



INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

POTLATCH FUND



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2012 Community Building Grant Cycle



2011 Community Building Grant
Recipient: 7th Annual Mni Wiconi
Wacipi Living Waters Powwow

2012 will mark eight years of Potlatch Fund's Community Building grant program. These grants promote community organizing, community building, and community celebration. They work to impart values, histories, and knowledge to the next generation. They recognize that problem prevention is key to long-term problem solving. <[LEARN MORE](#)>

In past years grants have, among other things,

- helped children learn Native languages
- sent Native youth to summer heritage camps
- helped Native elders create a community garden of medicinal plants

Community Building Grant Cycle

RFP posted: Monday, March 5

Application postmark date: Friday, April 13

Funds will be released in late June to selected organizations.

**Potlatch Fund Fiscally Sponsors Native Organization
Working Towards Obtaining their 501(c)(3) Status**



Rick Williams standing next to the raised totem pole.
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[Video from Sunday's Event](#)

[Story as covered
Indian Country Today](#)

As part of our mission “to inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native communities in the Northwest”, Potlatch Fund provides fiscal sponsorship to 15 emerging Native nonprofits throughout our service area. With our support, these groups are working towards their goal of becoming strong sustainable 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. Starting with the John T. Williams Memorial Totem Pole Project, we will be spotlighting the work of our fiscally sponsored groups over the coming year.

The raising of the John T. Williams Memorial Totem Pole this past weekend by the [John T. Williams Memorial Totem Pole Project](#) is a powerful example of both what community restorative justice can look like AND what an emerging nonprofit can do within a year with a very committed & passionate board. The JTW Project has been “working to raise funds to erect a totem pole in a public space in Seattle, carved by the Williams family, to honor the memory of their brother, John T. Williams. Williams, who was a First Nations (Ditidaht) master carver, was shot and killed by an officer of the Seattle Police Department on August 30, 2010. Following huge public outcry over the senselessness of his death and a legal review that found the shooting unjustified, John’s brother Rick Williams began carving a 34-foot totem both as a tribute to his brother and to begin the healing process. Sunday’s traditional totem pole raising ceremony brought together more than 1,500 community members, Native leaders and cultural bearers from both the United States and Canada, members of the Seattle Police Department, and local politicians. The totem pole was erected at the Seattle Center, on the lawn adjacent to the EMP and the Space Needle. Future plans include the development of a plaza, which will be paved with stone tiles bearing the names of donors. <[LEARN MORE](#)>



Pyramid Communications will co-host this one day training designed specifically for Tribes and Native nonprofits.

Location

Potlatch Fund
(2nd Floor Conference Room)

Date

Tuesday, April 17

Time

9AM to 4PM - lunch included

Developing a Communication Plan

Everyone needs a plan, but a surprising number of Northwest Tribal entities lack a strategy for everyday communications/public relations let alone crisis situations. This workshop will explore the elements that belong in a communication plan, and how to customize your plan for a specific purpose. We will also discuss:

- Best practices in planning for communications - generally to the public but sometimes internally to Tribal members.
- Methods for delivering your message to diverse media outlets.

Our goals for the April convening are-

1. Case studies and real examples
2. Practical ideas that you can start using immediately
3. Facilitated conversations involving all participants

To RSVP for this training, kindly email [Heather Miller](#).

2012 Calendar of Events



Heather Miller, Wyandotte,
Program Coordinator

If you are interested in helping bring a workshop to your area please [email](#) or call Heather at 206.624.6076 x12 to further discuss details.



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Your support of Potlatch Fund will provide support to Native projects making a difference in Northwest Indian Country.

Journey to Successful Fundraising

Salish Language Conference (Northern Quest Resort & Casino)
March 6 & 7, 2012 <[registration](#) - [flyer](#)>

Nonprofit Startup

Garden City, ID
March 15 & 16, 2012 <[registration](#) - [flyer](#)>

InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle

[DOWNLOAD the application here.](#)
Application postmark date: Friday, March 16

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RFP posted: Monday, March 5
Application postmark date: Friday, April 13

Native Arts Grant Cycle

RFP posted: Monday June 4
Application postmark date: Friday, July 13

Potlatch Fund Tenth Annual Gala

Saturday, November 3 - Tulalip Resort

Other Events of Interest

Duwamish Tribe's Annual Gala Dinner with Art Show

Saturday, June 30 - Duwamish Longhouse

Paddle to Squaxin - Final Landing

Sunday, July 29 - Port of Olympia

Want your event listed here? Kindly [eMail](#) us the details.

Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through contributions of your time, talent and treasure. Learn more about our mission and how to get involved on our website, or call: 206.624.6076.

[Become a supporter of Potlatch Fund today,
and make a difference for generations to come.](#)

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