

INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

POTLATCH FUND



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2014 Fall Grantees

\$112,000 in support of 26 grantees



Community Building:

» Nine grantees received a total of \$43,000. [\[more\]](#)

Native Arts:

» Ten grantees received a total of \$37,500. [\[more\]](#)

Language Preservation and Education:

» Seven grantees received a total of \$31,500. [\[more\]](#)

Over \$1.8 million extended in support of Tribes, Tribal nonprofits, Native-led nonprofits, Native artists, and Native initiatives since 2005.

The Potlatch Fund Board and Staff raise their hands up to those who made the above grants possible:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Two anonymous foundations
- An anonymous donor
- Contributions from the 2013 Fundraising Gala
- And [private donations](#) from people just like you!

Securing the Sustainability of Tribal Journeys

Clearwater Resort Convening



Participants gather in the House of Awaken Culture (Suquamish, WA)

Since 1993, the Intertribal Canoe Journey has been a grassroots movement dedicated to connecting Native people and becoming a way for many Pacific Northwest Tribal people to practice their culture and preserve traditions for present and future generations. The canoe represents Native life at its fullest. Although the canoe was once the main transportation for Native people in our coastal regions, the modern canoe has become a vehicle for a revitalization of culture as well as a way of life to strengthen our ties to the water, land, and relatives from homelands near and far.



On September 28 – 30th, Potlatch Fund convened 41 people at Clearwater Casino & Resort in Suquamish, WA. Participants representing our current and past Intertribal Canoe Journey

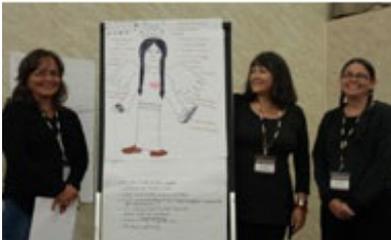


Just two of the many breakout sessions.

grantee included canoe skippers, grant writers, funders, pullers, ground crew, canoe family coordinators and Tribal leaders met to discuss how we might collectively steer the annual canoe journey towards future sustainability. What emerged was partially a reunion of friends old and new, stories and testimonials about how the canoe journey experience has changed lives, and deep conversations about how to continue to invest in making the journey safe, affordable, and accessible to all who wish to participate. By the end of our time together, we identified five core areas to continue work on: costs, youth engagement, safety, environmental impacts, and protocol. Participants committed to continuing to build upon their vision for the future by meeting and further developing their action items in the coming year.

2014 Nonprofit Management Cohort

Fall Convening



Cohort participants design the perfect finance staff member.

Potlatch Fund held its 2014 Fall Convening of the Nonprofit Management Cohort on October 1 through 3, 2014 at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, Montana. Eight of the 10 organizations were represented by nine people for this 3-day event. The first day was a combined training with the Native Arts Cohort, which covered board governance, life stages of a nonprofit, a field trip to the Salish Kootenai College, and a panel of three who were experienced working on or with boards. The following two days focused on an introduction to finance management. The attendees participated in group activities, including designing an ideal finance staff member (see left).

The experiential learning allowed the attendees to discuss challenges and mitigations involved in nonprofit finance management, which fostered peer-to-peer networking. The second day of finance management training included a presentation and discussion with a nonprofit accountant with auditing experience, Rick Eneas, CPA, MBA. The trainers for the combined convening included Potlatch Fund staff members Dana Arviso, Tachini Pete, and Maria Griffin; Galusha, Higgins, & Galusha, PC accountant and auditor, Rick Eneas, CPA, MBA; Confederated Tribes of the Salish Kootenai members Gerald Brown and Steve Lozar; and First Peoples Fund trainers Ben Sherman and Gerald Cournoyer.

2014 Native Arts Cohort

Fall Convening



Potlatch Fund's Capacity Building Program held its 2014 Fall Convening of the Native Arts Cohort on September 29 through October 1 at the beautiful KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, MT owned by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. This convening was the culmination of 9-months of art specific

Native Arts Cohort with trainers from First Peoples Fund.



Both Cohorts take a tour of Salish Kootenai College.

trainings and webinars. The initial 2-days of training was facilitated by First Peoples Fund. The training focused on Native artist professional development. A third day was a combined convening with the Nonprofit Management Cohort. (See above for more detail).

The Native Arts Cohort participants are Native artists and Native-led arts organizations; all Potlatch Fund grantees. Nurturing knowledge share between nonprofit organizations and artists is a main goal of the cohort learning model. This initial year of Cohort capacity building training provided much experience that will help refine and improve the 2015 Cohorts.

Native Professionals and Friends Night

SAVE THE DATE - December 9, 2014



Don't miss out on this last Native Professionals and Friends Night of 2014!

Potlatch Fund is pleased to announce Tuesday, December 9 from (6:00PM to 7:30PM) as our next Native Professionals and Friends Night. This is your opportunity to meet local leaders, enjoy the company of the Native community, and build lasting connections with professionals from all walks of life. The event promises to be another evening of delightful conversation, delicious appetizers, and cool refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you there...so **Save the Date** now ...additional details will follow shortly.

Your \$25 suggested donation will benefit Potlatch Fund and support the work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or learn about sponsoring or hosting a future Native Professionals and Friends Night, contact Lawrence Leake at lawrence@potlatchfund.org.



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