about two years of age, carried in their mother's fur coat - a carrier called an “amauti”, the built-in baby pouch just below the hood. The amauti is designed to carry a child against an adult's body to utilize body heat and protect the child from frostbite, wind and cold.

Sewing reindeer fur clothing takes up a huge amount of Inuit’s women's time as children are constantly growing...



Unfortunately the Owyhee Tribes' press release about the progress on their school funding bill wouldn't copy but you can see it at https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid09X5DTgFKuguwtoSGEx7Q7gUxWfCYchpPDaT4gNuEvyVrez6jnSywFh05xqPvscAal&id=100064585278510&mibextid=ykz3hl
(My concerns are that it was not in Gov's budget, there is no fiscal note attached but has an interesting combination of sponsors. Interested supporters should contact their representative requesting (in a deluge from their community) them them to sign on as a sponsor and then actively communicate support through the committee process.

A.B. 273

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 273—ASSEMBLYWOMEN HANSEN,
ANDERSON, DICKMAN, KASAMA AND TAYLOR

MARCH 8, 2023

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HANSEN

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Elko County School District for the construction of a school to replace an existing school. (BDR S-201)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

EXPLANATION - Statutes in bolded italics in any statute between brackets [bracketed material] is material to be enacted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Elko County School District for the construction of a school to replace an existing school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
 2 General Fund to the Elko County School District:
 3 (a) The sum of \$64,500,000 for the construction of a school on
 4 the Duck Valley Indian Reservation to replace an existing school
 5 that has been found unsafe, structurally unsound, hazardous to
 6 public health and unsuitable for continued use.
 7 (b) The sum of \$85,000 to provide drinking water in the existing
 8 school.
 9 (c) The sum of \$250,000 to provide hand washing stations in the
 10 existing school.
 11 (d) The sum of \$900,000 to purchase window air conditioners
 12 and boilers for use in the existing school.

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1 2. All money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used only
 2 for the purposes specified in subsection 1 and no portion of the
 3 money may be set aside, distributed or otherwise committed or used
 4 for any other purpose, including, without limitation, any costs
 5 related to other buildings or facilities.
 6 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
 7 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
 8 2028, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
 9 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
 10 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
 11 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
 12 September 15, 2028, by either the entity to which the money was
 13 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
 14 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
 15 Fund on or before September 15, 2028.
 16 4. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1,
 17 the Elko County School District agrees to:
 18 (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance
 19 Committee on or before December 20, 2024, that describes each
 20 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1
 21 from the date on which the money was received by the Elko County
 22 School District through December 1, 2024;
 23 (b) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance
 24 Committee on or before December 18, 2026, that describes each
 25 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1
 26 from the date on which the money was received by the Elko County
 27 School District through December 1, 2026;
 28 (c) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance
 29 Committee on or before September 15, 2028, that describes each
 30 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1
 31 from the date on which the money was received by the Elko County
 32 School District through June 30, 2028; and
 33 (d) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to
 34 the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims,
 35 reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or
 36 otherwise, of the Elko County School District, regardless of their
 37 form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to
 38 conduct an audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to
 39 subsection 1.
 40 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

For a comprehensive list of Funding Opportunities, visit www.Grants.gov

- [Social and Economic Development Strategies Program-Tribes](#) **U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS)** - HHS Administration for Native Americans supports community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. **Application Deadline: 3/31/2023**
- [FY 2023 AmeriCorps State and National Native Nations Planning Grants](#)
AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to a grant recipient to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. **Application Deadline: 4/5/2023**
- [2023 AmeriCorps Seniors Native Nations and Indigenous Elders Senior Demonstration Program](#)

AmeriCorps - Examples of potential programming (not limited to these examples): promote the preservation and teaching of Native and Indigenous languages and cultural practices; provide social, economic and educational services to tribal nations and Indigenous people both on and off reservation lands; advance equity in areas such as food sovereignty, climate change and conservation and mental health services; provide veterans and military families, caregivers and survivors' quality of life; and create workforce pathways for older adults, including deliberate training, certifications and hiring preferences. No match required.

Application Deadline: 4/5/2023, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time

- [Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias](#)
U.S. Department of Agriculture - USDA Rural Development funds grants for water and waste disposal facilities and services on federally-recognized tribal lands, colonias and rural areas that face significant health risks due to a lack of access to adequate, affordable water or waste disposal. **Application Deadline: Ongoing**
- [Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#)
U.S. Department of Agriculture - USDA Rural Development provides funding in the form of low-interest loans and grants to develop essential community facilities in eligible rural areas, including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands. [Guaranteed Loan Options](#) are also available. **Application Deadline: Ongoing**
- [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)
U.S. Department of Agriculture - USDA Rural Development funds grants for eligible communities to prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. **Application Deadline: Ongoing**
- **HUD Imminent Threat Grants** – Set aside of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) allocation for non-competitive, first come-first serve grants to eliminate or lessen problems which pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of Tribal residents. **Application Deadline: Ongoing** and may be submitted at any time. Procedures and info. at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PG18SEP27PNPG1011F.pdf>.

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- [Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias in New Mexico](#) This program provides low-income communities, which face significant health risks, access to safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services.
- **US EPA Funding Announcements:**

Tribal Waste Management funding: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/tribal-waste-management-funding-resources-directory>

Land Cleanup Projects on Tribal Lands: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/land-cleanup-funding-authorities-available-tribal-governments-0>

- **USDA ReConnect Program Round 4**
The USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) ReConnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate high-speed internet in areas of rural America without sufficient access to broadband. **Up to \$350M Available.** Tribal Governments are eligible and potential awardees must meet a 100 Mbps symmetrical minimum service requirement in all proposed service areas. The maximum award amount is \$35M, and no match is required. The applications are evaluated in a competitive process. To learn about the ReConnect Program, visit <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>.

Funding Opportunity-California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

Opportunities for partnership, flexible funding to address homelessness in tribal communities, and to share related upcoming Tribal Consultation/Listening Session opportunities. The California Interagency Council on Homeless is state entity created to coordinate the state's response to homelessness. CA's Tribal Housing Homeless Assistance and Prevention (Tribal HHAP) Program provided \$20 Million in flexible funding to California Federally Recognized Tribes in 2022, and will be awarding another \$20 Million in 2023. For more info. visit: [Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(Tribal HHAP\) Grants Program - California Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

This program is built in partnership with Tribes and Tribal Partners, to ensure that the Tribes that need funding have access to it. Towards that end, we are inviting Tribal Leaders and their designees to upcoming Tribal Consultation and Listening Session opportunities. Our 2023

season of virtual Listening Sessions is being kicked off in March, 2023. We will be reviewing our Draft Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFA) and receiving the community's needs and wisdom as it relates to culturally responsive homelessness solutions.

Below are dates and times for virtual Listening Sessions. The NOFA will be sent to registered meeting members and our tribal partners in early March. You are invited to provide your needs in relation to the NOFA and homelessness to me via email, in formal consultation, or in another forum, if you are unable to attend one of the days and times below. We are requesting consultation for this year's Tribal HHAP NOFA **through March 15, 2023**. We will then be scheduling additional Listening Sessions and events for our Tribal HHAP Application, and will partner to host a Listening Session for Tribes regarding Continuums of Care in April 2023.

Virtual Tribal Housing Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program Notice of Funding Announcement Listening Session:

March 13, 2023 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Pacific Time

To register, click here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s1pIylhCR06GQu2bTY_MYg

National Opportunities

[Funding Strengthens HIV and AIDS Prevention and Care](#)

ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action Community Grants support community organizations in the U.S. that work to address disparities and close gaps in care for those most affected by HIV and AIDS.

[Grants Available for Dog Shelter and Adoption Programs](#)

The PEDIGREE Foundation plans to provide over \$1 million in grant funding in 2023 to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. with dog shelter and rescue operations.

[Pro Bono Financial Planning Services Supported](#)

The Foundation for Financial Planning provides annual grants to community-based and national nonprofit organizations for programs linking volunteer financial planners to people in need.

[Young Leaders in the U.S. and Canada Recognized With \\$10,000 Prize](#)

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds across the United States and Canada.

Regional Opportunities

[Support Benefits Montana Organizations Addressing Pressing Issues](#)

The High Stakes Foundation supports visionary people and organizations in Montana through grants and program-related investments.

[Art and Art Education Programs Funded in CT, FL, NY, and DC](#)

The Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation's Philanthropic Arts (P/Arts) Program provides support to implement or enhance programs utilizing art and art education in daily curricula and early childhood education, and to assist disadvantaged students.

Operating Grants Enhance Problem Solving in Three Midwest States

The Bush Foundation provides support in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography, with the goal of inspiring and supporting creative problem solving within and across sectors to make the region better for everyone.

Funding Provided in Oklahoma and Surrounding States

The Kerr Foundation primarily supports organizations in Oklahoma; however, the Foundation also considers requests from organizations in the surrounding states of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas, as well as organizations located in Washington, DC.

Federal Opportunities

Program Supports Arts for Youth in the Justice System

The Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth initiative supports high-quality arts programs to help reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, or other problem and high-risk behaviors.

Funding Available for Sports for Disabled Vets and Armed Forces Members

The Adaptive Sports Grant Program provides grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports activities for veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

New Belgium Bicycle Advocacy Grant Program

The New Belgium Bicycle Advocacy Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations in the United States, including Puerto Rico. The focus is on projects that break down barriers and foster support for riders of all ages and abilities, including, specifically, grassroots-level programs that focus on increasing daily ridership. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of \$16 Million for Pollution Prevention in Environmental Justice Communities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of \$16 million for two new grant opportunities to support states and Tribes in providing technical assistance to businesses seeking to develop and adopt pollution prevention (P2) practices that advance environmental justice in underserved communities. EPA has published two Request for Applications for P2 investments, which were made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities, and the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products programs.

“For too long, underserved communities have suffered the harmful effects of pollution across the country,” **said EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention Jennie Romer.** “President Biden’s investment in America is supercharging our efforts to protect more communities than ever before. These new grants will advance environmental justice by equipping American businesses with resources that save money, prevent pollution at the source, reduce the use of hazardous materials, and cut climate pollution.”

The United States produces billions of pounds of pollution each year and spends billions of dollars per year controlling this pollution. Preventing pollution at the source, also known as P2 or source reduction, rather than managing waste after it is produced, is an important part of advancing a sustainable economic and environmental infrastructure. P2 practices can reduce exposure to toxic chemicals, conserve natural resources, and reduce cleanup and financial costs for businesses, particularly for waste management and environmental liability. Practicing P2 is essential for protecting public health and improving environmental conditions in and around disadvantaged communities that have long been overburdened by pollution.

The two grant opportunities being announced today will provide up to \$16 million for state and Tribal programs to help businesses adopt pollution prevention practices to advance environmental justice. These grants will be fully funded at the time the grants are awarded, as is required by traditional P2 grants. Individual grant awards may range from \$100,000 to \$800,000 for the funding period, or up to \$1.2 million for multi-state or multi-Tribal projects.

- **The Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities** is a new P2 grant opportunity to support technical assistance for businesses to specifically target and improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities. Applications for this grant are due by June 6, 2023. Additional information is available at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) under Funding Opportunity Announcement EPA-I-OCSP-OPPT-FY2023-001.
- **The Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products** will support P2 technical assistance to businesses to increase the supply, demand and or use of safer and more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's [Safer Choice](https://www.epa.gov/safer-choice) program, or those that conform to EPA's [Recommendations for Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing](https://www.epa.gov/recommendations-for-specifications-standards-and-ecolabels-for-federal-purchasing). Applications for this grant are due by June 20, 2023. Additional information is available at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) under Funding Opportunity Announcement EPA-I-OCSP-OPPT-FY2023-002.

These two-year grants are a critical component of the Biden-Harris Administration's [Justice40 Initiative](https://www.epa.gov/justice40) which aims to deliver 40% of the overall benefits of climate, clean energy and other investments to disadvantaged communities. Selected grantees will not be required to provide matching funds for these grants.

Eligibility and Applications

For both grant funding opportunities, EPA requests that applicants target their projects to help communities overburdened by a legacy of pollution using geographic, demographic, environmental or other appropriate indicators. Disadvantaged communities can be identified through several publicly available mapping tools including:

- [The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#), a geospatial mapping tool developed by the Council on Environmental Quality;
- EPA's [EJScreen](#) which combines environmental and socioeconomic indicators in maps and reports; and
- The [P2 EJ Facility Mapping Tool](#) which allows users to identify industrial businesses located in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities

Eligible applicants include states, state entities such as universities, U.S. territories and possessions, and federally recognized Tribes and intertribal consortia. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider partnering with other P2 stakeholders and with community organizations to strengthen their ability to jointly develop and provide P2 technical assistance to businesses and facilitate the development, adoption, and dissemination of P2 solutions. Local governments, community groups, labeling organizations, and trade associations are not directly eligible to apply, but EPA encourages these groups to partner with eligible applicants.

Informational Webinars

EPA's national P2 Program will host four informational webinars to provide information on both grant opportunities, the P2 grant programs, and the application process. Time will be provided during the webinars for questions from participants, which include:

- **March 21, 2023, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET:** [Register here](#)
- **March 23, 2023, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET (for Tribal entities):** [Register here](#)
- **March 28, 2023, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET:** [Register here](#)
- **March 30, 2023, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET:** [Register here](#)

Tools and resources for prospective grantees, including webinars, writing guidance, networking tools, and helpful templates can be found on EPA's [P2 grants webpage](#).

Additional Background

EPA's P2 program has issued nearly 500 grants between 2011-2021, totaling more than \$50 million, which have helped businesses identify, develop and adopt P2 approaches. These approaches have resulted in eliminating 19.8 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, saving 49 billion gallons of water, reducing 917 million pounds of hazardous materials and pollutants, and saving of more than \$2.2 billion for business.

[Read more](#) about P2 and the P2 grant program.

Email p2hub@epa.gov with questions about P2 grants or for help applying for a P2 grant.

[U.S. Legal Empowerment Leadership Course](#)

Are you interested in promoting legal empowerment in your community? If so, you may want to apply to participate in the U.S. Legal Empowerment Leadership Course, which will be held by the Bernstein Institute for Human Rights at NYU Law in New York in October 2023. This course will bring together 45 to 50 community organizers, activists, lawyers, researchers, and students in the U.S. to gain a foundational understanding of legal empowerment, learn and build community with one another, and explore actions relevant to justice struggles. Applications must be submitted by April 3, 2023.



Meet the Speakers

Travel Nevada Rural Marketing Grants

Learn grant writing best practices, how to do a budget, where to find data and how to use it. This workshop will go over how to use the grant guidelines to write a better application, review the grant application question by question and reveal the most important question on the application.

Abigail Ortiz, Travel Nevada Industry Relations Specialist based in Northern Nevada, is the main point of contact for Travel Nevada's Reno-Tahoe Territory, Pony Express Territory, and Cowboy Country Territory. Abigail represents Travel Nevada at Domestic Sales events and is our US domestic and receptive strategies and product development. Abigail comes from outside the tourism industry; her positive personality and strong work ethic are essential for engaging with our rural partners, co-managing the grants, and co-producing Rural Roundup. Abigail has lived in Nevada her entire life. She is a fluent Spanish speaker with a Salvadorian background.



Abigail Ortiz, Industry Relations Specialist, Travel Nevada

For more information and to register for Nevada's 2023 Tribal Tourism Conference use the link below:

<https://www.aianta.org/nevada-tribal-tourism-conference/>

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Oklahoma State Handgame Tournament

•5/20/23 / Saturday •Watonga, OK Save the date!!

Meal & Registration 1PM
Draw 1:45 PM
1st place \$4,000 2nd place \$2,000 3rd \$200



Entry fee \$200

Free entry fee with three or more Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal members on team.

Team & Individual Awards

Best guesser: \$ TBA Best Hider: \$ TBA Queen \$ TBA King \$ TBA Best Banner \$ TBA
Best Dressed \$ TBA

For more information contact (405) 388 - 7654

World's Largest Organism Is Slowly Being Eaten, Scientist Says

<https://www.sciencealert.com/worlds-largest-organism-is-slowly-being-eaten-scientist-says>

Feds Slap Restrictions on More Than 1,000 Miles of Keystone Pipeline After Kansas Oil Spill

Celia Llopis-Jepsen, KCUR

Llopis-Jepsen writes: "Oil spills on the Keystone pipeline that runs from Canada to Texas are becoming more frequent and serious, federal regulators said Tuesday."

READ MORE

Ladies, don't let anybody ever tell you, "You are past your prime!" - Michelle Yeoh