



Potlatch Fund

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



Capacity Building Update



Through a multi-pronged strategy of education, advocacy and re-granting; Potlatch Fund is working to revitalize Native communities.

Heather & Crew Have Been On The Road For Much Of 2011

Capacity Building trainings are a big part of the work Potlatch Fund undertakes in Northwest Indian Country. For 2011 we expect to hold 40 trainings and unique learning opportunities with over 1,200 participants. On this note, since the beginning of 2011, Heather has already traveled to numerous communities in our service area of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana:

- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation
- The South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)
- Venues in Portland, OR
- The Nez Perce Tribe
- Venues in Idaho
- Venues in Seattle, WA
- The Spokane Tribe
- The Flathead Indian Reservation



A Spokane Tribal Council Member helps Heather get on her way back to Potlatch Fund. (Thank you!)

In addition Potlatch Fund staff have presented at a number of conferences:

- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (North Bend, OR)
- Skipper's Meetings (InterTribal Canoe Journey)
- Falmouth Language Preservation Conference (Fort McDowell, AZ)
- Salish Language Conference (Spokane, WA)
- Strengthening the Circle (Bozeman, MT)
- Washington Woman's Foundation (Seattle, WA)
- Native Americans In Philanthropy (Tulalip, WA)

To schedule a training for your community or group, kindly contact Heather:
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Opportunities For Funding Abound

Want to learn more about how to uncover the secrets of grant cycle announcements & closing dates?

Attend one of our **Journey to Successful Fundraising** trainings

Below are just three that found their way to Heather Miller's mailbox over the past week...

Oregon:
Nike Employee Grant Program (Oregon Community Foundation)

Applications are being accepted for the next round of the **Nike Employee Grant Program** of The Oregon Community Foundation.



Ken Gordon, Executive Director, takes notes in Spokane



"Elevator Speeches" at a Journey to Successful Fundraising training.

"They were willing to come to my community and educate us on the grant application process. Most people here cannot afford to attend these trainings, let alone travel to them. Very helpful."

Quotation from a participant at the Warm Springs Journey to Successful Fundraising training earlier this year.

The application for this funding cycle closes June 1. The total available for this grants cycle is \$300,000. Grants will be one-year awards, generally between \$5,000 and \$20,000. This is Nike's "backyard" program, aiding nonprofits in communities where local Nike employees live - Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington. Most grants will be made to projects that use sport or physical activity to leverage other community benefits, but some grants will be awarded for projects that address broader family and children's issues. For more information and to apply visit www.oregoncf.org/nike.

Washington:

Stronger Economies Together (SET)

SET is an initiative launched by USDA Rural Development, in partnership with the nations Regional Rural Development Centers (RRDC's).

The purpose of SET is to encourage the communities and counties in rural America to work collaboratively on a multi-county regional basis in strengthening their regional economies. In today's global market place, economic development progress is more likely to be realized when rural and metro counties work together as multi-county regions to assess, design, and implement plans that build on their assets and comparative economic strengths.

Tribal Domestic Violence Program Support

The Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is collaborating with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Empire Health Foundation to conduct an RFLOI process – to be followed by an RFP process – to find DV programs serving tribes and other culturally specific populations in Washington that are interested in increasing access to and sustainability of permanent housing for the DV survivors they serve.

The LOIs are due to WSCADV on April 29, and full proposals from applicants selected by the two foundations will be invited in mid-May.

Capacity Building Training Calendar

View the [current calendar and registration forms](#).



Heather Miller, Wyandotte, Program Coordinator Presents at the Falmouth Language Preservation Conference earlier this year

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference

Coeur d'Alene, ID - May 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Board Governance

Coeur d'Alene, ID - May 18 and 19

National Tribal CASA Workshop

Seattle, WA - May 24 and 25

Introduction to Financial Management

Seattle, WA - May 26 and 27

Media Management

Warm Springs, OR - June 8 and 9

Journey to Successful Fundraising

Ulk. WA - June 13 and 14

Conference earlier this year.

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Tribal CASA Capacity Building Training
Usk, WA - June 15 and 16



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2011 Leadership Award
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Your contribution to Potlatch
Fund will provide support to
Native projects making a
difference in Northwest Indian
Country.

2011 Leadership Award Nominations Close May 13

In 2005, Potlatch Fund launched its Honoring Leadership Awards. Named after five outstanding leaders, the awards seek to acknowledge leaders in Northwest Indian Country ([Read More](#)). Potlatch Fund is now accepting nominations for 2011. A link to the application can be found to the left, so take time today to nominate people making a difference in your community. The 2011 Award recipient will be honored at our Ninth Annual Gala, Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Grand Hyatt Seattle.

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