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Researchers constructed material capable of generating near-constant electricity from ambient air



Huge wild full bloomed cactus in Arizona

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Using laser-sensing technology, scientists [discovered a long-lost civilization](#) in the Amazon

- Decades ago, archaeologists discovered earthen mounds in eastern Ecuador that they believed were built by ancient people. Scientists recently used laser technology to better study those mounds
- Per a new study, researchers discovered 6,000+ mounds in total, which they believe ancient people built houses on. Those were surrounded by irrigation canals and connected by straight roads
- Per the study, the mounds were part of an ancient city that was likely home to 10,000+ people at its peak and existed between 500 BC and 300 to 600 AD, roughly the same span as the Roman Empire

[Most Citizens Can't Pass This Test. 25 American History Questions About The Colonial Period \(1607 – 1775\)](#)



[14 Bison Came to Catalina for a Movie. 100 Years Later, What's Next?](#)

The invasive species was brought to Santa Catalina Island in 1924. Now, conservationists face a complicated decision about bison's impact on the island.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/bison-catalina-island-conservation-future?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us



At long last, the American buffalo has come home

A conservation effort has returned bison to Blackfeet Nation tribal lands more than a century after the animal was nearly slaughtered to extinction.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/blackfeet-buffalo-release-native-land>

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Funding Opportunities

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

Important: You should contact us early on in the application process to discuss your project. We encourage you to provide a draft, which the program director will review and offer advice for revision before the final deadline.

Major Collaborative Archival Initiatives

For collaborative projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections.

- Draft Deadline: February 15, 2024
- Final Deadline: May 8, 2024

Archives Collaboratives

For projects to plan and develop a working collaborative designed to enhance the capacity of small and diverse organizations with historical records collections.

- Draft Deadline: February 15, 2024
- Final Deadline: May 8, 2024

State Board Programming Grants

For projects that strengthen the nation's archival network through activities undertaken by state historical records advisory boards.

- Draft Deadline: February 15, 2024
- Final Deadline: May 8, 2024

National Endowment for the Humanities

- [Chair's Disaster Recovery Grants for Humanities Collections](#) - helps humanities organizations that steward collections respond to and recover from local, state, regional, and federally declared disasters, including fires, floods, hurricanes, mudslides, and climate-related disasters. NEH will consider applications only if the NEH Chair specifically invites an organization affected by a disaster to apply or issues an open call for applications from organizations affected by a disaster. **This is an open call for applications from organizations affected by the Maui Wildfires, Typhoon Mawar in Guam and Tropical Storm Bolaven in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. No other applications will be considered. Deadline: April 26, 2024.**

Society of American Archivists

- [SAA National Disaster Recovery Fund](#) - rolling applications

National Opportunities

Program Strengthens Cultural Organizations' Digital Infrastructure

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Digital Accelerator Program seeks to strengthen nonprofit cultural organizations in the United States and United Kingdom through strategic investments in their digital infrastructure.

Outdoor Activities for Veterans Supported

The National Environmental Education Foundation's Veterans and Nature Grant Program aims to increase engagement of veterans' communities in understanding the physical and mental health benefits of time in nature.

Grants Aim to Transform the U.S. Justice System

Public Welfare Foundation invests in nonprofit organizations in the United States that are advancing a new, transformative system of justice with the core values of racial equity, economic well-being, and fundamental fairness for all.

Funds Expand Access to Baseball and Softball for Youth

The MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation seeks to increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball across the United States and internationally.

Regional Opportunities

Support Available for Literacy Initiatives in Company Communities

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides grant funding to support literacy and education initiatives serving individuals of all ages.

Food Access for Older Adults Funded in MA, ME, NH, NY, and VT

The Connection, Health, and Equity Through Food Program (CHEF Program), sponsored by Hannaford stores and administered by the Maine Council on Aging, provides funding to increase older adults' equitable access to food and social connections in their communities.

RFPs Address Economic Mobility in Bank Market Areas

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations focused on issues fundamental to economic mobility in low- and moderate-income communities in specific Bank of America markets.

Funding Provided in Oregon and Southern Washington

The Kinsman Foundation provides support in Oregon and southern Washington in the areas of historic preservation, wildlife rehabilitation, and arts and culture.

Federal Opportunities

Grants Promote Arts for the Underserved

The Challenge America program offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved.

Legal Services for Veterans Funded

The Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness program aims to increase access to legal services to eligible veterans.

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Cultural Survival

Cultural Survival advocates for Indigenous Peoples' rights and supports Indigenous communities' self-determination, cultures, and political resilience. The Keepers of the Earth Fund awards grants to traditional Indigenous communities, collectives, organizations, and governments to support their self-designed development projects based on Indigenous values. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



\$7 million in grants is being awarded to affordable housing providers or other nonprofit organizations across the Bank's footprint that support initiatives aiming to increase access to independent living for marginalized community members.

Some examples of preferred programs include (but are not limited to) Rapid Re-housing, Housing First, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Transitional Housing.

Grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$250,000 will be available to eligible organizations with competitive proposals that demonstrate positive impact and sustainable long-term solutions towards addressing affordable housing for the most disadvantaged populations.

For more information, visit the [TD Bank website](#).

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Is your organization seeking funding for a project? Our Project Grant for Organizations (PGO) is currently accepting applications until **March 1, 2024** for projects that take place between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025! This grant provides up to \$7,000 to support non-profit organizations and public institutions, just like the Henderson Symphony Orchestra, a FY22 Project Grant for Organizations recipient.

Review the [PGO Guidelines](#) to discover if your organization can apply! Follow up with a review of our [PGO Application Questions](#) and [General Grant Policies](#).

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| Funds must be used for relevant project expenses including but not limited to:                                                                                                                                                                                                 | In addition to the General Funding Restrictions in the current grant policies, PGO funds may NOT be used for:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-One project or a series of related activities between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025</li> <li>- Artist fees/ contractor fees</li> <li>-Materials</li> <li>-Marketing</li> <li>-Facility costs</li> <li>-Production expenses</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Classes, workshops, and other arts learning activities (applications for classes/workshops must be submitted to the Arts Learning Project Grant)</li> <li>-General operating support, including staff salaries (applications for operating support must be submitted to the Operating Support Grant)</li> <li>-Purchase of permanent equipment</li> <li>-Fundraising</li> </ul> |

### Apply for Funding for your Educational Programming

Operational Support Grantees - did you know that you can apply for grant support for your educational programming with the Arts Learning Project or Arts Learning Express Grants? Don't miss news on these Arts Learning grant programs or the opportunity to invite a Roster Artist into your community!

This month, **Native Organizers Alliance** will host our first training of 2024 in the battleground state of Arizona.

[View FY25 Grant Offerings](#)

**ArtsHERE - Statement of Interest due Fri. Jan. 19, 2024**

The NEA partnered with the US Regional Arts Organizations to provide a \$65,000 to \$130,000 competitive nonmatching grant for around 95 nonprofit organizations.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/nv](http://www.rd.usda.gov/nv).

**AIANTA hosting concessions how to webinar with National Park Service on Jan. 30th.**

Learn how to offer your goods and services to park visitors with Mount Rainer National Park.

Participants spend time in reflection circles on the history and role our belief systems play in organizing. At the center of the gathering is ensuring organizers receive the tools to mobilize communities, build coalitions, and effect change. **We work to analyze both the wins and problems in governance and engage in discussions about how to work now to get to the horizon of sovereignty, ending systemic racism, and ensuring justice for all. We also share our cultures and crafting skills, from ribbon skirts to carving.** And we leave energized to build an even broader circle in each of our communities, committed to grassroots power.

One 2023 training attendee, June Shorthair of the Phoenix Indian Center, said:

*"I recently attended the 2023 Native Organizers Alliance national Native community organizing training, and it was a fantastic experience!"*

*The training was centered on Native issues and strategies that our organizations are currently working on. We emphasized our Native core values, Tribal community values, and personal experiences to refine our strategy. The environment was engaging, and I was able to strengthen my network and build relationships with other participants.*

*Looking forward to implementing our new strategies to build Native Power in 2024 and beyond!"*

Last year, we hosted 1 national training and 7 state-based and regional trainings. **This year, we're expanding that to provide at least 3 national trainings, plus state and regional trainings, for Native leaders across the country.**

Hawwih (*thank you*) for being a part of organizing Native grassroots political power. Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), Executive Director

**BUILD NATIVE POWER**

Born **#OnThisDay** (1.22) in 1865 was Wilbur Scoville, whose Scoville scale measures the spiciness of chili peppers. The spiciest in the world is the Carolina Reaper, which has a rating of 1.5 million (a jalapeño might have a rating of 3000). What is the spiciest thing you've ever tried?



**By cultivating floating gardens, the Aztecs were able to feed a whopping 200,000 individuals in an otherwise infertile and marshy terrain.**

### Friends of Nevada Wilderness:

#### Work For The Wild!

We're hiring trail crew members for the summer 2024 season as well as someone to support our northern Nevada stewardship team! These are seasonal positions that offer a wonderful opportunity for those interested in working in conservation or outdoor recreation. You'll have the opportunity to work across the state on some of the most remote, rugged, and beautiful public lands in the nation.

If you love working hard, camping and being outdoors in a team environment, and making the world a better place, check out our Employment page for details.

[Apply Today](#)

The wilderness that has come to us out of the eternity of the past, we have the boldness to project into the eternity of the future. — Howard Zahniser

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EDAWN Invites Nevada Entrepreneurs to Pitch Start-Ups-Season 2 of Elevate Reno: EDAWN announces season two of Elevate Reno, a platform for Nevada entrepreneurs to pitch their startups. The event, free to the public, will take place at Craft Beer & Wine in Reno, fostering the local business culture. (nevadabusiness.com)

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I recently joined other Tribal leaders from across the country for the annual White House Tribal Nations Summit -- a chance for Tribal leaders to hear about important administrative initiatives and updates, and to hold Biden accountable for where his administration is falling short.

**Together, we've built political power to push the federal government to start honoring our long-overdue treaty rights.** At the Summit, the Biden administration highlighted victories such as 90 co-stewardship and co-management agreements that allow Tribal Nations to collaborate with the federal government to manage lands, waters, and resources as part of long-standing treaty agreements.

President Biden also signed an executive order to expand Tribal self-determination at the Summit. It directs federal agencies to determine where and how federal funding is falling short in meeting the trust obligations owed to Tribes. And it will help inform the President's next budget, which is due out early next year.

In advance of the Summit, **Native Organizers Alliance sent more than 10,000 messages to the Biden administration** urging them to support Tribal sovereignty and environmental justice. Now, let's continue to lift up those demands.

Even as President Biden and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland -- the first Native person to serve in a president's cabinet -- have demonstrated a commitment to Tribal sovereignty, **there is still much work to be done, including:**

- Protecting **Oak Flat**, a sacred site in Arizona, from toxic mining;
- Safeguarding **Chaco Canyon**, a cultural landscape in New Mexico that has been ravaged by the oil and gas industry;
- Stopping **Donlin Gold Mine** in Alaska, which would poison the region's lands and headwaters;
- Stopping the **Dakota Access Pipeline**;
- Stopping the **Line 5 pipeline**;
- And restoring a free-flowing lower **Snake River** in the Pacific Northwest.

Together, we're demanding the Biden administration defend sacred places and salmon populations, which are under threat by dams, toxic mining, and fossil fuel extraction. We're also building toward the standard of free, prior, and informed consent, which is our inherent and legal right. Indigenous people must be able to withhold or give consent to any project that may affect us or our lands and waters.

**Thank you, Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe**





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CoSA hosts an online public jobs board where our member institutions often share open positions. Here are recently-posted open positions:

- Kentucky State Archives, [Electronic Records Archivist](#)
- Archives of Michigan, [Arrangement and Description Archivist](#); Application deadline - January 28, 2024

**COSAs Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Committee**

- Assist in implementing strategic initiatives for IDEA
- Coordinate work of other committees on IDEA
- Monthly meetings

**Committee Members**

Alan Arellano, VA  
Melissa Coy, UT  
Sarah Koonts, NC  
Cathy Popovitch, IL

Elaine Rice Bachman, MD  
Dorothy Gidiere, AL  
Lizette Pelletier, CT

Stephanie Clark, OR  
Rebecca Halbmaier, KY  
Elena Perez, NM

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Why a Supreme Court decision on fishing boats could change everything

The Supreme Court’s decision on Chevron deference could make it harder to regulate anything in the US.

<https://www.theverge.com/2024/1/20/24044179/supreme-court-chevron-doctrine-deference>

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**Fernley's Johnnie Williams received the most votes in the fan poll for the Champion Chevrolet RGJ Athlete of the Week.** The poll covers the period for Jan. 8 to Jan. 14.

Williams, a senior basketball player for the Vaqueros, picked up 56% of the votes cast.

Williams scored 15 points and had five rebounds in a 43-23 win over Elko in boys basketball on Jan. 12. He had 26 points and four rebounds in a 70-40 win over Spring Creek on Jan. 13.

Williams is averaging 17.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game for the 17-2 Vaqueros (4-0 in the 3A-East after beating Fallon 68-38 on Wednesday).

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An ‘artifice’ of natural wonder: Peter Goin’s new of book of photos documents the evolution of Tahoe’s landscape

https://renonr.com/2024/01/07/an-artifice-of-natural-wonder-peter-goins-new-of-book-of-photos-documents-the-evolution-of-tahoes-landscape/?utm_medium=email

The Impact of the French and Indian War on Colonial America: Shaping a New Political Landscape

Extract:

Native American tribes played a pivotal role in the power dynamics of the region. Alliances shifted, reflecting the complex interplay between trade benefits and territorial concerns.

The French had established relationships with the Huron and Algonquin peoples, creating a network of military and economic ties. Conversely, the Iroquois, predominantly in upper New York, leaned towards the Dutch and, subsequently, the British as allies.

- **Alliances with French:** The Huron and Algonquin.
- **Alliances with British:** The Iroquois Confederacy.

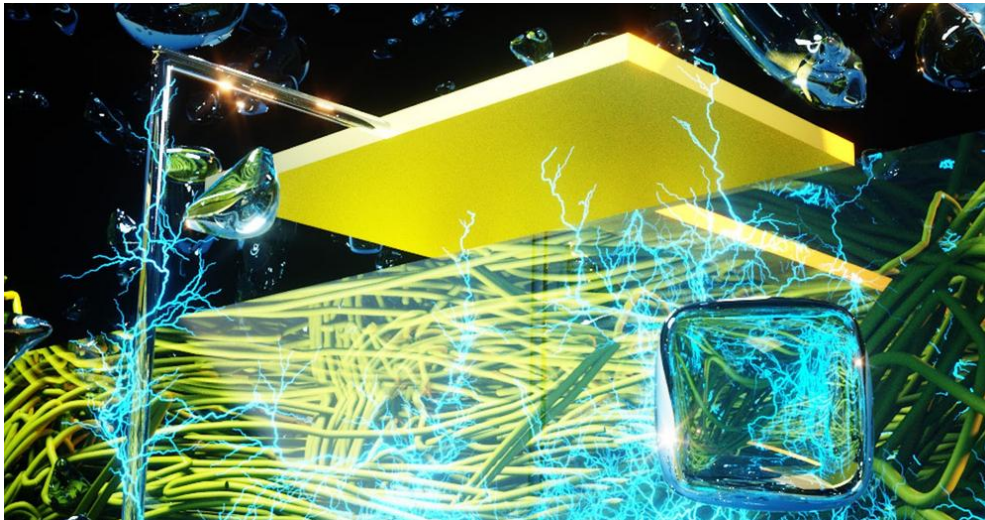
Through these alliances, Native Americans became involved in the colonial powers' conflicts, thus magnifying the war's scope and impact. The struggle for control of land and resources in North America was not just a European affair but a multifaceted conflict involving diverse stakeholders.

<https://unitedliberty.com/the-impact-of-the-french-and-indian-war-on-colonial-america/>

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Popular Science

Researchers have constructed a material capable of generating near-constant electricity from just the ambient air around it.



popsci.com

[A new material creates clean electricity from the air around it](#)
[Engineers have created a thin film that can generate millivolts of electricity from ambient air humidity thanks to water's 'mean free path.'](#)

*In loving
Memory*



Madelyn Andrews Sam

July 16, 1966 - January 17, 2024

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Ross Burke & Knobel

2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV 89502

VIEWING FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY @ 11am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 @ 12.00PM

Dinner to follow the Service @ 2pm

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