



Potlatch Fund

To inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native Communities in the Northwest



Capacity Building Update



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Heather is committed to supporting Native American communities in their desires to strengthen their organizations and leadership skills in culturally appropriate ways.

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Building Bridges

We build bridges between mainstream funders and Native communities.

Traditionally, Native Americans would often travel great distances to attend a potlatch. They knew that community building and celebration came from joining together to bridge the distance between tribes, villages, and families.

Today, Potlatch Fund honors this tradition by serving the unique role of bringing the philanthropic community to Indian Country, and educating potential donors about the needs and challenges facing our people today.

We share with communities effective ways to approach funders. We educate donors—individuals and foundations alike—about opportunities and meaningful ways to give to Native Americans. And we reach out to the burgeoning sector of Tribal giving programs to help them develop strategic ways to use Tribal resources.

Capacity Building Training Calendar

View the [current calendar and registration forms](#).



Journey to Successful Fundraising
Portland, OR - February 2011

Journey to Successful Fundraising (Falmouth Language Institute)
Phoenix, AZ - March 28, 29 and 30

Strengthening The Circle
Bozeman, MT - April 1

Native Americans In Philanthropy Conference
Tulalip WA - April 4, 5 and 6

Journey to Successful Fundraising
Wellpinit, WA - April 13 and 14

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

**Your Support Makes a Difference
It Allows Potlatch Fund to Take Trainings
Directly to Native Communities & Groups**



Community Building Grant Cycle

2011 marks the seventh year 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.



[Download the 2011 Application](#)

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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**

The application is available online. Applications must be emailed, or postmarked, by Friday, April 15 to be considered for funding. Kindly see the left side bar for details.

2011 Native Philanthropy Institute Conference

[Registration](#) for the 6th Annual Native Philanthropy Institute is open. This year's NPI is April 4-5, 2011 at Tulalip Resort and Casino, in scenic Tulalip, WA. We will gather people from Native and non-Native nonprofits, Tribal-giving programs, and foundations for dialogue, interaction and co-learning on:

- Leadership,
- Strategic Grantmaking, and
- Organizational Capacity-Building

NPI speakers include: Billy Frank, Jr., Nisqually; Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Tribal Chairman; Melvin R. Sheldon, Jr., Tulalip Tribal Chairman; and many others. The two-day event will feature keynote addresses, silent auction, awards dinner and live entertainment. In addition, the meeting will have forums that explore opportunities and challenges of transition & next generation leaders, as well as discuss current NAP research findings and share resources.



[Learn more](#) about this important conference.

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