



INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

POTLATCH FUND



March 28, 2012



2012 Community Building Grant Cycle



2011 Community Building
Grant Recipient
Northwest Indian College

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 <[download application form](#)>

Application postmark date: Friday, April 13

Funds will be released in late June to selected organizations.

2012 Potlatch Fund GALA



Join us in Tulalip —
on Saturday, November 3

Among Northwest Coastal Tribes, a potlatch is a coming together, in ceremony, celebration, and giving. Potlatches have always embodied the best of what Native culture personify, and strengthen community ties, with food, song, and above all else, sharing. As a way of honoring the spirit of the potlatch, the annual GALA brings together leaders from Tribal and grassroots organizations, foundations, corporations, and individual community members.

The 2012 GALA will be held on Saturday, November 3, at the Tulalip Casino and Resort, and include:

- Celebration of Native art by Native artists
- Cultural Performances
- Philanthropists of the Year Awards Presented

on Saturday, November 3

— and help us celebrate
over a decade of success!



· Leadership Honoring Awards Presented

The GALA is a unique opportunity to enjoy and learn about Native culture, have fun, and support the important work Potlatch Fund undertakes throughout Northwest Indian Country. In the spirit of the potlatch, funds raised at the GALA are used to support the organization's operations and grant programs, currently in the areas of Community Building, Native Arts, Intertribal Canoe Journeys, and a Cedar Tree Fund.

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March Board Retreat

Over the weekend of March 10 and 11, the Potlatch Fund Board of Directors held their annual retreat at the Emerald Queen Hotel in Fife, Washington. The two day retreat was facilitated by Jessica Porter, Chinook, who was a member of the 2009 LEAD cohort. The retreat provided a space for current Board Members to reflect on the growth and development of Potlatch Fund over the past ten years as well as brainstorm about the future and map out some goals. Potlatch Fund staff joined the Board for the second day of the retreat. Staff and Board Members worked on a number of activities together and participants came away from the retreat feeling both refreshed and energized.



Jessica Porter facilitated
the March 2012 Potlatch
Fund Board Retreat.



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[Potlatch Fund](#), and look for
it in a future eNewsletter!

The retreat was successful in providing a positive and constructive space for the Staff and Board to come together and discuss the Potlatch Fund's goals and strategize about how to best achieve those goals while staying true to our mission, which is to: *inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and expand philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native communities in the Northwest.*

As an organization that provides capacity building trainings to Tribes and Native nonprofits, the retreat allowed Potlatch Fund to actively experience, firsthand, the work we undertake on a regular basis throughout our service area of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

2012 Calendar of Events

Strengthening the Circle Conference

Bozeman MT

April 3 - 6, 2012 <[information](#) - [Hopa Mountain](#)>

NICWA Conference

Scottsdale AZ

April 22 - 24, 2012 <[information](#)>

Native Philanthropy Institute

Los Angeles CA

April 25 - 27, 2012 <[information](#)>





Heather Miller, Wyandotte,
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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.

Communication Plan Training

Seattle WA

May 11, 2012

Please eMail [Heather](#) to RSVP for this specialized training co-presented with [Pyramid Communications](#).

ATNI Mid-Year Conference

Siletz OR

May 21 - 24, 2012 <[register online](#)>

Community Building Grant Cycle

[DOWNLOAD the application here.](#)

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

[Raven Sponsors: Nisqually Tribe, Union Bank](#)

[Hummingbird Sponsor: Squaxin Island Tribe](#)

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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