



Potlatch Fund



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

National Search for Potlatch Fund's Next Executive Director Begins



Ken Gordon
current Executive Director,
to step down August 31, 2011

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Potlatch Fund is seeking a dynamic Executive Director, to maintain its high standard of community-based leadership and guide it to an even more vigorous future. The ideal candidate for this position will have significant experience with and knowledge of Indian Country.

A successful candidate will have a proven track record of strategic planning, fund-raising and the vision needed to cultivate a growing base of diverse local volunteers, as well as inspiring staff and community leaders in support of Potlatch Fund's mission.

LEAD Apprentice Cohort Year Four



First Nations Development Institute selected Potlatch Fund, for a fourth consecutive year, as a host organization for a cohort of emerging Native professionals.

[Meet the 2010 / 2011 Cohort](#)

In collaboration with First Nations Development Institute, Potlatch Fund provides leadership development opportunities for Native leaders who are either seeking to work in the nonprofit field or are already employed by a Native nonprofit.

The current Cohort met at the Duwamish Longhouse on Monday (January 10) to discuss issues of Tribal sovereignty and Tribal government. The group also discussed how Native nonprofits fit into the concept of Tribal sovereignty and why Potlatch Fund spends so much time investing in the development of a robust Native nonprofit sector.



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A new year deserves a fresh look. For 2011, Potlatch Fund will focus on improving the way we communicate with you: our supporters, friends and colleagues.

This eNewsletter is the first step of many, and we ask that you forgive a misstep here and there as we work to out all the ins and outs of the new programs we are using.

Our pledge to you is that you will notice an improved quality and timeliness in the information you receive from us. We are committed to keeping you up to date with the important work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.

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First Capacity Building Training of 2011

Journey to Successful Fundraising



Participants at a recent training
Spokane, WA

January 26 and 27
Warm Springs, Oregon
[Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

Our 2011 trainings will be covered in a separate eBulletin. View the [current calendar](#).

In this training you will learn about the world of philanthropy and how you can improve your chances of winning a foundation grant. Topics covered include:

- relationship building
- clarifying your mission
- the elevator speech
- outlining a project
- completing the application
- evaluation

This course is designed for beginning to intermediate grant writers. Kindly contact Heather Miller (Wyandotte), Program Coordinator for additional information: 206.624.6076 ext 12 or heather@potlatchfund.org