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"No, it's not a painting and it wasn't photoshopped either. These are polar stratospheric clouds over Iceland." Polar stratospheric ice clouds (naked clouds) form at temperatures below the ice sublimation point, usually around $-85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, a temperature lower than the average temperature of the lower stratosphere. GrantStation

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[Reno Is the Fastest-Warming City in US](#)

[According to the Desert Research Institute, Reno is the fastest-warming city in the United States. This summer, the hottest parts of our area will be mapped through an urban heat](#)

Nine practices from Native American culture that could help the environment

From building clam gardens along the shore to tilling vegetables in the desert, Native Americans have been working with the rhythms of the Earth for centuries

Read in The Washington Post: https://apple.news/ANIMM_OoIT-ypkTLujbwXPw

In the heart of the Amazon, this pristine wilderness shows nature's resilience

Ecuador's Yasuní National Park, along the banks of the Napo River, shows how biodiversity can thrive when humans don't interfere.

Read in National Geographic: https://apple.news/A_yO-31oWQ-685lrG0mfjdQ



Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said."

We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.

- Ira Byock.

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Breaking Ground on the Future of Tribal Energy Financing and Rebates Webinar April 25, 2024 11:00am – 1:00pm MT

Join the Office of Indian Energy to hear about the [Viejas Microgrid](#) and Yakama Power, two Tribal energy projects that are breaking ground with novel financing opportunities: the [Tribal Energy Financing Program](#) and the Buy Indian Act.

Also, get the latest updates and application resources for the [Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program](#), which will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible Tribal household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades. **Register today.**

Announcement of Continuum of Care Tribal Homelessness Network

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) is pleased to announce two opportunities for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to connect and learn more about resources to address homelessness including the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. We recognize that Tribes and TDHEs are newer to the CoC Program and that connecting with one another provides the opportunity for peer sharing, learning, and networking. View the letter [here](#).

Department of Interior Announces \$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation issued a funding opportunity to assist federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations as they plan and construct domestic water infrastructure. Eligible projects include new domestic water supply infrastructure, improvements to existing infrastructure and facilities, extension of existing infrastructure and facilities to reach underserved service areas, and other projects that assess and address urgent water-related needs, among others.

Applications are due August 4, 2024

- [Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program](#)
- [Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects Funding Announcement](#)
- [News Release: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Infrastructure](#)

IHBG Competitive NOFO APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED and Other Technical Corrections

HUD is extending the FY 2023 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Application deadline by 30 days. Applications are now due by **Friday, April 19, 2024**, at 11:59 pm ET.

HUD has also made some technical corrections to the NOFO following Tribal feedback provided during ongoing NOFO training sessions:

- **Undisbursed Funds from 2016 or Prior Years:** References to undisbursed funds from 2016 and prior years have been removed from the NOFO. Applicants will no longer lose points under the Rating Factors if they have undisbursed funds from 2016 or prior years.

- Needs Table Heading Corrected: The Needs Table that was posted had an incorrect heading, which has been corrected. The data in the table is unchanged.
- Updated FAQs: HUD will also update FAQs shortly to further assist Applicants.

To allow Applicants additional time to take these changes into account, HUD has extended the application deadline until **Friday, April 19, 2024**, at 11:59 pm ET. Applications must still be submitted through grants.gov.

Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement Notice of Funding Opportunity

HUD issued a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) which appropriates \$225 million in grant funding for the [PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT \(PRICE\)](#) program. PRICE supports communities in their efforts to maintain, protect, and stabilize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs). Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are eligible to apply, and at least \$10 million of the available funding is intended for Tribal communities. All applications must be submitted to Grants.gov to be eligible for review. HUD will hold several webinars on the NOFO, and the schedule for these can be found [here](#). The application deadline is **June 5, 2024**.

IHBG Formula Census Challenge Deadline Date Change

The IHBG regulation at 24 CFR §1000.336(d) requires that Tribes and TDHEs submit documentation supporting Census challenges by March 30th to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year allocation. However, because the Census data used for computing the FY 2025 IHBG formula allocation was not available until September 29, 2023, HUD is extending the Census Challenge deadline to **July 29, 2024**. This extension provides Tribes and TDHEs with a similar amount of time as they had in prior fiscal years to review their Census data. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is regulatorily required to provide this information annually to all IHBG eligible Indian Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE). HUD is posting the FY 2025 Needs Data information on-line at: <https://ihbgformula.com/2025-needsdata/>.

- **USDA ReConnect Program - Fifth Round Makes \$700 Million Available to Bring Affordable High-Speed Internet to Rural and Tribal Communities**

USDA is accepting applications until **May 21, 2024**, for funding under the [ReConnect Program](#). This is the fifth round of funding under the program, which provides loans and grants to bring high-speed internet to the most remote and difficult-to-serve rural and Tribal communities in America.

A total of \$700 million is available under four funding categories:

- Up to \$200 million is available for loans.
- Up to \$200 million is available for loan/grant combinations.
- Up to \$150 million is available for grants.
- Up to \$150 million is available for grants serving Alaska Native corporations, Tribal governments, colonias, persistent poverty areas and socially vulnerable communities.

Read [full announcement](#).

- Office of Indian Energy: \$50 Million for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands

New Funding Will Help Tribal Communities Deploy Clean Energy Technology, Increase Energy Sovereignty and Resiliency, and Lower Energy Costs.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) [announced](#) the funding available under the Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2024 (DE-FOA-0003298) funding opportunity announcement (FOA) has doubled, increasing from \$25 million to \$50 million. Through this FOA, Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations, can apply for funding to install clean energy technology on Tribal lands. Applications are due **May 30, 2024**, at 5 p.m. ET. [Download the full FOA document](#) to learn more and apply.

Communities Sparking Investments in Transformative Energy funding opportunity:

Approximately \$18 million in funding from the [Local Government Energy Program](#), for community-identified, transformative clean energy projects and programs that advance local energy priorities and self-determination, spark additional investments, and deliver direct benefits to workers and residents. DOE anticipates making up to 20 awards under this FOA, each ranging \$900,000 to \$3,600,000, to eligible applicants, including Tribes and local governments representing disadvantaged communities, energy communities, and small-to-medium-sized jurisdictions. Recipients will also receive technical assistance, including an on-site DOE-sponsored Clean Energy Fellow. More info: [DOE announced](#). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2024**.

On March 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Labor announced \$90 million in grant funding for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Career Services and Training Grants. The purpose of the program is to provide career services and training to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents to prepare them to obtain, retain and advance in agricultural jobs or start new careers.

Information about the grant opportunity and how to apply is available at: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/352100>

Additional resources relating to the NFJP Career Services and Training [grant opportunity](#) include the [Prospective Applicant Webcast](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) which highlight major features of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

Grant applications are due on Friday May 3, 2024, by 11:59pm Eastern Time. Questions regarding this FOA may be emailed to NFJP.OGM@dol.gov

Albert B. Craig, Jr. Award Nomination

The purpose of the Albert B. Craig, Jr. Award is to recognize people who have challenged society to think in fresh ways about problems and solutions in behavioral health; to forge new paths, whether through uncommon partnerships or new ways of serving people with behavioral health issues; or who have invented a product or process that has alleviated mental illness/addiction. <https://stauntonfarm.org/our-work/albert-b-craig-jr-award-form/>

The Bennett Prize's Call for Entries Is Now Open

Women figurative realist painters can propel their careers by entering to win \$50,000 and a traveling solo exhibition of their work. Applications are open through October 4. <https://mag.foundation>

[**Our charity donates art supplies to K-12**](#)

[**Providing donation-based art supplies to K-12 teachers, advancing equity in art education one classroom at a time.**](#)

Want up to \$50,000 to bring your community project to life? [**Here's how to apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant.**](#)

[**Irvine Foundation Leadership Awards**](#)

Nominations are open for the 2025 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Awards!

Do you know a leader creating a better California? Nominate them by April 26. Nominations that reflect the diversity of California are especially encouraged.

Award recipients receive a \$350,000 grant and support sharing their solutions with policymakers and peers. To learn more, visit irvine.ly/nominate and follow the [**James Irvine Foundation Leadership Awards**](#) for updates.

Funding for language research

Deadline: May 1, 2024 and following

Amount: \$1,500 per person (up to 2) or \$4,000 per group (3 or more)

The California Language Archive is a physical and digital archive for materials related to the Indigenous languages of the Americas, housed in the Survey of California and Other Indian Languages in the Department of Linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley. Our catalog also includes sound recordings held by the Phoebe A.

[**Read More**](#)

Apply to ACTA's Apprenticeship Program

For over 20 years the Alliance for California Traditional Arts' (ACTA's) Apprenticeship Program has supported California's cultural traditions with over 400 contracts to outstanding traditional artists and practitioners. Each \$5,000 contract will support a period of concentrated learning, from 6 mos. to a year. *Applications due May 1, 2024.*

[**Read More**](#)

ACTA's Living Cultures Grant

The Living Cultures Grant Program sustains and strengthens traditional arts by providing project funding for California-based nonprofits. Amount: \$7,500 to individual artists/culture bearers and \$10,000 grants to California-based nonprofits and Tribal nations, as well as other organizations and community groups. Through this grant program, ACTA supports nurturing cultural continuity, sustaining cultural practices, and engaging our own communities and others through public programs. Projects involving any genre of traditional arts - including but not limited to dance, music, foodways, material arts, and oral traditions - are welcome. *Applications for the 2024-25 grant cycle will open on June 5! Applications due: July 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.*

[**Read More**](#)



CoLang 2024 Registration open now!

CoLang is an international institute which creates multi-dimensional networks and provides quality training for anyone interested in language work, including language activists, teachers, linguists, and students from all types of communities. CoLang workshops provide hands-on skills in language reclamation, documentation, and related fields as practiced in collaborative, community-based contexts.

[**Read More**](#)

National Opportunities

Funding Benefits Veterans and Military Members and Families

Infinite Hero Foundation aims to connect U.S. military, veterans, and military family members with innovative and effective treatment programs for service-related injuries.

Health and Well-Being Supported in U.S. Communities

Through the Kentucky Fried Wishes program, the KFC Foundation will award up to \$1 million total to 100 nonprofit organizations in the United States.

Grants Advance Disability Rights and Justice

The Disability Inclusion Fund, a donor collaborative housed at Borealis Philanthropy, is accepting applications from organizations in the United States working to strengthen disability inclusion, rights, and justice.

Technology Education Projects Funded in Rural Areas

The Rural Technology Fund provides grants to schools and organizations in the United States for rural technology education projects and assistive technology projects.

Regional Opportunities

Grants Promote Environmental Conservation in Company Communities

The Apex Conservation Grant Program supports local or regional wildlife conservation, reforestation and flora restoration, protection of sensitive habitats such as grassland or wetlands, and other environmental conservation initiatives in or near Apex project communities.

Support Provided in Arizona for Youth, Sports, and Education Projects

The mission of Fiesta Bowl Charities is to enhance organizations in Arizona that contribute to the success of their communities through youth, sports, and education.

Oral Health Efforts Funded in South Carolina

Delta Dental of South Carolina's Oral Health Grant Program aims to improve oral health for people of all ages in South Carolina.

Grants Enhance Animal Welfare in Maine

The Elmina B. Sewall Foundation seeks to create a healthier and more equitable Maine, where all people, animals, and environment thrive.

Federal Opportunities

Program Supports Public Humanities Activities

The Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations program seeks to assist small and mid-sized humanities organizations in meeting their communities' needs by expanding the scope, reach, and excellence of public programs.

Funds Available to Help Eradicate Invasive Species

The Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity invites proposals to support the eradication of newly introduced or established species in terrestrial or aquatic habitats (including freshwater, wetland, riparian, estuarian, and marine) of the United States and its territories.

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**Arbor Rising** supports the most promising second-stage nonprofit organizations in the lower 48 in the United States, with priority given to the New York City metro area and those organizations serving under-resourced populations in the eastern half of the U.S. Grants are provided to organizations that address the underlying causes—rather than merely treating the symptoms—of poverty, primarily in the fields of education, youth development, and job training. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

The focus of the **Save Mart Companies CARES Foundation** is on building stronger communities through fresh foods, access to food, and programs that support youth and help them thrive in communities the company serves in northern and central California and northern Nevada. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**Wyoming Nonprofit Network** amplifies the impact of nonprofits and philanthropy through research, partnerships, and building public support. We cultivate meaningful connections to foster learning and development for our nonprofit members and advance strong governance and management practices. We advocate for partnerships and public policies to expand the reach and effectiveness of nonprofits as Wyoming's official association for nonprofits.

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American Sign Language offered as a minor at UNR: UNR in Reno now offers American Sign Language as a minor, with 16 students ready to declare it for their undergraduate degree. This program aims to produce skilled interpreters for various professional settings. (kolotv.com)

U.S. Agriculture Deputy Secretary visits Reno College tour across the country

RENO, Nev. (KOLO) - Xochitl Torres Small spoke to the future generation of farmers, conservationists, and foresters at the University of Nevada, Reno about potential future careers in the agricultural industry. Small also was able to see where the investment of \$19.8 million from the Biden-Harris administration was being used.

Staff from the Desert Farming initiative talked about the various USDA-funded programs such as the Beginning Rancher and Farmer Program and how important it is to have support for the research and development of resilient food supplies. Small says for this reason, land grant institutions like UNR are vital for underserved communities and providing the resources and materials they need are making a better ecosystem for all. UNR is the 12th university on Small's tour, which will wrap up in summer.

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**Watch The American Buffalo | A Documentary from Ken Burns | PBS** The American Buffalo, a two-part, four-hour series, takes viewers on a journey through more than 10,000 years of North American history and across some of the continent's most iconic ...

Trace the buffalo's evolution, its significance to the Indigenous people and landscape of the Great Plains, its near extinction,

Examples:

### **14:27 Analyzing Native American and European Settler Perspectives on Buffalo**

**Conservation** "The Buffalo was a part of us, his flesh and blood being absorbed..."

The American Buffalo and the efforts to bring the magnificent mammals back from the brink.

Grades 6-8, 9-12 a

### **36:09 The American Buffalo: Ecosystem Engineers**

The purpose of this lesson is to introduce students to the ecological significance of the American buffalo... The American Buffalo Grades 6-8, 9-12

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-buffalo>

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https://news.emory.edu/stories/2023/08/esc_bison_impact_24-08-2023_story.html

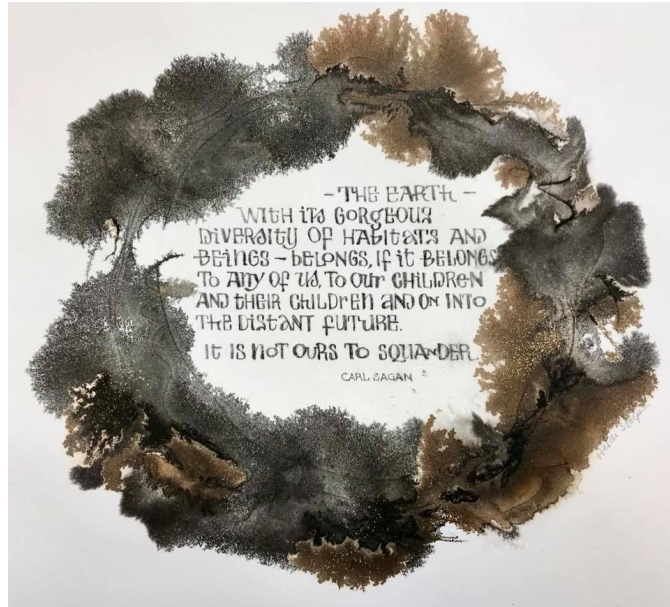
Buffalo slaughter left lasting impact on Indigenous peoples

The economic effects of the bison slaughter are an overlooked piece of the history of Indigenous peoples that she and her co-authors decided to investigate. For more than 10,000 years, bison served as the primary source of the livelihood for many Native Americans in regions of the Great Plains, the Northwest and the Rocky Mountains.

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*For those that missed Monday's USDA seminar:*

***Framing Paper for this topic area. This is not mean to restrict conversation, but rather provide some topics we have heard over the course of the previous Barriers Consultations and other engagements with Indian Country. Two other documents that will be referenced are progress updates related to this topic area:***

- [USDA Tribal Colleges, Students, & Youth Progress Update Spring 2024](#)
- [USDA Tribal Barriers Removed Progress Update Spring 2024](#)



[Mark Trahant](#)

[Really enjoyed this conversation— and what an incredible turn out. Power of stories](#)

[Sho-Ban News](#)

## **Distinguished Humanities Lecture features ‘Killers of the Flower Moon’ author David Grann**

FORT HALL - The 15th Annual Eastern Idaho Distinguished Humanities Lecture with “Killers of the Flower Moon” author David Grann, was on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Shoshone-Bannock Hotel & Event Center.

Grann spoke about his experiences in writing his best selling book, which began with a trip in 2012 to the Osage Nation Museum.

A 1924 photograph on the wall with Osage members and White settlers peaked his interest to tell the story of what he describes as one of the most sinister crimes in American history.

“Killers of the Flower Moon” was also turned into a film by Martin Scorsese, starring Oscar nominated actress Lily Gladstone (Blackfeet) and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Grann was welcomed by Idaho Humanities Council Chair Shelley McEuen-Howard; members of the Fort Hall Business Council, Chairman Lee Juan Tyler and Secretary Claudia Washakie; Ghost Canyon Singers and the Shoshone-Bannock Dance Troupe.

He later joined a panel with Shoshone-Bannock tribal members, editor at large for Indian Country Today and author Mark Trahant, along with moderator and author Randy’L Teton.

Grann said, “What a reception with the drummers and the singers and the dancers. That was like the greatest thing ever. It was a really special event.”

He said trips like these not only give him an opportunity to share some of the research in his book, but in turn he gets to learn.

“Tonight was one of those special nights where you feel like you’re learning and you’re learning from others,” said Grann.

Afterwards Grann autographed books and took photos with attendees.

See the full story in the April 25, 2024 issue of the Sho-Ban News.



*Lotomau Fiafia, 72, a community elder, stands with his grandson John at the point where he remembers the shoreline used to be when he was a boy. © Eddie Jim, The Age / Sydney Morning Herald*

Lotomau Fiafia was born on Kioa Island in Fiji in 1952. More than 70 years later, he was still there. The community elder could see the beach from his house, but something was different. “More sand erodes each year,” he told the [Sydney Morning Herald](#) last year. “Rain does not come in its right time.”

In [Fighting, Not Sinking](#), photographer [Eddie Jim](#) shows Fiafia standing in the ocean with his grandson John. The water comes up to Fiafia’s chest; John, who is about a head shorter than his grandfather, is submerged up to his chin. This is where Fiafia, who died a few months after the photo was taken, said the shoreline used to be.

**“I have been asked by the elder Lotomau Fiafia to tell their stories to the outside world on how global warming [is] affecting them and their community,”** Jim wrote on [Instagram](#). “I feel like I have finished a mission now, but unfortunately Lotomau is no longer with us. ... I hope I am doing [his] community proud.”

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