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Children from the Teepa family drive the younger siblings home after a swim in the river. Tūhoe children are taught independence and to care for other family members

The Ngāi Tūhoe people of the Te Urewera region in New Zealand have maintained a staunch independence. With a 2014 agreement, the New Zealand government opened the way to Tūhoe managing their ancestral lands according to their cultural values.

Recent changes by New Zealand's right-wing government are seen as reversals of such policies regarding indigenous peoples. Yet the Tataiwhetu Trust farm in Te Urewera offers a revitalising model for a younger generation.

Earth month events focus on sustainability, volunteerism and innovation (unr.edu) — Celebrate Earth Month with the University of Nevada, Reno's exciting lineup of sustainability-focused events. From Earth Fest to e-waste drop-offs, the university is transforming the **Reno-Tahoe** region into a hub for environmental awareness and education. Join the community in making 'Silver and Blue the New Green.'

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**Reno and Lake Tahoe host free Earth Day events this weekend** ([kunr.org](http://kunr.org)) — Reno Earth Day is back at Idlewild Park on April 19, offering free activities, live performances, and environmental education. The event highlights local efforts to promote sustainability and is accessible via free shuttle service.

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Extension looking for adult volunteers for 4-H youth camps at Lake Tahoe (tahoedailytribune.com) — The University of Nevada, Reno Extension is seeking adult volunteers for its 4-H Youth Development camps at Lake Tahoe. These camps provide educational and recreational activities for youth, promoting leadership and personal growth

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#### ***Film history***

The [East Bay Media Center](#) at 1939 Addison St. in Berkeley, which provided resources and a screening room for local filmmakers since the mid-1980s, was destroyed in a fire just two weeks after the death of its co-founder Mel Vapour. The center's teaching equipment, studios, festival screening room and 35-year archive of local and regional filmmakers were lost in the blaze.

#### **Does your community have a disaster prevention/action plan?**

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Janelle Calderon has an exclusive piece for you down below. She recently interviewed [UNLV professor Dr. Dustin Hines](#) — who has researched how psychoactives and psychedelics affect the brain and mental health — and director of the [UNLV Cannabis Policy Institute](#), Riana Durrett.

Hines and Durrett shared their expertise and perspective on the eight years since recreational cannabis became legal in Nevada. The resounding note: Further decriminalization and rescheduling are still needed.

<https://link.thenevadannews.com/view/659e2c9f89d2074a9b0eeca6ni9co.bow/2371f352>



Project Grant for Artists Cycle A Panel Review

Upcoming Grant Review Panels:

What: FY26 Project Grant for Artists Cycle A Panel Review

When:

- Day 1: Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m.
- Day 2: Thursday, May 1, 10 a.m.
- Day 3: Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Links to Observe:

- [Day 1 Zoom Link](#)
- [Day 2 Zoom Link](#)
- [Day 3 Zoom Link](#)

FY26 Open Grants:

- [Artist Fellowship Award](#)
- Open to: Individuals
- Applications open: **March 3, 2025**
- Application deadline: **May 1, 2025, 5 p.m.**
- [Nevada Heritage Fellowship Award](#)
- Open to: Individuals
- Applications open: **March 3, 2025**
- Application deadline: **May 1, 2025, 5 p.m.**

FY26 Upcoming Grants:

- [Operating Support Grant \(FY26/27\)](#)
- Open to: Nonprofit arts organizations
- Applications open: **May 1, 2025**
- Application deadline: **July 1, 2025, 5 p.m.**
- Year 1 Activities July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Year 2 Activities July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
- [Folklife Artist Grant](#)
- Open to: Individuals
- Applications open: **May 1, 2025**
- Application deadline: **At least 30 days before the proposed activity (while funds remain available)**
- Activities July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- [Folklife Community Grant](#)
- Open to: Nonprofit organizations
- Applications open: **May 1, 2025**
- Application deadline: **At least 30 days before the proposed activity (while funds remain available)**
- Activities July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- [Arts Learning Express Grant - Cycle A](#)
- Open to: Individuals on the [Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster](#), nonprofit organizations, and public institutions
- Cycle B applications open: **May 1, 2025**
- Application deadline: **At least 30 days before the proposed activity (while funds remain available)**
- Activities July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

[View Our FY26 Grant Offerings](#)

FY25 Open Grants:

- [Folklife Artist Grant](#)
- Open to: Individuals
- Applications open: **Feb. 1, 2024**
- Application deadline: **At least 30 days before the proposed activity (while funds remain available)**
- Activities July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Our [Events](#) page allows artists and organizations to promote their creative activities across the state. Nevadans can easily find events, including performances, exhibits, festivals, classes and workshops, in one place.

You can easily [submit](#) your art event to be shared with our large network. Our page features activities that will celebrate all the artistic endeavors of creatives.

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Experience the Arts in Nevada

Our virtual grant sessions are [now available online](#).

The Nevada Arts Council, a division of the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, was established as a state agency in 1967 to ensure that arts and creativity will continue to grow and play an ever-increasing part in the economic vitality, cultural development, quality of life, and educational experience of the residents of the State of Nevada. Nevada Arts Council programs and services strive to create an environment within the state where arts and creativity are understood for how they enrich the lives of all residents, enhance the livability and health of our communities, and contribute to the state's economic vitality.

The Nevada Arts Council | 200 S. Virginia St., Suite 320 | Reno, NV 89501 US

Major funding for the Nevada Arts Council is provided by the State of Nevada and the National Endowment for the Arts

For questions or to be considered for a highlight in our newsletter, please [email](#) us!

Scholarships with May 15-23 Deadlines

TCCP Women in Tech Scholarship	Varies	May 15, 2025
The Parker Family Scholarship	\$1,000	May 15, 2025
The Trotter Project Scholarships	\$10,000	May 15, 2025
The Trotter Project's Farmer Lee Jones Scholarship	\$10,000	May 15, 2025
The Trotter Project's Homaro Cantu Scholarship	\$10,000	May 15, 2025
The Trotter Project's Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship	\$10,000	May 15, 2025
Virginia Zank Scholarship for Writing Studies	\$4,000	May 15, 2025
Walter J. Travis Society Scholarship	\$1,000	May 15, 2025
Whitaker Foundation Scholarships	\$2,000	May 15, 2025
Wilmington Women in Business Fresh Start Scholarship	Varies	May 15, 2025
WNF&GA Sarah Bradley Tyson Memorial Fellowship	\$4,000	May 15, 2025
WNF&GA Scholarship	\$4,000	May 15, 2025
Wyoming LDS Foundation Scholarship	Varies	May 15, 2025
7X24 Exchange Rocky Mountain Chapter Scholarship	\$5,000	May 16, 2025
AITCOY Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships	\$1,000	May 16, 2025
ASH Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships	\$5,000	May 16, 2025
Endeavour Women in Tech Group (EWITG) Engineering Scholarship	\$10,000	May 16, 2025
GLA Hubbard Scholarship	\$3,000	May 16, 2025
Leon Bradley Scholarship	\$3,500	May 16, 2025
NativeVision Scholarship	\$5,000	May 16, 2025
Smile Train College Scholarship Program	\$5,000	May 16, 2025
The Melissa Stoneberger Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	May 16, 2025
The Royal Brougham Foundation Scholarship	\$500	May 16, 2025
Wealth by Health Steps for Change Scholarship	\$2,000	May 16, 2025
Empowerment Through Education Scholarship	\$1,000	May 17, 2025
NCCF Legacy Scholarship	\$1,000	May 17, 2025
NCCF Survivor Scholarship	\$1,000	May 17, 2025
New England Community Scholarship	\$1,000	May 17, 2025
Seattle Co-Arts Scholarship	\$3,000	May 17, 2025
Shannon O'Daniel Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	May 17, 2025

SVCF Deblinger Family Scholarship	\$10,000	May 17, 2025
WABO Scholarship Program	\$500	May 17, 2025
JSSA Scholarships	\$6,000	May 19, 2025
NYCDA Foundation College Scholarship Program	\$150,00	May 19, 2025
Trampoline & Tumbling Scholarship	Varies	May 19, 2025
USTA Foundation Scholarships	\$80,000	May 19, 2025
Brower Youth Award	\$3,000	May 20, 2025
COSMA Student Scholarship	\$1,500	May 20, 2025
NRF Foundation Next Generation Scholarship	\$25,000	May 20, 2025
Ohio News Media Association High School Journalism Scholarship	\$1,000	May 20, 2025
Ohio News Media Association Scholarships	\$1,000	May 20, 2025
Ohio News Media Foundation Minority Journalism Scholarship	\$1,000	May 20, 2025
Ohio News Media Foundation University Journalism Scholarship	\$1,000	May 20, 2025
Panacea Financial Foundation Medical Student Scholarship	\$5,000	May 20, 2025
Barbara G. Laurie Scholarship Program	\$20,000	May 21, 2025
Cameron Impact Scholarship	\$200,00	May 21, 2025
ASCAP Foundation Leiber and Stoller Scholarship for Songwriting	\$10,000	May 22, 2025
Bob Glahn Scholarship in Statistical Meteorology	\$2,500	May 23, 2025
David Sankey Minority Scholarship in Meteorology	\$1,000	May 23, 2025
Dr. Roderick A. Scofield Scholarship in Meteorology	\$1,000	May 23, 2025
Eastern Washington Section (ANS) Scholarships	\$2,500	May 23, 2025
Ken Reeves Memorial AccuWeather Undergraduate Scholarship	\$1,000	May 23, 2025
Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation Scholarship	\$4,200	May 23, 2025
NWAFF Broadcast Meteorology Scholarship	\$1,000	May 23, 2025

I hope y'all take time to read these, even if you are not in the "scholarship business". They are instructive for several reasons.....from the myriad of scholarships for students with an array of medical challenges to emergent majors/professions. Perusing these, a student might understand the opportunities that are beyond their community that are responsive to their ambition or imagination. There are scholarships for several age groups and single parents; scholarships for trade schools and contests that include junior students. There are even ideas or you if you want to start a scholarship!

Temperature, Diet Impact Rodent's Snakebite Survival (miragenews.com) — Researchers from the University of Nevada Reno and other institutions studied how temperature and diet affect woodrats' resistance to rattlesnake venom. They found that warmer temperatures and a natural diet improve venom resistance, highlighting **Reno's** involvement in this significant research.

Fate of the Colorado River on agenda at Western conference (hpj.com) — The upcoming Western Water, Agricultural, and Environmental Law Conference in Reno will address the future of the Colorado River. Experts will discuss water management challenges and the need for consensus among Basin States.]

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How “Sesame Street” Opened Its Arms to Kids on the Autism Spectrum

Meet the game-changing Muppet who’s making a big difference.

By Council Of State Archivists4/14/2025 NewsFunding

Boston, Massachusetts - The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) received notice late Wednesday, April 9th, that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) terminated CoSA's two project grants, effective April 8, 2025.

IMLS plays an essential role in helping libraries, archives, and museums offer educational resources, preserve state and local history, and provide public services that communities rely on. A widespread loss of funding from the agency could mean loss of access to services for most Americans, thus having a far-reaching impact on access to knowledge, literacy efforts, and vital community programming.

For CoSA, a nonprofit association serving the 56 U.S. state and territory government archives, the loss of funding directly impacts our multi-year BACKER: Building Archival Capacity for Keeping Electronic Records project and our two-year AWARE: Archives Working Across Remote Environments planning project. The grants were awarded through the IMLS National Leadership Grant program in FY2021 and FY2023, respectively. **The immediate revocation of the awards is a setback for CoSA's flagship electronic-records institute and our programmatic commitment to facilitating capacity-building and best practices at the archives of the nation's territories.**

“IMLS has been a long-time trusted partner of CoSA’s work, particularly for the State Electronic Records Institute (SERI),” said Executive Director Joy Banks. “Over the history of SERI, the IMLS investment in the program has totaled more than \$1.5 million and has profoundly advanced state archives’ ability to preserve and provide access to electronic records. **BACKER’s most recent reports** demonstrate that the project is a sound investment. Recently funded SERI activities benefited the public by equipping archivists and records managers with tools for delivering 21st-century services.”

While the BACKER project is nearly complete, the AWARE project is approximately three-quarters of the way through conducting onsite assessments of archives programs in the territories, Alaska, and the District of Columbia. Following the collection of findings from this planning phase, CoSA intended to seek IMLS support for an implementation phase to help this

cohort move forward on recommendations in their assessments.

“The unexpected termination of these grants places a financial burden on an organization the size of CoSA,” said Banks, “but we are actively working to identify general operations resources that can be reallocated to fulfill our commitments to project participants.”

CoSA president Cathy Popovich says these adaptations will prioritize the core objectives of both projects. “Though our timelines may shift and final publications may not look quite as polished, we remain focused on the goals of these projects and the members they are designed to support.”

CoSA urges the State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs), archives friends organizations, allied organizations, and private citizens to advocate for IMLS’ future by telling your impact story of what a loss of federal dollars directed to libraries, archives, and museums will mean for you, your organizations, and your community. The American Alliance of Museums (AAM) provides **a guide and resources** to help connect with your elected officials. The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) is also coordinating the collection of impact stories with state libraries. If you or your organization has received a termination notice, **COSLA (IMLS only)**, **AAM (IMLS and NEH)**, and **American Association for State and Local History (IMLS, NEH, and NPS)** are collecting and sharing information about the national impact.

Two lawsuits have been filed by **states** and **professional organizations** to stop the dismantling of IMLS. The American Association for State and Local History is in conversation with the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and other museum associations about legal options to challenge this action. In the meantime, consider subscribing to CoSA’s monthly **News Brief** for updates and **making a donation to CoSA** and other non-profits impacted by recent termination notices.

About CoSA

The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) is a nonprofit membership organization of the state and territorial government archives in the fifty states, five territories, and District of Columbia. Through collaborative research, education, and advocacy, CoSA provides leadership that strengthens and supports state and territorial archives in their work to preserve and provide access to government records. CoSA facilitates networking, information sharing, and project collaboration among its member organizations to help state and territorial government archives with their responsibilities for protecting the rights and historical documents of the American people.

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[Regarding loss of grants from NEH and IMLS. RGJ reported on Nevada Humanities listing its grant, but not the NEH grant NSLA had cancelled.](#)

Here’s the news release when NSLA received the grant.

<https://nsla.nv.gov/blog/Nevada-State-Archives-Completes-NEH-Grant-for-Preservation-and-Conservation>

Then this: Talking point:

On April 2, 2025 the federal government abruptly terminated a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to the State of Nevada. The funding was assisting the Nevada State Archives, Nevada Historical Society, Nevada State Museum, and Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum in testing and implementing an archival collection management software and



interface that would enhance public online discovery of their archival collections. Nevada had over 2,500 collections described in the system when the grant was terminated. The grant total was \$59,999. Nevada was reimbursed for \$26,000 and was halfway through the grant project.

#### LSTA grant

There are 223 libraries in Nevada and they and they will be without a lot of services.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) supports libraries in Nevada through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered by the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records. LSTA funds are intended to help libraries develop their central roles in the community and are used to promote improvements in services to the users of all types of libraries. In addition, LSTA funds are targeted for statewide library services and support of a wide array of library programs.

Talking points/LSTA priorities with Federal Year 2024 funding allocations are below.  
Thank you for supporting libraries!

#### **Nevada LSTA 2024 Award: \$2,205,502**

1. Subgrants to libraries: \$750,000  
Federal LSTA funds go directly to local communities to support local programs and needs. Subgrant project examples include rural outreach vehicles (bookmobiles), STEM projects, including makerspaces and coding programs, computer labs, workforce skills building programs, adult literacy, afterschool homework help, meeting room technology, internet connectivity, teen spaces, community art projects, museum passes, small and new business development support, storywalks, ebooks, and strategic planning.
2. Statewide Educational and Research Databases: \$725,000  
Digital resources supporting test prep, workforce development, skills building, language learning, newspapers, journals, and encyclopedias are available at no cost to Nevada's children, students, and adults through their local school, public, academic, and tribal libraries.
3. Talking Books for the Blind, \$375,000  
Supports library services for the blind and print disabled communities.
4. Youth Services, \$105,000  
Supports summer reading and early literacy programs for Nevada's children, families, and caregivers.
5. Professional Development, \$150,000  
Supports training for all Nevada library workers and Nevada library trustees as well as procurement of learning platforms and technology.
6. Statewide library support projects, \$100,000  
Includes public library data collection and analytics, strategic planning, Interlibrary Loan support, eRate certification, and grant writing support.

Summary:

- Fewer educational resources and lifelong learning opportunities for Nevadans.
- End of support for core library projects (staff training and support, summer reading, early lit, STEM programs, interlibrary loan support, trustee training, data analytics).
- End of support for capacity building library projects (study pods, meeting rooms, bookmobiles/outreach vehicles, self-check technology, internet connectivity infrastructure).
- End of support for innovative library projects (museum passes, community art projects, memory care kits).
- Local library budgets will be affected.
- Staff cuts at the state library (7 out of 21 FTE)
- Minimal library services for the blind and print disabled communities.

Here is a list of Nevada LSTA grants for Federal fiscal year 2022

I am the Deputy Coordinator/Co-Chair of NVSHRAB and President of the Nevada Judicial History Society. I am a retired Administrator of the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, where I worked for 35 years. As Administrator I was Chief Officer of the State Library and was responsible for Nevada's LSTA grants program. Over the years I served as Nevada's representative to the Library and Archives Preservation Institute, Nevada Governor's Conference on the Future of Libraries, White House Conference on the Future of Libraries, the SAA Preservation Management Institute, and the Archives Leadership Institute. I have written or contributed to numerous books, reports, and articles on Nevada history, historical research, and archival programs. I have also written or directed more than twenty federal, state, and private grants for historical and archival projects. I have a Master of Arts in History and am an ACA Certified Archivist.

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*"We need history, not to tell us what happened or to explain the past, but to make the past alive so that it can explain us and make a future possible."* *Alan Bloom*

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News You Can Use

Here's a little factoid you may have missed: There are 96 bags of human waste left on the moon from the Apollo space missions. In an effort to curb any more space contamination, NASA is offering \$3 million to anyone who can figure out how to recycle feces and other human waste in space and on the moon, United Press International reported on April 9. The LunaRecycle Challenge technology will be used on long spaceflights and at long-term outposts.

Reclaiming Abundance Under Capitalism

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/opinion/2022/10/26/capitalism-consumption-holidays-abundance>

[Everything you need to know about Jasper National Park](#)

How to visit the park like a National Geographic Explorer

Extract:

From her base at the University of Alberta, National Geographic Explorer [Vivian Giang](#) collaborates and conducts research in partnership with the Alexis Nakota Sioux First Nation on the eastern outskirts of Jasper National Park. “Our research focuses on reclaiming language and stories in connection with environmental stewardship as part of Reconciliation,” she explains.

The Alexis Nakota Sioux were one of the Indigenous peoples forcibly expelled from the Canadian Rockies in the early 20th century so the Canadian government could create Jasper National Park.

“It’s amazing that despite the hurt and tragedy of it all, the Indigenous communities are working in partnership with Parks Canada to address what happened before, make sure that history is no longer hidden, and celebrate Indigenous culture, knowledge, and perspectives.”

Although her work takes place outside of Jasper, Giang visits the park with her family.

“Discovering that the people I work with once lived there gave me a new reverence for Jasper. As was able to explain to my children that as Canadians, we are on our journey toward Reconciliation and making things right. This is a land where their ancestors lived, where people used to live and pick berries, hunt, and gather things. My children told me they’ve been learning about some of this in school and that we should remember that we all share this land now.”

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/jasper-canada-park>

Explore the California Native Homeland Festival

Sponsored message from the Exploratorium



Join the Exploratorium on April 26 at the California Native Homeland Festival for a celebration of art, culture, and connection to the land and water! The festival will be a sharing of Indigenous artistic and cultural practices that come from deep traditions knowing and living with the California landscape. Curated in partnership with Gregg Castro, cultural director for the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone, and Jennifer Bates, cultural festival curator and basket weaver. This event is free and open to the public. **[Learn More »](#)**