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"...somewhere up there are stars so old that those dinosaurs may have looked up and seen them, too."

Among the stark wildness of northeastern Utah's yellow and red plateaued desert is a lot of weirdness, too. This particular corner of the state is a uniquely strange spot where the past, the present and the imagination collide.

Home to Skinwalker Ranch, Nine Mile Canyon, ghost towns, otherworldly rock features and dinosaur quarries, this part of the state is as much an existential space as it is an extraterrestrial one, prompting one to wonder: where do we come from, what will we leave behind, where are we going and who, if anyone, is watching? https://www.visitutah.com/Articles/Unknown-Otherworldly-Near-Vernal

How an indigenous group is keeping Indonesia's rainforest alive

https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/05/01/indonesia-rain-forest-guardians/

Nevada Work Ready Communities

Employers across the country report that stacks of applications for only a handful of open positions often overwhelm them. You need a quick way to pinpoint individuals with essential, verifiable workplace skills. The <u>ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)</u> is your solution. Whether your business is large or small, you will be able to attract, retain, and develop a workforce with the education and foundational skills to succeed in the 21st century.

The <u>Nevada Work Ready Communities (NvWRC)</u> initiative provides Nevada with a framework to validate a skilled and work-ready workforce.

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T.H.R.I.V.E. Emerging Leaders Reimagined

The SBA T.H.R.I.V.E. Emerging Leaders Reimagined program takes you on a journey of learning to lead yourself and ultimately translates that knowledge into leading others. It will equip you with skills to overcome the constraints of your business' growth and help you to step forward with a new perspective on leading your team to success. Enhance your leadership abilities, acquire MBA-equivalent knowledge, benefit from personalized business guidance, and establish connections with a group of entrepreneurs, consultants, and specialists.

Applications are due on May 8th, 2023.

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gener8tor is a nationally ranked accelerator that invests in only five companies per program. Accepted startups receive \$100K and 12 weeks of mentorship-driven programming. This is an industry-agnostic and business model-agnostic program. They accept ALL types of startups across ALL industries ALL business models and ALL geographies. The selected five companies will need to be in Reno for the duration of the program, and maintain a meaningful presence in the state of Nevada for a year afterward.

gener8tor supports your growth through their network of experienced mentors, technologists, corporate partners, angel investors and venture capitalists.

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<u>Funding Opportunity Announcement: Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Grants</u>

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced a funding opportunity of \$5 million for up to 14 grants to attract and support women in Registered Apprenticeship Programs and industries where they are underrepresented such as construction, manufacturing, and cybersecurity.

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### **HUD Section 4 Capacity Building Grants**

The purpose of the Section 4 program is to develop the capacity and technical capabilities of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit individuals and families with low-incomes (80% AMI or <). Funding is made available through HUD's Section 4 grant program. The purpose of this grant funding is to support organizations with resources to promote organizational stability and increased capacity to carry out community development and affordable housing programs and business operations. Who Should Apply for this Grant Opportunity? CDCs, CHDOs, Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), Tribal Housing Authorities, and Native CDFIs working in rural and tribal communities. RFP for rural & tribal communities HERE. Applications for organizations supporting tribal and rural communities will close on 4/28/2023.

# **New High-Speed Internet Guide Highlights Unprecedented Funding to Support Underserved Communities**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development published a new guidebook for states and organizations to consider when deploying high-speed Internet service projects. The guide will help Public Housing Authorities, Multifamily Owners and Operators, and **Tribes** understand the mechanics of these two programs and the role they can play in ensuring that funds come to their neighborhoods – both urban and rural. The \$65 billion **Internet for All initiative** is administered by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA). NTIA oversees the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) and the Digital Equity Act programs. BEAD will provide \$42.45 billion to help connect unserved and underserved locations across the country, and the Digital Equity programs will provide another \$2.75 billion to help communities around the country provide devices, digital skills training and other activities to help underserved communities fully participate in the digital world.

# **Program Support Assistant (OA)** GS-07, until May 16, 2023.

The Library of Congress is accepting applications for Program Support Assistant (OA), This position is located in the Office of Business Enterprises, Library Enterprises. The Office of Business Enterprises (BE) supports the cost recovery operations of the Library of Congress. The incumbent works under the general supervision of the Head, Duplication Services Section and is responsible for effective product and service delivery of Duplication Services. Duplication Services provides expanded access to the collections of the Library of Congress through a wide

variety of high-quality reproduction services. information.

# Scholarships (N-Z) with June 1 Deadlines

|                                                                                | \$1,500 06/01/2023 |
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| NVM Scholarships                                                               | Varies 06/01/2023  |
| Park Foundation Scholarship                                                    | Varies 06/01/2023  |
| PRCUA Fraternal Scholarship                                                    | Varies 06/01/2023  |
| Pugh Scholarship - Michigan Residents                                          | \$2,500 06/01/2023 |
| Rees Scholarship Foundation - HVACR and Water Heating Technician Program       | \$2,000 06/01/2023 |
| Robert J Frankel Scholarship                                                   | \$5,000 06/01/2023 |
| Skillionaire Games Scholarship: RadLabSC                                       | \$1,000 06/01/2023 |
| Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship                                        | \$3,500 06/01/2023 |
| Southeastern Community College Foundation Scholarships                         | Varies 06/01/2023  |
| TCA College Scholarships                                                       | \$600 06/01/2023   |
| The Club Foundation Joe Perdue Scholarship                                     | \$2,500 06/01/2023 |
| The John Galt Scholarship for Future Supply Chain Leaders                      | \$10,00 06/01/2023 |
| The Patrick S. O'Neale, PE Engineering Scholarship                             | \$1,000 06/01/2023 |
| The Virginia W. Smith Scholarship                                              | \$2,500 06/01/2023 |
| Thomas Seefred Trust Scholarship                                               | \$3,000 06/01/2023 |
| UAIC Native American Scholarship Program                                       | Varies 06/01/2023  |
| Underrepresented in Medicine Visiting Student Scholarship                      | \$1,000 06/01/2023 |
| Unity Lodge 3 Scholarship                                                      | \$1,000 06/01/2023 |
| University of Arizona Tuition Award                                            | \$140,0 06/01/2023 |
| University of Arizona Wildcat Tuition Award                                    | \$50,00 06/01/2023 |
| William J. Schulz Memorial Essay Contest for College-Bound High School Seniors | \$3,500 06/01/2023 |
| WIRE Jenny Ballard Opportunity Scholarship                                     | \$2,500 06/01/2023 |
| Woodwork Institute CE Bernhauer Jr. Scholarship                                | \$2,500 06/01/2023 |
| Zonta Milwaukee Scholarships                                                   | \$1,000 06/01/2023 |
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#### Welcome to Verizon Small Business Digital Ready

Our program helps small businesses thrive by offering free and quick online business courses on marketing, finance, efficiency and more, as well as networking and expert coaching.

**Grant application is now open.** Register for Digital Ready, complete any combination of two courses, coaching events, and community events, and apply by May 12, 2023. Register



Vintage History

Every time a person crunches into a potato chip, he or she is enjoying the delicious taste of one of the world's most famous snacks – a treat that might not exist without the contribution of black/ Indian inventor George Crum.

George Speck (also called George Crum 1824–1914) was a man of mixed ancestry, including St. Regis (Akwesasne) Mohawk Indian, African-American, and possibly German. He worked as a hunter, guide, and cook in the Adirondacks, who became renowned for his culinary skills after being hired at Moon's Lake House on Saratoga Lake, near Saratoga Springs, New York.

Speck's specialities included wild game, especially venison and duck, and he often experimented in the kitchen. During the 1850s, while working at Moon's Lake House in the midst of a dinner rush, Speck tried slicing the potatoes extra thin and dropping it into the deep hot fat of the frying pan. Thus was born the potato chip.

Wicks (Specks Sister) later recalled the **invention of the potato chip** as an accident: she had "chipped off a piece of the potato which, by the merest accident, fell into the pan of fat. She fished it out with a fork and set it down upon a plate beside her on the table." Her brother tasted it, declared it good, and said, "We'll have plenty of these."

Speck, however, was the one who popularized the potato chip, first as a cook at Moon's and then in his own place. By 1860, Speck had opened his own restaurant, called Crum's, on Storey Hill in

nearby Malta, New York. His cuisine was in high demand among Saratoga Springs' tourists and elites: "His prices were...those of the fashionable New York restaurants, but his food and service were worth it... Everything possible was raised on his own small farm, and that, too, got his personal attention whenever he could arrange it." According to popular accounts, he was said to include a basket of chips on every table. One contemporaneous source recalls that in his restaurant, Speck was unquestionably the man in charge: "His rules of procedure were his own. They were very strict, and being an Indian, he never departed from them. In the slang of the racecourse, he "played no favorites." Guests were obliged to wait their turn, the millionaire as well as the wage-earner. Mr. Vanderbilt once was obliged to wait an hour and a half for a meal...With none but rich pleasure-seekers as his guests, Crum kept his tables laden with the best of everything, and for it all charged Delmonico prices.

You wonder about the name change? The story goes like this: One of the regular customers at Moon's was Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, although he savored the food, could never seem to remember Speck's name. On one occasion, he called a waiter over to ask "Crum," "How long before we shall eat?" Rather than take offense, Speck decided to embrace the nickname, figuring that, "A crumb is bigger than a speck." Though Crum never attempted to patent hisinvention, the snack was eventually mass-produced and sold in bags – providing thousands of jobs nationwide.

Photo of George Speck with "Aunt Kate" Wicks.

Jonathan the tortoise turns 188 today. He's the oldest living land animal alive.



#### **GrantStation**

# **National Opportunitie**

### **Support Addresses Health Inequities Nationwide**

The Elevance Health Foundation, formerly the Anthem Foundation, strives to improve the health of humanity by addressing health inequalities and strengthening communities in the United States.

#### Grants Totaling \$5 Million Benefit Communities in the U.S. and Canada

Chick-fil-A's True Inspiration Awards support nonprofit organizations making an impact in their local communities in the United States, including Puerto Rico, and Canada.

# **Recorded Sound Preservation Projects and Music-Related Research Funded**

The GRAMMY Museum Grants Program provides support for efforts that advance the archiving and preservation of the music and recorded sound heritage of North America, and research projects related to the impact of music on the human condition.

#### **Micro Grants Promote Unconventional Learning Environments**

VELA Education Fund aims to support entrepreneurs who are reimagining education.

# **Regional Opportunities**

#### Funds Available for Oklahoma Organizations Offering Legal Services

The Oklahoma Bar Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations aiding Oklahoma's most legally vulnerable citizens with the aim of improving fair and equal access to the justice system for everyone.

# Efforts Improving Healthcare Access Supported in DE, MD, PA, and DC

The Together for CHANGE (Changing Health Access for Next Generation Equity) program aims to advance health equity and improve access to quality healthcare for people experiencing disadvantages due to their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and more.

#### **Small Grants Aid Public School Music and Arts Programs in 44 States**

The California Casualty Music & Arts Grant provides support for K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets whose music and arts programs are in jeopardy or in great need of funding.

#### Maine Children's Health Initiatives Funded

The Sadie and Harry Davis Foundation seeks to improve the health of Maine's children.

#### **Federal Opportunities**

# Support Provided for Humanities Material Preservation and Dissemination

The Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program supports projects that provide an essential underpinning for scholarship, education, and public engagement in the humanities.

#### **Program Helps Refugees**

The Ethnic Community Self Help Program seeks to provide refugee populations with critical services to assist them in becoming integrated members of American society.

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United Nations Alliance of Civilizations: Youth Solidarity Fund

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) aims to improve understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples across cultures and to reduce polarization at local and global levels. Through the current call for projects, UNAOC's Youth Solidarity Fund welcomes proposals that support young people in eligible developing countries as they take up the causes of cultural and religious pluralism, peace, and mutual respect. Learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

The Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation is dedicated almost exclusively to fostering the production and appreciation of the contemporary arts, particularly the visual arts. To accomplish this, the Foundation provides grants to organizations in support of special projects which offer the public insights into the range of contemporary art being created by all populations in all media. Such special projects include: exhibitions of contemporary art; publications, e.g., exhibition catalogues, periodicals, brochures and publications related to the organization and its programs; acquisitions of contemporary art for the organization's permanent collection; visiting artist programs; filmmaking projects; and special events associated with contemporary art programs.

The Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation supports projects which are of high quality, thoroughly conceived, and pertinent to the community of the grantee organization. The Foundation's objectives are to advance the work of emerging and mid-career artists who are underrecognized, to provide exposure of contemporary art where it may not otherwise be seen, and to promote awareness of the collections of grantee organizations.

Application/LOI Deadline and Process

The annual LOI deadline is October 31st, and reviewed in spring of the following year. An LOI should include the following:

- A letter of no more than one page describing the organization and the activity for which funds are being requested
- A project budget
- A copy of the organization's 501(c)3 status or the fiscal sponsor
- All materials should be sent to Cheryl Anhava, Program Officer, <u>cheryl.b.anhava@jpmorgan.com</u> (cc <u>info@efgfoundation.com</u>) with the subject title EFG LOI.

Please do not submit any additional material with your LOI.

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New Grant Program: Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings EPA is seeking applications for the new federal Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program which will support enhancing wildfire smoke preparedness in community buildings. The program will provide grants and cooperative agreements to States, federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations for the assessment, prevention, control, or abatement of wildfire smoke hazards in community buildings and related activities.

EPA anticipates awarding approximately 13-18 grants, ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000. Approximately one third of the available funds will go to smaller awards (\$100,000 up to \$350,000), and the rest is available for larger awards (\$350,000 up to \$2,000,000.) Funded assistance agreements will have up to 3-year periods of performance.

Applications due May 9th, 2023

Click here to apply!

Please Note: All applicants must have an active <u>SAM.gov</u> and <u>Grants.gov</u> registration in order to apply for a grant under this program. You should register in these systems now if you think you may apply for a federal grant. The process can take a month or more for new registrants. <u>Find more information about how to register.</u>

Learn more about the Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings grant program.

Raising Livestock with Rez Chicks



Founding members of Rez Chicks Fresh Eggs Cooperative: Deborah Harris, Katherine Minthorn, Rachelle Morrison, Paula Wallis (absent)

"Historically, Indian women have always been the providers of the food," said Katherine Minthorn, Intertribal Agriculture Council Technical Assistance Specialist and an owner of Rez Chicks Fresh Eggs Cooperative. "Feeding families— as the berry pickers, root diggers, when drying fruits, vegetables, and the meats even— that has always been in the hands or on the backs of the women."

Rez Chicks is a women-owned and Native-owned business in Pendleton, OR, on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. As founding members, Deborah Harris, Katherine Minthorn, Rachelle "Shelley" Morrison, and Paula Wallis identified a need in their community during stock outages at the beginning of the pandemic. The founding members prioritized raising livestock for production to solve the food availability problem and strengthen food sovereignty.

In April 2020, Rachelle Morrison ordered 28 chicks online. Although they did not have a background in raising chickens, research taught them how to raise free-range chickens and process fresh eggs. Rez Chicks began purchasing the necessary equipment to ensure sanitary conditions and protection for the chickens. On building security following dog attacks on the coop, Minthorn chuckled and said, "It might as well be a prison."

Locally, they made connections to sell eggs as they built their clientele through word-of-mouth marketing. Production increased at a scale that necessitated recognition as a formal cooperative.

By the spring of 2021, Rez Chicks filed with the State of Oregon and received the proper licensure as an established business.

As women who tell our stories, Rez Chicks exemplifies the fortitude of Native women central to agricultural food production. They are dedicated to sharing this work with future generations, and their children assist with production. For strong matriarchs, the continuation of agriculture within their own Tribe and family is truly gratifying.

"It is uplifting to have that support and have someone come to help you," said Minthorn.

EPA Proposes New Standards to Protect Public Health, Reduce Exposure to Ethylene Oxide Pollution

On April 11, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced proposed new nationwide protections to reduce risks from Ethylene Oxide (EtO), including reducing the amount of EtO that facilities can emit into the outdoor air and additional protections for community members and workers.

If finalized, EPA's proposals are estimated to cut EtO emissions to the air from commercial sterilization facilities by 80% per year and apply more protective standards to control those emissions under the law. Together, these proposals will provide a comprehensive approach to addressing EtO pollution concerns, including cancer risk, that will increase safety in communities and for workers while providing a path to maintain a robust supply chain for sterilized medical equipment.

The proposal advances President Biden's commitment to ending cancer as we know it as part of the Cancer Moonshot and the Administration's commitment to securing environmental justice and protecting public health, including for communities that are most exposed to toxic chemicals.

Additional information is available in the press release and on the EtO website.

Upcoming EPA Activities

EPA will

be holding a national webinar about these two proposals on May 1, 2023 at 8PM eastern. All are invited. A recording of the webinar will be posted on EPA's website for those who cannot attend.

EPA will also be holding virtual public hearings on the Clean Air Act proposal on May 2-3, 2023. Those wishing to provide oral testimony will be given a time slot to speak. Information about how to provide written comments is below.

For more information about these proposals and how to register for these events, please visit https://www.epa.gov/eto

How to Provide Written Comments on these Proposals

Clean Air Act Proposal

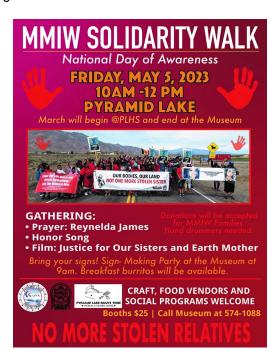
- Comments on the Clean Air Act proposed rule should be identified by Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:
- Online: Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for submitting your comments.
- E-mail: Send comments by email to <u>a-and-r-docket@epa.gov</u>, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178. Please include the docket number in the subject line of your email message.
- Fax: You may fax your comments to: (202) 566-9744, Attention Docket ID. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178.

- Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mail Code 28221T, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.
- Hand delivery/courier delivery: EPA Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA WJC West Building, 1301
 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178. Please note that hand/courier deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

FIFRA Proposal

- Comments on the proposed interim decision and/or the draft risk assessment addendum should be identified by Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0244 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:
 - Online: Go to <u>www.regulations.gov</u> and follow the instructions for submitting your comments.
 - Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mail Code 28221T, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0244, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.
 - Hand delivery/courier delivery: EPA Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA WJC West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0244. Please note that hand/courier deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

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Reno Patch:

Do you know an incredible mom you'd like the rest of Reno to know about, too? Maybe it's your mom — or your daughter, a friend who's a mom or someone who steps up like a mom for the people in her life. Whoever it is, we want to hear about her! Just fill out this simple form and we'll do the rest.