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“Merciless Indian Savages”

Some reflections as families come together during this long weekend in what is recognized as a federal holiday; The Fourth of July:

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on the Fourth of July in 1776. We, as Americans, are all too familiar with the statement from the Declaration which states “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal” —yet, lines below refers to Native Americans, who we all know are the first inhabitants and stewards of this land, as “merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions”. It is clear, that “all men are created equal” does not include the Native Americans who are clearly perceived as subhuman to the United States of America’s founding fathers. The roots of injustice in the United States of America is written for the entire world to read: **Merciless. Indian. Savages.**

The reality is that the United States exists because the land was colonized by means of degrading, looting, enslaving and committing mass cultural genocide of Indigenous peoples. In fact, with the emergence of the United States of America, the flag we salute today was viewed by many as conflict, death, and destruction to the sacred and cultural American Indian way of life. Native populations decreased, as did traditional homelands, and cultural ceremonies. Many battles and forcible removal of Indian people from their traditional land is what this nation was founded on: from Battle of Wounded Knee; Battle of Steptoe; Battle of Little Big Horn; to Indian Removal Act; the Trail of Tears—to name a few. Ironically, according to the Smithsonian Museum of American Indian, federal agents allowed Indians who lived on reservations to conduct ceremonies on the 4th of July— as a way to have Indians learn about patriotism and celebrate the United States.

As a result, a large number of tribal powwows and cultural celebrations occur during this time today. In fact, many tribal communities use this time to celebrate and honor American Indian veterans. This is seen during flag songs, veteran songs and victory songs we listen and dance to during Grand Entry at powwows. This is a reminder that Native Americans have served the military and armed forces at the highest rate of any ethnic group, including in world wars when they were not granted or recognized to be American citizens.

My call to action is simple, as you light your fireworks and celebrate this federal holiday, let us remember the Indigenous people of this land who bore the wrath of what this federal holiday represents. Let us honor the Merciless Indian Savages.

An excerpt of this piece can be read in Aspen Institute’s [Citizenship and American Identity](#) program’s piece [10 Moments and Movements to Help You Confront Systemic Racism in America](#).

Artwork called “Decolonize” was created by [Kami Jo Whiteclay](#) for Creative Native Call for Art.

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**By the late 19th century, fireworks had become directly linked with patriotic holidays. An industry had developed to supply revelers with everything from roman candles to shotgun-launched exploding shells. As both children and adults had easy access to miniature explosives, tetanus cases increased – and became known as "patriotic tetanus", "Fourth of July tetanus" or "patriotic lockjaw".** (Smithsonian)

## UC Berkeley Holds Thousands of Native Remains Despite Repatriation Requests

[https://truthout.org/articles/uc-berkeley-holds-thousands-of-native-remains-despite-repatriation-requests/?mc\\_cid=fb1fc176d8&mc\\_eid=02e35d5ddd](https://truthout.org/articles/uc-berkeley-holds-thousands-of-native-remains-despite-repatriation-requests/?mc_cid=fb1fc176d8&mc_eid=02e35d5ddd)



### DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program

**Open Date: April 5, 2023**

**Closing Date: July 7, 2023**

The purpose of the DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program is to fund public-private partnerships to develop, implement, and scale worker-centered sector strategy training programs that train and prepare the skilled workforce needed to meet the demands of the sizeable infrastructure investments made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), formally known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

**Informational Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343871>



### Follow the Western Region on Eventbrite

**We post all upcoming webinars and in-person events on our new Eventbrite landing page.**

**Web Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/department-of-labor-womens-bureau-western-region-65468321603>

## National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: July 18, 2023

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. These calls are free and open to the public.

### Registration Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-july-18-2023-registration-667557009987>

### Agenda:

- **Community Focus Group Presentation**
- **Achieving Health Equity Through Public Participation Policy: Updating EPA's Policy**
- **External Civil Rights Updates**

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov) by July 13, 2023 to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov)

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.

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This email is to issue a correction to the training and office hour dates for the EJScreen 2.2 tool updates.

Training Date/Time/Link: July 5, 2023, at 12pm EST – [Click here to join](#)

Training Date/Time/Link: July 26, 2023, at 12pm EST – [Click here to join](#)

Office Hours Date/Time/Link: August 16, 2023, at 12pm EST – [Click here to join](#)

More information can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-office-hours-training>.

This is a message from the EPA-EJ Listserve. This is a moderated listserv. Postings are done by the US EPA's Office of Environmental Justice. To send a message for posting, send it to environmental-justice-epa@epa.gov.

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### **Choctaw feather sculpture dedicated**

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Historic Arizona mining town backs copper project on land that Native American groups say is sacred



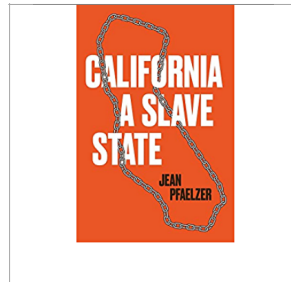
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[Women Hunt in Most Foraging Societies, Using Their Own Tools And Strategies](#)
[Hunter-gatherer roles in human society are not nearly as gendered as anthropologists and archaeologists have traditionally believed, with narratives of 'man the hunter' and 'woman the gatherer' crumbling in the face of new evidence.](#)

About Native American DNA

https://social.benzinga.com/s/man-oldest-dna-native-to-america/?fbclid=IwAR166PwHsDMLNhXCMYyWD-nbDzNmWFCeCmajIXJN-G6V0iME9V8UAn7RSIc&as=6daprr&utm_source=fb&utm_campaign=6daprr&bdk=0

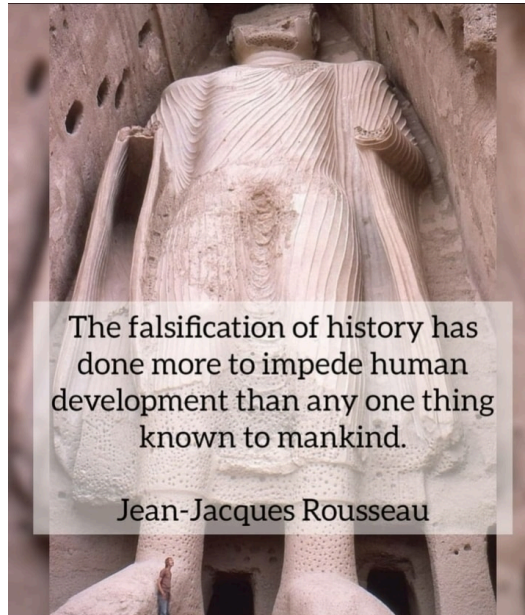
REGISTER NOW



Live webinar on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. PST

California owes its origins and sunny prosperity to slavery. Spanish invaders captured Indigenous people to build the chain of Catholic missions. Russian otter hunters shipped Alaska Natives and launched a Pacific slave triangle to China. Plantation slaves were marched across the plains for the Gold Rush. Kidnapped Chinese girls were sold in caged brothels in early San Francisco. Indian boarding schools supplied new farms and hotels with unfree child workers. This program features Jean Pfaelzer, author of *California, a Slave State*, a newly released book that exposes how California's appetite for slavery persists today in the global trade of human beings lured by promises of jobs in sweatshops and marijuana groves, or sold as nannies and sex workers. Pfaelzer shares her unyielding research and vivid interviews in this talk.

We encourage everyone interested to register, even if you cannot attend. This webinar will be recorded and all registrants receive an email with a link to the recording when it is available on our YouTube channel.



The falsification of history has done more to impede human development than any one thing known to mankind.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Navajo Nation helps Native Americans targeted by 'fraudulent Medicaid providers' | [KSL.com](https://www.ksl.com)

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50677263/navajo-nation-helps-native-americans-targeted-by-fraudulent-medicaid-providers>

Share Your Opportunities Across the State



We are excited to introduce our updated [Opportunities](#) page, which we believe will be a valuable resource for all creative focused organizations.

Our opportunities page is designed to help organizations share open calls, employment opportunities, contests, grants, fellowships, and more. By posting your opportunities on our site, you can reach a wide audience and connect with talented individuals who are passionate about your mission. We invite you to take advantage of this updated platform and share your opportunities with our community.

To get started, visit our website and [submit](#) your opportunity. All submissions will be vetted by staff and published within 1-2 business days.

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[Submit an Opportunity](#)

Boost your Events on our Calendar

Our free arts and culture calendar is a great resource for organizations looking to promote their events to a wider audience. With a reach that spans across the state, this calendar captures the attention of individuals who are interested in arts and culture experiences. Additionally, our calendar is utilized for our social media and newsletters, which means that your event will be seen by even more people. By utilizing our calendar, you can increase your event's visibility and attract a larger audience.

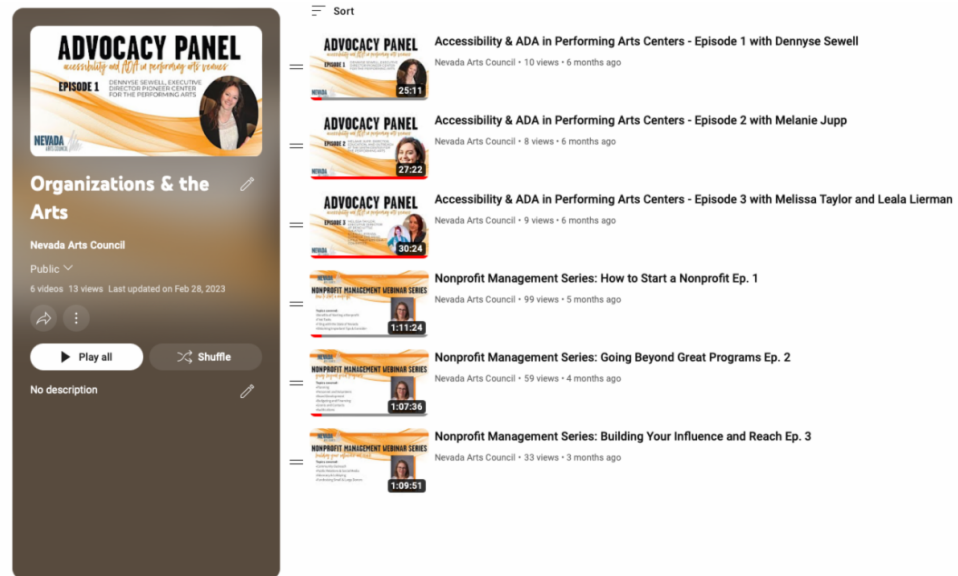
[Submit to our Calendar](#)

[View Calendar](#)

Organizations & the Arts - YouTube

Are you seeking ways to build on your organization's professional development? The Nevada Arts Council has partnered with experts in the field to provide free workshops and round table discussions on matters important to organizations. We currently offer 2 series on the following topics:

[-Accessibility & ADA in Performing Arts Centers](#)
[-Nonprofit Management Series](#)



[Visit our YouTube](#)

GrantStation

[Program Strengthens Funding Access for Environmental Organizations](#)

The Justice40 Accelerator supports climate and environmental justice organizations in building their capacity, partnerships, and readiness to access government funding to implement community-designed solutions.

[In-Kind Planning and Consulting Services Promote Mountain Biking Trails](#)

The mission of the International Mountain Bicycling Association is to create, enhance, and protect great places to ride mountain bikes.

National Opportunities

Grants Advance American Indian Programs

The Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that support the preservation, promotion, and advancement of American Indian self-sufficiency and culture.

Innovative Efforts to Close Education Achievement Gaps Supported

The Outschool.org Community Partner Grant Program supports innovative microschools, homeschooling cooperatives, community-based organizations, and K-12 districts and charter schools looking to provide high-quality, enriching, and learner-led education.

Regional Opportunities

Nonprofits Improving Arizona Communities Funded

The Arizona Coyotes Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life throughout Arizona.

Support Enhances LGBTQ Organizing Efforts in Central Appalachia

The Appalachian Community Fund provides grants to community-based organizations working for social, economic, racial, and environmental justice in Central Appalachia, including the Appalachian counties of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Funding Benefits Children in Vermont and Several New Jersey Counties

The Turrell Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations serving the youngest and their families in Vermont and New Jersey (specifically Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union counties).

Grants Available for Community-Based Problem Solving in South Dakota

The South Dakota Community Foundation's Beyond Idea Grant (BIG) Program, a partnership with the Bush Foundation, will award \$1.2 million each year for six years to support community-based problem solving in South Dakota.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Help Humanities Organizations Address Climate Issues

The Climate Smart Humanities Organizations program supports comprehensive assessment and strategic planning efforts by humanities organizations to mitigate physical and operational environmental impacts and adapt to a changing climate.

Lead Exposure Reduction Efforts Supported

The Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning program is intended to help families avoid the dangers of lead in their homes.

Prism Foundation

The Prism Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are positively impacting the Asian and Pacific Islander LGBTQIA+ communities. The Foundation's grants provide core funding to underresourced or underrepresented local community organizations and projects. The focus of the grantmaking programs spans across gender identities, racial and ethnic communities, Indigenous backgrounds, etc. Learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.



Na'ah Illahee Fund

[Na'ah Illahee Fund](#)

The mission of the Na'ah Illahee Fund is to support and promote the leadership of Indigenous women in the ongoing regeneration of Indigenous communities in the Pacific Northwest region. The Fund serves Native communities located in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming in the United States as well as communities in British Columbia, Canada. Learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

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### **Verizon's Small Business Digital Ready Program**

Grow your small business with valuable resources like free personalized online courses, tools, coaching, peer networking and grants. Use their digital training to help with any business challenge, from funding to financial management to social media marketing. All at no cost. Experience Workshop with experts to get real-world advice on your specific goals. Plus, attend live events for direct access to industry leaders. Join a network of entrepreneurs to share experiences, get support and address issues faced by companies just like yours.

[Register Here](#)

- U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy) funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for \$15 million to transition **Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to clean energy**. Through this FOA, the Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from TCUs for (1) clean energy project and curriculum planning and (2) clean energy technology and curriculum deployment. **Applications are due July 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET.**
- **The Department of Energy's \$50M in grant funding for the Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas.** These grants range from \$500K-\$5M and are for community-based projects that help ensure an equitable transition to a clean energy future. The grants are only for communities with 10,000 or fewer people and require no match or additional funding from awardees. Tribal entities are encouraged to submit a concept paper (**due July 13<sup>th</sup>**) which would allow them to be invited to apply! More information on the NOFO can be found here; [OCED eXCHANGE: Funding Opportunity Exchange \(energy.gov\)](#)
- **2023 CA Dept of Housing & Community Development Homeownership SuperNOFA**  
The tribal application deadline for [Homeownership Super NOFA](#), or HOSN has been extended to **4:00pm December 20, 2023** or until funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. Tribal applications will be accepted and evaluated "over-the-counter" as they are received, with individual awards generally announced within 60 to 90 days of the Department's receipt of a complete and accurate application and all required supplemental documentation. Funds may be used for:

- Homeownership Development Projects
- Self-Help Technical Assistance Projects
- Mortgage Assistance Programs
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Programs
- Accessory Dwelling Unit / Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit Programs
- Shared Housing Programs
- Programs for the Acquisition of Manufactured Housing for Agricultural Households.

Questions? Please email [HOSN@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:HOSN@hcd.ca.gov).

- **[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>.
- **[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**
- **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>.

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EPA announces grant competition to fund residential solar

The EPA on Wednesday said it would use a competitive grant process in order to distribute \$7 billion for residential solar projects under a fund that congressional Republicans are seeking to eliminate. [Read more...](#)

The US government is awarding \$1.7 billion to buy electric and low-emission buses (ABC)

Applications Open for AFC’s Community Collections Grants!

The Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center are thrilled to announce the opening of applications for the third round of [Community Collections Grants](#), with a deadline of August 18, 2023 at 2:00PM Eastern Time.

These grants will support individuals or non-profit organizations in producing cultural documentation—photographs, interviews, audio or video recordings about their community from the community’s perspective. Materials gathered through this program will become part of the Library’s permanent collection, while locally-held copies can enhance (or seed) community archives. This exciting program is part of the larger [Of the People: Widening the Path initiative funded by the Mellon Foundation](#) that creates dynamic opportunities for more people to engage with the Library. All activity under the initiative will expand the Library’s efforts to ensure that our historical record reflects a diversity of experiences, thus weaving a more inclusive American story.

Formal Notices of Funding Opportunity can be found on Grants.gov for [individuals](#) and for [organizations](#). The due date for applications is **August 18, 2023 at 2:00PM Eastern Time.** Grants will be up to \$50,000, and will support projects of up to 12-months in length.

Support for applicants, including application materials, and links to register for informational webinars can be found here on [the Community Collection Grants application webpage](#).

You can read more about [the 2022 Community Collection Grant recipients here](#), and the [2023 grant recipients here](#), in addition to in-depth [posts about recipients and their projects on the Of the People blog](#).

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**Floyd O’Neil Fellowship - American West Center - The University of Utah**

<https://awc.utah.edu/fellowship.php> (save for next year)

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Interested in a career in the environmental field? Read our new FAQ to see if you’re a good fit for our program: [NHS Interest FAQ](#). Or you can reach out and schedule a meeting with our program director Ben Nelson here: bnelson@peralta.edu.

The Natural History & Sustainability (NHS) Program emphasizes the critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed to tackle the major environmental challenges of the 21st century.

The interdepartmental program offers career- and transfer-driven coursework in three tracks: (1) Natural History and Resources; (2) Conservation and Resource Management; and (3) Urban Agroecology. It is ideal for students interested in the basic science of the natural world and its effect on human society, and provides training for the following jobs: Park ranger, naturalist, field technician, urban farmer, food production analyst, water quality technician, environmental consultant, interpretive aide, environmental educator.

How do you get started? It's easy—Merritt is a community college, so all you have to do is fill out an application and then sign up for a class. If you decide you want to pursue of our Certificates of Achievement, there is more detail on these programs above.

Want More Information? https://www.merritt.edu/nhs/?mc_cid=af47a4bc55&mc_eid=9a443e4f7b

LOOKING FOR FAMILIES TO LIVE IN KARLUK

The Karluk Tribal Council is currently looking for two families with 3-4 children to live in Karluk for a year, with all expenses paid. We would like to have a total of 8 children to receive state funding for our local school.

KARLUK, ALASKA

PROVIDED

- All living expenses paid for one year
- Accommodation in 3BR/4BR homes
- Employment/ job training support
- Access to recreational activities like fishing, camping, kayaking, etc.

CONTACT US:
907-241-2230 or 907-241-2238
karlukiracouncil@aol.com

[Ireland will pay you \\$90,000 to move to a beautiful island home \(CNN\)](#)

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*“I know today’s court decision is a severe disappointment to so many people including me. But we cannot let that decision be a permanent setback for the country. We need to keep an open door of opportunities. We need to remember that diversity is our strength. We have to find a way forward. We have to remember that the promise of America is big enough for everyone to succeed. You know, that’s the work of my administration. And I’m always going to fight for that.”* - President J. Biden