



# POTLATCH FUND

INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

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## *A Year in Review at Potlatch Fund...*

### **Administration**

- In June 2016 we approved our new 2016-2020 strategic plan and continue to work on refining our workplan
- New gala venue at Suquamish Tribe's Clearwater Resort for 2016
- Staff job descriptions updated to reflect current roles and work responsibilities

### **Capacity Building Program**

Since we launched the pilot program in 2014, Potlatch Fund's redesigned capacity building program helped a total of 51 individuals representing 35 Native-led nonprofit organizations, Native arts organizations, or individual Native artists to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and professional networks. For 2016, Potlatch Fund is offering cohort training and technical assistance in two areas: Nonprofit Management and Language Preservation. The Native Arts cohort is on hiatus while we update and revise the curriculum and work on sustainability strategies to continue this well-received training model.

- Language Preservation Cohort
  - 9 participants on track to receive 75 hours of direct training and 9 hours of technical assistance
  - The Language Preservation Cohort training program includes 2 convenings (Spokane in spring & Suquamish in fall) and 8 webinars as well as individual technical assistance for up to 1 hour per month by phone or in person from February through October 2016
  - Participant evaluations will inform the refinement of subsequent year's programming
- Nonprofit Management Cohort
  - 6 participants on track to receive 75 hours of direct training and 9 hours of technical assistance
  - The Nonprofit Management Cohort training program included group trainings in 2 convenings (Spokane in spring & Suquamish in fall) and 8 webinars as well as individual technical assistance for up to 1 hour per month by phone or in person from January 2015 through October 2015
  - Participant evaluations inform the refinement of subsequent year's programming
- Completed the Intro to Nonprofit Finance Management curriculum and training manual
- Conducted 2 fee-for-service trainings: University of Washington and Hopa Mountain

### **Spokane Satellite Office**

- Empire Health Foundation's convening space served as the site for our spring convening for both cohorts
- Quarterly Native art showcase events and collaboration with Artist Trust to offer trainings for artists

### **Grant Opportunities**

- We continued to strengthen the program with an online application process and expanded our Native youth focus to offer "Healthy Pathways for Native Youth" which allowed us to make grants on a timeline more responsive for summer youth programming.
- 2016 represents our largest re-granting budget ever of \$796,745 which will provide 71 grants. Our cumulative giving since 2005 is now \$3.5 Million dollars to Northwest Native nonprofits & Tribes.
- 10 donor-advised Seattle Foundation grants towards supporting the capacity of Seattle Native nonprofits
- New Venture Fund grant secured to conduct 4 Health Equity Convenings across the region (WA, MT, OR)
- We are also continuing the outside evaluation of our grantmaking program by Echo Hawk Consulting to evolve the grant programs' language, goals, and final report templates
- We also presented as a nonprofit storyteller at the Generation Indigenous convening in Washington DC