



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 Continues



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

More details and required
application form online at:
www.potlatchfund.org

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.

NOW OPEN



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InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle Paddle to Swinomish 2011 Loving, Caring, and Sharing Together

The Intertribal Canoe Journey revives the centuries-old traditions of transport and trade by the Coastal Tribes of the Northwest, many of whom traveled over open waters to meet and gather for festivities.

The canoe journeys have become a major catalyst for Coastal Salish people to re-learn, strengthen and reinforce their canoe traditions. The journeys teach people about canoeing, living, working, and achieving in a community, the value of knowledge and the value of hard work. The journeys also create pride in, and respect for, Native cultures.

Applications must be postmarked by March 18, 2011 Nineteen groups received grants for the summer 2010

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Journey to Makah Nation, helping with ground support, food, safety equipment and other living costs during the weeks-long journey. A total of \$35,000 aided 32 canoes. Funding was provided by:

- the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- First Nations Development Institute
- contributions from the 2009 Potlatch Fund Gala
- matching funds by the WK Kellogg Foundation

2010 Leadership Award Video

Nominations Now Open for 2011

In 2005, Potlatch Fund launched its Honoring Leadership Awards. Named after five outstanding leaders, the awards seek to acknowledge leaders in Northwest Indian Country. The 2010 Award recipients honored at our Eighth Annual Gala were:



[Watch the Video](#)

2011 Leadership Award
[Nominations Now Open](#)

LaVerne Wise

Antone Minthorn Economic and Community Development Award

Charla WhiteEagle

Pearl Capoeman-Baller Civic Participation Award

Kelly Gemmell-Bruce

Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resource Protection Award

Marlene Spencer Simla

Patricia Whitefoot Education Award

Dilbert Miller

Fran James Cultural Preservation Award.

Meet the Photographer of the 2011 Gala Image



Revonna Joy Alamo
(c) Adam Sings In The Timber

Adam Sings In The Timber, Crow, graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in Journalism with a Photo option. A graduate of the Freedom Forum's American Indian Journalism Institute, Sings In The Timber has had photo internships at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va., and the Billings Gazette and Great Falls Tribune in Montana. In October 2007, he attended the Eddie Adams Workshop, an intense four-day gathering of top photojournalism professionals in New York City and won a scholarship as the top student. [\(more\)](#)

[2011 Ninth Annual Gala](#)
November 19, 2011

Honoring A Rich Tradition

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 had to offer: community-building, food, song, and above all else, sharing.



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

Today, the spirit of the potlatch —philanthropy in its most traditional form— continues to thrive in every Native community throughout Indian Country.

Potlatch Fund is a community foundation dedicated to inspiring and building upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy within Tribal Nations and in the Northwest.

We honor this mission by supporting Native people in the sharing of tools and resources needed to strengthen their communities. We champion investment in our future leaders so they may serve others. We bring the realities of Native America to those within the philanthropic community wanting to learn. And we share the resources we have with those dedicated to keeping Native arts and culture alive.

Our rich traditions live on every day through the work we do. [Become a supporter of Potlatch Fund today, and make a difference for generations to come.](#)
