



# INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

# POTLATCH FUND



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## InterTribal Canoe Journey Grantees for 2012



2011 Final Landing  
Swinomish Tribe

Native youth reviewed 30 grant applications under this year's InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle and their recommendations were approved by Potlatch Fund's Board of Directors earlier this month.

Funding for this year's grant cycle was provided by:

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Kalliopeia Foundation

OneFamily Foundation

Eulalie Bloedel Schneider Foundation

Jeffris Wood Fund

private donations and contributions to the 2011 GALA

In total \$38,730 was disbursed to 28 applications - supporting 43 canoes and the Squaxin Island Tribe. The funds are for the purchase of safety equipment, general support, regalia and supplies.

Kindly visit our [website](#) for a complete listing of those who received funding for the Paddle to Squaxin 2012 - *Teachings of Our Ancestors*.

## 2012 Native Arts Grant Cycle

2012 will mark eight years of Potlatch Fund's Native Arts grant program. Native American art, in the Northwest, has always played a central role in all facets of Tribal life. Artists are important educators and opinion leaders in Tribal communities. Through art, people learn to imagine other ways of seeing, doing, and interacting with each other and the environment. <[LEARN MORE](#)>



This year, with support from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation and proceeds from our 2nd Silent Auction, we have been able to



*Native Art - An integral component of the Northwest.*

increase funding to \$60,000 for this grant cycle.

Past Native Art grants have, among other things, funded:

- traditional clothing classes
- the publication of books
- co-op projects
- the purchase of specialized equipment
- and the teaching of traditional art forms

### **Native Arts Grant Cycle**

RFP posted: Thursday, June 7 <[download application form](#)>

Application postmark date: Friday, July 13

Funds will be released in late September

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### **Until Our Paths Cross Again**

Dear Friends,



*Elevator Speeches with Heather Miller*

Almost three fantastic years ago I made a life changing decision that brought me here to Potlatch Fund and to the wonderful Pacific Northwest. I was quickly taken into the community, gifted wisdom and knowledge, learned cultural traditions and participated in ceremonies that most folks will never get to experience in their lifetime. I have met amazing people who are dedicated to creating community for their Elders, Youth and fellow Tribal members. Philanthropic colleges have shared their perspectives and allowed me to also share my cultural perspective on their work. I have learned more than I could have ever imagined and so it is with bittersweet feelings that I announce my departure.

I however, am not resigning from the world of philanthropy! In a surprising turn of events, I have accepted a new position and am moving back to the Plains, back to the mountains and back to the land of sunshine to join the capacity building team at [First Nations Development Institute](#). I am thrilled that each of my experiences in the Pacific Northwest have shaped and prepared me for this upcoming role and transition. Transitions, from my perspective have never been an end to relationships and as I move through Indian Country I know that this is not goodbye! I will be back to our wonderful rain, freezing temps and beautiful cultural traditions as my work only expands across Indian Country. Thank you all for welcoming, teaching, sharing, befriending and supporting me while calling my Seattle street address home. I look forward to this new adventure!

My hands go up to each one of you,

Heather Miller



*Fundraising Training with Heather Miller*

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### **Capacity Building Trainings**

Capacity Building trainings continue to be a huge part of the work Potlatch Fund undertakes in Northwest Indian Country. We believe



that through education, advocacy and granting that Potlatch Fund can make a difference in our Native communities. In 2011, Potlatch Fund held over 58 workshops and unique learning opportunities with over 1,300 participants.

We would welcome the opportunity to hold one of our core trainings in your community:

*Journey to Successful Fundraising*  
*Introduction to Financial Management*  
*Nonprofit Startup*  
*Social Media Management*  
*Board Governance Training*

If you are interested in bringing a workshop to your area please [email](#) or call 206.624.6076 to discuss.



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

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### **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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