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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$177 Million for 17 New Technical Assistance Centers Across the Nation to Help Communities Access Historic Investments to Advance Environmental Justice

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the selection of 17 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy that will receive \$177 million to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country access funds from President Biden's Investing in America agenda, including historic investments to advance environmental justice.

Administrator Regan announced the 17 technical assistance centers on the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America tour in New York City, New York with Congressman Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) and WE ACT for Environmental Justice Co-Founder & Executive Director Peggy Shepard, highlighting the President's historic investments in environmental justice. From day one of his administration, President Biden made achieving environmental justice a top priority. Through the Investing in America agenda, the Biden-Harris Administration will continue to support and strengthen communities that for too long were left out and left behind.

"We know that so many communities across the nation have the solutions to the environmental challenges they face. Unfortunately, many have lacked access or faced barriers when it comes to the crucial federal resources needed to deliver these solutions," **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. "Today we're taking another step to break down these barriers. Establishing these Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers across the nation will ensure all communities can access benefits from the President's historic economic plan, which includes groundbreaking investments in clean air, clean water, and our clean energy future."

Each of the technical assistance centers will receive at least \$10 million to remove barriers and improve accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns. With this critical investment, these centers will provide training and other assistance to build capacity for navigating federal grant application systems, writing strong grant proposals, and effectively managing grant funding. In addition, these centers will provide guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants, thus removing barriers and improving accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns. Each of the technical assistance centers will also create and manage communication channels to ensure all communities have direct access to resources and information.

EPA will deliver these resources in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy, whose funding allows the EJ TCTACs to provide support for identifying community opportunities for clean energy transition and financing options, including public-private partnerships supporting clean energy demonstration, deployment, workforce development and outreach opportunities that advance energy justice objectives.

The formation of the EJ technical assistance centers is in direct response to feedback from communities and environmental justice leaders who have long called for technical assistance and capacity building support for communities and their partners as they work to access critical federal resources. The 17 centers will provide comprehensive coverage for the entire United

States through a network of over 160 partners including community-based organizations, additional academic institutions, and Environmental Finance Centers, so that more communities can access federal funding opportunities like those made available through President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

EPA has selected the following 14 organizations to serve as Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers, along with their partners:

- University of Connecticut
- West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus
- National Wildlife Federation
- Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
- Research Triangle Institute
- Blacks in Green
- University of Minnesota
- New Mexico State University
- Wichita State University
- University of Arizona
- San Diego State University
- Willamette Partnership
- University of Washington

In addition, EPA has selected three national EJ TCTACs that will provide additional assistance across the country, with particular capacity to assist Tribes, including:

- International City/County Management Association
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- National Indian Health Board

Additional award information for each selectee will be announced in Summer 2023.

The EJTCTAC program is part of the Federal Interagency Thriving Communities Network and delivers on the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative to ensure that 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. The new technical assistance centers will help ensure communities with environmental justice concerns can access President Biden's historic investments in America to address generational disinvestment, legacy pollution, infrastructure challenges, and build a clean energy economy that will lower energy costs, strengthen our energy security, and meet our climate goals.

Today's announcement builds on the \$100 million announced earlier this year under the <u>Environmental Justice Government to Government Program</u> and the <u>Environmental Justice</u> <u>Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program</u>, with applications due on April 14, 2023. EPA has also announced \$550 million through the <u>Environmental Justice Thriving</u> <u>Communities Grantmaking Program</u>, with applications due May 31, 2023.

Learn more about the selectees, their partners, and the EJ TCTAC program. Learn more about environmental justice at EPA.

STCU commits \$250K for area scholarships https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/

apr/13/stcu-commits-250k-for-area-scholarships/

Tribe warns US government against moving ahead with mine

https://www.masslive.com/native_american_news/2023/04/tribe_warns_us_ government_against_moving_ahead_with_mine.html

Tribes want US protection for areas next to the Grand Canyon

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<u>New Research Rewrites</u> <u>the History of American</u> <u>Horses</u>

Spokane Public Schools delays decision on final name for new downtown sports stadium amid tribal concerns

https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/apr/13/spokane-public-schools-delays-decision-on-final-na/

Why the removal of the Klamath dams is so damn important

https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/why-klamath-dam-removal-projectmatters-17894000.php

In more higher ed news: CalMatters' new community college reporter <u>Adam Echelman</u> details a little-known federal program that thousands of eligible Californians <u>do not utilize every year</u>. **Known as Ability to Benefit,** the financial aid program allows students who don't have a high school degree to access aid money if they are enrolled in both GED and college classes at the same time.

About 340,000 Californians who don't have a high school diploma took some form of adult education in 2021, according to the California Community College Chancellor's office. But as many as 90% of the same adults did not take advantage of this federal aid in the same year.

The reasons for the low participation rate are complicated, <u>Adam explains</u>: Poor federal oversight has led to the historical exploitation of the aid program by for-profit colleges. To rein in abuse, Congress restricted eligibility, leaving community officials confused about who exactly can access the benefit. But with student expenses <u>averaging to about \$12,000 a year</u> (not to mention the cost of college tuition itself), California students can't afford to be shut out of another source for financial aid.

Navajo Nation's long quest for water and for the federal government to keep its promises - ends up at Supreme Court

The tribe says an 1868 treaty means the federal government has a duty to ensure its people have sufficient water on a reservation where thousands do not have running water. Sharon Chischilly for NBC News

NAVAJO NATION, N.M. — Her hands gripping the steering wheel, Marilyn Help-Hood gingerly drove her rugged Ford pickup truck along rutted unpaved roads, occasionally sliding in the mud, in search of one thing: water.

After a bumpy 4-mile drive in the eastern reaches of the Navajo Nation reservation in Twin Lakes, New Mexico, she arrived at her local well. Helped by her son Shane, 31, Help-Hood attached a hose to a tap at the base of the well and began filling a plastic barrel in the back of her truck with the untreated water.

Help-Hood, 66, has no running water at her small one-story home and needs to regularly replenish her supplies for drinking, cooking, washing dishes and feeding her small collection of sheep, horses and dogs. Even cleaning dishes is a complicated procedure without the benefit of turning on the tap, involving two different basins of water, one for washing and one for rinsing.

Trips like the one she made one day last week are a feature of life on the reservation, where thousands of the roughly 170,000 people who live there do not have running water. Read More @ NBC News

FMY VIEW by Ernie C. Salgado, Jr.,

For many of you reading the caption and first four paragraphs of this article may not be aware of the inhumanities the American Indian people have suffered under the "protection" of the United States Government, which continues to this day and age.

Although this article is about one tribe there are many more that are living without an adequate domestic water supply and not to mention substandard housing and health care.

There is not one ac-ceptable or justifiable reason for the Navajo Nation or any other Tribal Government to be forced to go through the legal system at its highest level, the supreme court to force the U.S. Government bureaucracy to comply with the laws and Treaty Rights that are protected under the U.S. Constitution.

Justice Neil Gorsuch is the only one of the six Republican Justices to support Tribal Rights. While Roberts, Thomas and Kavanaugh appear to be strongly opposed to American Indian Tribal Rights and although Alito votes with them he might take another look as Tribal Rights. Justice Amy Coney Barrett is currently on the fence on this case and hopefully she will join Gorsuch and consider Indian Law as opposed to political bias. For example, in the most resent court rulings regarding State vs Tribal jurisdiction in Oklahoma, Kavanaugh stated that if congress wanted the tribes to have that jurisdiction it would have enacted legislation.

This is exactly what congress did in 1953 with P.L. 280, which has been amended to strengthen tribal jurisdiction over the 69-years.

This is how tribal sovereignty, jurisdiction and treaty rights have been diminished by the supreme county over the past two centuries, by simply ignoring the laws and making their rulings to appease the political powers as well as outright conflict of interest.

And once again another American Indian Tribal Government in embroiled in a shameful and costly litigation to force the U.S, Government to honor another broken promise.

The Navajo Treaty states that the U.S. Government shall provide all the resources the tribe may need to become self sufficient, yet the GOPJustices cling to the absents of the word "Water" in the treaty to justify their political ideology.

Regardless of a treaty or no treaty, 170,000 American citizens are living without a safe domestic water delivery system.

The nitpicking and total disregard for the basic human rights of the Navajo people demand they honor the U.S. Constitution, which specifically states that all treaties with the North American Indian Tribes shall be valid and honored. It also includes the treaties made prior to the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

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The US and Canadian Indian Periodicals, June 1971 .:

by John Price, Programme in the Anthropology of Complex Societies, York University Dovmsview, Ontario, Canada

Edited by Richard G. Woods/Arthur M. Harkins

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New clues suggest people reached the Americas around 30,000 years ago Ancient rabbit bones from a Mexican rock-shelter point to humans arriving on the continent as much as 10,000 years earlier than often assumed.

Scholarships with May 15 - 16 Deadline

Abbie Sargent Memorial Scholarship	Varies	05/15/2023
AGA Boston Chapter Walter Frese Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
AGL Over the Rainbow Scholarship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Alpha Gamma Rho Horticulture Scholarship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Bill Cowden Memorial Aviation Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
Blue Umbrella Waterproofing & Foundations Scholarship Fund	\$500	05/15/2023
Brittany Bowers Beauty & Brains Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
Chester Burger Scholarship for Excellence in Public Relations	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Cory L. Richards Memorial Scholarship	\$15,000	05/15/2023
Delaware Educational Benefits for Children of Deceased Veterans and Others	Varies	05/15/2023
Delaware Educator Support Scholarship	\$5,000	05/15/2023
Delaware Scholarship Incentive Program	\$4,000	05/15/2023
Empower Her Scholarship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Ethan Saylor Memorial Scholarship	\$500	05/15/2023
Gary Yoshimura Scholarship	\$2,400	05/15/2023
Houston Marathon Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant	\$20,000	05/15/2023
IMEG STEM Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
In Honor of Susan Miyoko Horstmann Scholarship	\$2,000	05/15/2023
Indiana Trail Running Association	\$500	05/15/2023
Jennings Scholarship	\$50,000	05/15/2023
John D. Graham Scholarship	\$3,000	05/15/2023
Keisha Bodden Scholarship	\$500	05/15/2023
Kimberly Coffey Foundation Memorial Nursing Scholarship	Varies	05/15/2023
Laurels Fund Scholarship	\$5,000	05/15/2023
Marcia Quick Gard Theatre Arts Scholarship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
May C. Randazzo Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000	05/15/2023
Mosaic Ministries Scholarship	\$25,000	05/15/2023
National Cherry Queen Program	\$12,500	05/15/2023
New Mexico Engineering Foundation Scholarship	\$2,500	05/15/2023
New York State Restaurant Association Scholarships	\$2,000	05/15/2023
NHSC Scholarship Program	Varies	05/15/2023

Ofield Dukes Multicultural Student Award	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship	Varies	05/15/2023
Oregon Music Hall of Fame Scholarship	\$2,500	05/15/2023
Paul Bernot Memorial Foundation Scholarship	\$3,000	05/15/2023
Phoenix Pride Scholarship	\$5,000	05/15/2023
PRSA Diversity Multicultural Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
Robin M. Urbanski Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Ron Culp Scholarship for Mentorship	\$1,000	05/15/2023
Salix Gastrointestinal Health Scholars Award	\$10,000	05/15/2023
SEE Education Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	05/15/2023
Soozie Courter Hemophilia Scholarship Program	Varies	05/15/2023
Stephen D. Pisinski Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000	05/15/2023
The DYMON Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
The Eye-Bank STEM Scholarship in Memory of James Fabian, Esq.	\$3,000	05/15/2023
The Eye-Bank Young Ambassador Scholarship	\$3,000	05/15/2023
The Eye-Bank Young Ambassador Scholarship in Memory of Christopher Nordquist	\$3,000	05/15/2023
The Foundation Scholarship Fund	\$2,000	05/15/2023
The Hubbard Scholarship	\$3,000	05/15/2023
The Trotter Project's Farmer Lee Jones Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
The Trotter Project's Homaro Cantu Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
The Trotter Project's Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
The Walter J. Travis Society Scholarships	\$1,000	05/15/2023
USA Lacrosse Tewaaraton Native American Scholarship	\$10,000	05/15/2023
Wilmington Women in Business Fresh Start Scholarship	Varies	05/15/2023
Windham Regional Woodlands Association Scholarship	\$3,000	05/15/2023
Wisconsin Architects Foundation Out-of-State Study Scholarship	\$1,500	05/15/2023
AMA Houston Penny Todd Scholarship	\$5,000	05/16/2023
Arizona Elk Society Annual Youth Scholarships	Varies	05/16/2023
Presbyterian Study Grant	\$6,000	05/16/2023

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Our Tribal Customs, Traditions & Values Keep Us Strong Recruitment Social Media Post My name is Kevin Speir, and I am a doctoral student at Northcentral University. I am conducting a research study to explore American Indians' perceptions of Indigenous Historical Traum and engagement with native culture in the era of tribal casino income.

I am recruiting individuals who meet all of these criteria:

• Being a tribal member and receiving per capita income from gaming operations for a minimum of five years, and willing to participate in a video recorded face to face interview.

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to do the following activities:

• Participate in a one-on-one online interview over zoom for 45 to 60 minutes, and review your transcript via email for 10-15 minutes.

During these activities, you will be asked questions about:

• Your tribal identification, education, employment and marital status, ethnic identity and involvement with American Indian and White cultures;

• your experiences with a casino operating on your Nation's reservation and the presence of casino tourism; your experiences of Indigenous Historical Trauma,

• and your feelings about the positive or negative effects of per capita income and cultural engagement on coping with Historical Trauma.

Participants in this study will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate via email after the view.

If you are interested in participating in this study, or have questions, please contact me by email at kevinspeir@rocketmail.com or by telephone at (951) 514-7911. Thank you! Kevin Speir

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Technological innovation and the welfare of our country are tightly linked. If we want to shape and protect our future—avert the climate crisis, accelerate the transition to green energy, modernize America's crumbling transit system and infrastructure—we must creatively deploy technology and use it in an equitable way. How can we use tech as a force for good? One way is to equip the government with the fiercest, sharpest tech talent.

Unfortunately, not enough people with cutting-edge tech skills are interested in working in the government. Here's a troubling fact: only four percent of information technology workers in the federal government are under the age of 30, while over half are approaching retirement.

That's where LevelUp Gov comes in. LevelUp Gov is a national contest to collect fresh, bold messages to get people with technology skills to pursue careers in government.

We received creative marketing campaigns from members of Gen Z with a passion for public service and a flair for marketing, social media, and design. After evaluation from a diverse pool of judges and rigorous market testing, we are excited to honor two winners, two runners up, and three honorable mentions. <u>https://www.volckeralliance.org/levelupgov</u>



Aysanabee and Northern Cree play the 2023 Juno awards

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"Don't be afraid to follow yourdreams.""

Less than a year after recording artistAysanabee released his first album,

Northern Cree and Aysanabee played at the Juno Awards, the largest stage Canada has to offer.

"Northern Cree family is very happy to behere representing Treaty 6 territory on Treaty 6 territory," said Joel Wood, afour-time Juno- and Grammy-nominated Cree artist from Maskwacis, Alta.

Evan Pang, better known as Aysanabee, was working for CTV News before he traded in his reporter's notebook for the recording studio.

The first song the groups played started with a hologram projecting the testimony of his grandfather about growing up in McIntosh Residential School in north-western Ontario.

"I made the album as a way to remembermy grandfather and his stories," Aysanabee told reporters after his performance on Monday night.

The Oji-Cree, who is Sucker Clan from Sandy Lake First Nation north of Thunder Bay, released an album in November 2022. From then his rise to fame has been meteoric.

Source: Our Native Connection, Charlene Valenzuella * Tribal Member Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, So.CA

Take a Peek Inside the Candy Wrapper Museumn

Your trash is my treasure—and a sweet reminder of the past. Darlene Lacey, <u>Zócalo Public</u> <u>Square</u>

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Activating the Learning Potential of Digitized Museum Objects with the Smithsonian Learning Lab

Native missing persons bill passes Assembly committee

Assembly Bill 125 would ask law enforcement agencies to accept a report of a missing person from a tribal reservation or colony to enter into the National Crime Information Center.

While some students skip college, trade programs are booming

It's almost 4 p.m. at the Nashville branch of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, and the students in the auto collision repair night class are just starting their school day. A third, Cheven Jones, is taking a break from working on his 2003 Lexus IS 300 to chat with some classmates. While almost every sector of higher education has fewer students registering for classes, many trade programs are thriving.

Editorial: California lacks enforceable water rights system

Bills would give the state greater authority to manage and address waste and illegal water usehttps://www.mercurynews.com/2023/04/15/editorial-california-should-reform-outdated-water-rights-system/?

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A traditional potluck dinner to follow. All food donations appreciated. Nixon Gymnasium is located at 301 Nixon Hwy 447, Nixon, Nevada