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Capacity Building

What it means within Indian Country



[Native Professional and Friends Night](#) at the HUB Seattle

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Wednesday, May 28, 2014



[2014 Native Arts Cohort](#) at the
Little Creek Casino & Resort
in Kamilche, Washington

Increasing philanthropy in Northwest Indian Country requires education of philanthropic entities as well as Native-led nonprofits. **The Capacity Building program** is about our people, empowering emerging leaders and developing sound strategies in nonprofit management, fundraising and grant writing to increase organizational capacity of Native-led organizations. Increased nonprofit development catalyzes the expansion of philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native communities in the Northwest. Our aim, in this program, is to significantly increase the impact that we have on Native nonprofits that we work with by creating a delivery model that captures our past experiences into a more efficient use of our limited resources. In order to provide deeper investment Potlatch Fund has gone to a cohort training model. Participants are selected from current or past grantees. There are currently two learning cohorts in this program. One is focused on Native artists and Native arts organizations. The kickoff training for this cohort took place in February with 7 members. The other cohort is focused on non-profit management. The kickoff training for this cohort, with 17 members, will take place in April. A large factor in increasing philanthropic dollars to Native-led nonprofits is increasing their operational capacity. Key to this is building on our growing success and developing efficient ways to combine program services and ensure the future financial sustainability of the program delivery model.

Reflection: 2013 Paddle to Quinault

Tsi yet Tsot Kwom

Preparing for the journey, the Nooksack Way of Life



Meeting the mission of the Nooksack Indian Tribe to preserve cultural identity, participating in the 2013 InterTribal Canoe journey had a profound impact on retaining our cultural identity and our kinship with other Northwest Indian Tribes. Through year-long



Images provided by the Nooksack Indian Tribe.

preparation, *Tsi yet tsot Kwom* (preparing for the journey of the future), our youth were active in caring for the canoes, participating in health and wellness activities, and preparing for potlatch gatherings by making traditional foods and give-away items. More importantly, the canoe has provided our youth with stories, shared from our elders, of whom will become tomorrow's storytellers passing on both our long history and experiences.

Among several highlights during this canoe journey is the testimony of pullers who confidentially shared their healing. The spirit of the canoe journey was so profound that participants confirmed the importance of being drug and alcohol free and not smoking in order to paddle. Participants also learned about the power of prayer, as well as, the proper protocol to request permission to land on another Tribe's territory.

Download the 2014 InterTribal Canoe Journey grant application [here](#) for support in the Paddle to Bella Bella. This grant closes at 11:59PM on **Thursday, April 24, 2014.**

Questions? Please click on either of these dates to RSVP for a phone information session.

Friday, March 28 (10-12 noon)

Friday, April 4 (10-12 noon)

To join one of the sessions listed above dial 1-855-747-8824 and enter passcode: 672750#

2014 Leadership Honoring Awards

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Deborah Parker 2013 Leadership Honoring Awardee.

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To access the 2014 Nomination Form click [here](#).

To view the 2013 Leadership Honoring Awardees click [here](#).

To view a list of all Leadership Honoring Awardees click [here](#).

Nominations must be received by **COB Friday, May 23, 2014.** Only complete nomination packets will be accepted.

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