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President Biden signed a proclamation expanding the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in northern California's Inner Coast Range by 13,696-acres. The new designation protects a striking 11-mile-long north-south ridgeline that is sacred to the Patwin people and hosts a mosaic of rare natural features supported by the area's unique geologic and hydrologic features. The presidential proclamation also permanently renames the ridgeline, previously known as "Walker Ridge," to Molok Luyuk, which means Condor Ridge in the language of the Patwin people. The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, managed by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, was originally established by Presidential Proclamation in 2015. President Biden also signed a proclamation to expand the [San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, managed by the U.S. Forest Service](#). The expansion of these monuments advances the Biden-Harris administration's work to support community-driven and Tribally led initiatives to conserve and restore the nation's lands and waters through the President's [America the Beautiful initiative](#).

Here's to the kids
that aren't sporting University shirts
in their parent's graduation posts.

Here's to the kids
strapping on work boots,
donning scrubs,
slipping into uniform,
and committing to careers
soon after walking the stage.

Here's to the kids
taking a different path
toward their version
of higher education



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And here's to letting them know
We're just as proud.
and their work is just as honorable.

To the graduates
pursuing the trades...

Here's to you!

[Anne Willie Susan](#) is at [Arizona State University](#)

Congratulations to our daughter, Ashley Na'ilihn Susan, who graduated from Arizona State University (ASU) with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology, a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Science and a linguistics in Spanish along with academic distinction from the ASU Barrows Honors College. She was recognized at the Native American graduation as a White Mountain Apache/ Walker River Paiute...I could envision her grandparents beaming from above. She is a former Miss Native American USA IV. Congratulations my girl, proud of you!



National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: May 21, 2024

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). These calls are free and open to the public.

Registration Link: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_XlgAdMDiSnuzJAIQGTZ6rA

Agenda:

- **Management Updates for the Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR)**
- **Community Spotlight**
- **Office of Air Quality and Planning Standards (OAQPS) Regulatory Updates**
- **[Environmental Justice Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement Programs](#)**
- **EPA Roadshow Updates**
- **Stakeholder Engagement for OEJECR's National Program Guidance**

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA and OEJECR's work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email farrell.ericka@epa.gov by May 14th to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email farrell.ericka@epa.gov. Also mark your calendar for the following upcoming 2024 calls: June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, and Sep 17th.

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.



[Cobra lily \(Darlingtonia californica\):](#) [Native to North America, the cobra lily has jug-shaped leaves that resemble a cobra ready to strike, making it a fascinating carnivorous plant for swamp gardens.](#)

EPA Issues Fiscal Year 2023 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Annual Report

The Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights' [Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center \(CPRC\)](#) has issued this year's EPA Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report, which is required by OMB and CEQ and outlined in the [OMB-CEQ Memorandum on Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution](#). This report highlights the EPA's key achievements in providing ECCR in fiscal year 2023 and the infrastructure that supports this work. ECCR continues to be an essential tool used to advance the Agency's goals, including tackling the climate crisis, taking decisive action to advance environmental justice and civil rights, and strengthening tribal, state, and local partnerships. [Read the Fiscal Year 2023 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Annual Report](#)

Background:

The CPRC supports EPA's regulatory, enforcement, and voluntary programs by providing [environmental collaboration and conflict resolution \(ECCR\) services](#) to the entire Agency. Expert CPRC staff, specialists in ECCR in the EPA's 10 regions, as well as professionals engaged through the [CPRC's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Services contract](#), help EPA and its stakeholders exchange ideas and information, identify areas of concern and common interest, develop recommendations, prevent and overcome disputes, and reach agreements. Every office at EPA has access to CPRC's support in preventing and reducing conflict associated with their environmental projects. The CPRC supports ECCR across the Agency, pursuant to [EPA's ADR Policy](#).

If you have any questions about CPRC or its services, please [contact the CPRC team](#).

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### **GrantStation**

#### **National Opportunities**

##### **September 11 Youth Service Projects Funded**

The We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants, an initiative of Youth Service America, support organizations, schools, and youth changemakers—aged 5 to 25—to lead service projects on or around September 11, 2024.

##### **Challenge Seeks AI Solutions to Poverty**

The Robin Hood AI Poverty Challenge seeks to identify breakthrough solutions using artificial intelligence to fight poverty and expand upward mobility in the United States.

##### **Grants Aim to Strengthen Local News Coverage**

Press Forward, a national movement to strengthen communities by reinvigorating local news, is accepting applications through its first open call.

##### **Support Enhances HIV/AIDS Services, Education, and Research**

The Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation is dedicated to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

#### **Regional Opportunities**

##### **Renewal Grants Available for Indiana K-12 Educators**

Lilly Endowment is currently accepting applications for its Teacher Creativity Fellowship program, which supports K-12 educators throughout Indiana by providing resources for them to take time for meaningful renewal.

### **Children's Health and Education Programs Supported in North Carolina**

The Carolina Hurricanes Foundation strives to meet the health and education needs of children in North Carolina, with a focus on impacting underserved populations, and seeks to strengthen youth hockey.

### **Funds Promote Arts and Education in CT, FL, NY, and DC**

The Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation provides support in Florida, New York, Connecticut, and Washington, DC, to assist organizations seeking to promote the arts or create programs that inspire, engage, and teach.

### **Sponsorships Advance Oral Health Equity in Washington**

Arcora Foundation advances oral health across the state of Washington. The Foundation seeks to support nonprofit organizations working to reduce barriers to oral and overall healthcare and prevent disease.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Supports Women's Apprenticeships and Employment**

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Technical Assistance Grant Program aims to encourage employment of women in both apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations.

#### **Funds Available for Public Housing Revitalization**

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants program supports the development of comprehensive plans to revitalize severely distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhoods.

**Youth Justice Action Month (YJAM) Mini Grants**, supported by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the National Youth Justice Network, offer funding to youth justice advocates, state advisory groups, youth-serving organizations, and young leaders across the country in planning and implementing YJAM activities. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**The Water for Wildlife Foundation** is a conservation organization designed to benefit the nation's wildlife. The Foundation helps bridge the gaps between agencies and other partners to implement projects and provides grants each year for the construction of water/habitat developments for wildlife. Funding is currently provided in the arid West of the U.S., including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**The Moleskine Foundation** seeks to inspire, encourage, and connect young people to transform themselves and their communities through creativity. The Creativity Pioneers Fund catalyzes transformational social change by investing in, connecting, and championing cultural and creative organizations that advance bold and unconventional practices for building a more just, inclusive, and equitable world. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **Increasing capital access for California's underinvested small businesses**

The Technical Assistance for Capital Readiness Program is backed by \$25.3 million in funding from the U.S. Treasury's [State Small Business Credit Initiative](#) (SSBCI). SSBCI is designed to

spur investment to businesses with 1-9 employees, small manufacturing companies, and businesses operated by owners from underserved **communities**.

How the Program Helps Business-Owners:

- Guides them to navigate the loan process, prepare their loan applications, and determine what loan products, if any, will be the best fit.
- Builds legal, accounting, and financial management skills
- Increases awareness of state-backed capital support programs for small businesses applying for capital
- Designed to spur the approval of new business loans to the state's smallest and most vulnerable business-owners
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**[WESTAF](#) TourWest Grant opens April 15th and closes May 31 for touring performers and literary artists!**

**[\\$50,000 for small towns from the T-Mobile Hometown Grants. Due June 30.](#)**

**[\\$25,000 to \\$100,000 for new artistic commissions from Visionary Initiatives in Art.](#)**

**Nevada Heritage Fellowship Applications OPEN Deadline June 30, 2024 5:00pm**

### **Recognizing Nevada's Traditional Arts Heritage**

The Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Nevada Heritage Fellowship from the Nevada Arts Council recognizes tradition bearers living in Nevada whose body of work has contributed to Nevada's traditional arts heritage. The Nevada Heritage Fellowship is awarded as an honorarium and does not need to be used for any specific expenses or projects (applications for specific projects should be submitted to the Folklife Artist Grant and/or the Project Grant for Artists).

### **FOLKLIFE ARTIST GRANT**

**Supporting the Work of Nevada's Folk Artists and Culture Bearers**

**Open to:** Individuals

- **Grant Activity Period:** July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
  - **Applications open:** February 1, 2024, 8:00 am PST
  - **Application deadline:** At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)
- [Guidelines](#)
- [Application Questions/Support Material](#)
- Review [Grant Policies](#)

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### **FOLKLIFE COMMUNITY GRANT**

**Supporting the Work of Folk Artists in Nevada Communities**

- **Open to:** Non-profit organizations with annual budgets of \$30,000 or less
  - **Grant Activity Period:** July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
    - **Applications open:** February 1, 2024, 8:00 am PST
    - **Application deadline:** At least 30 days before the proposed project (while funds remain available)
  - [Guidelines](#)
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## **ARTS LEARNING EXPRESS GRANT**

### **Supporting short-term teaching artist residencies**

**Open to:** Individuals on the [Nevada Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster](#), non-profit organizations, and public institutions

#### **Grant Activity Period:**

- **CYCLE A:** Activities July. 1–Dec. 31, 2024
    - **Applications open:** February 1, 2024, 8:00 am PST
  - **CYCLE B:** Activities Jan. 1–June 30, 2025
    - **Applications open:** August 1, 2024, 8:00 am PST
  - **Application deadline:** At least 30 days before the proposed activity (while funds remain available)
  - [Guidelines](#)
  - [Application Questions/Support Material](#)
  - Review [Grant Policies](#)
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## **Nevada Heritage Fellowship**

### **Recognizing our state’s outstanding tradition bearers**

- **Open to:** Individuals
  - **Amount:** \$5,000
  - **Nominations open:** May 1, 2024, 8:00 am PST
  - **Nominations deadline:** June 30, 2024, 5:00 pm PST
  - **Nominee application deadline:** July 1, 2024, 5:00 pm PST
  - [Guidelines](#)
  - [Application Questions/Support Material](#)
  - Review [Grant Policies](#)
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## **Target of Opportunity Grant**

### **Providing Flexible Funding for Agency Initiatives**

- **APPLICATIONS OPEN:** While funds remain available
- **DEADLINE:** Dependent upon funding source – consult with agency

- **GRANT AMOUNT:** Dependent upon available funding
- **GRANT PERIOD:** Agency approved period of performance
- [Guidelines](#)
- Review [Grant Policies](#)

**The 2024 FARE Grant Program: Apply Now to Support Women’s Workplace Rights**

The Fostering Access, Rights and Equity (FARE) grant program began in 2021 to help marginalized and underserved women workers learn about and access their employment rights and benefits. Since 2023, it has focused on addressing gender-based violence and harassment in the world of work.

Are you a small minority-owned business owner? The Diversity Certified program supports eligible small minority-owned businesses impacted by COVID-19 in their pathway to become certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) or Minority Business Enterprises (MBE).

This program covers the costs of technical application assistance and certification. There are currently 200 openings in the program to be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**Apply TODAY! This program will remain open until June 2024 or until all allotted spots have been filled.**

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**The Business Security Program (BSP)**

**grant** will provide financial assistance for businesses to install security systems or enhance their existing system to secure buildings (for example, installing fencing, lighting, security doors and locks, or security cameras).

\*Grants up to \$10,000, with a minimum of a \$2,500 request.

\*Funds to be provided upfront based on approved applicant quote(s) who must also then provide applicable invoice(s), receipts AND verification of payment.

\*Funding available on a first-come, first served basis.

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## **A few memories, May 13-20**

**May 13 1540** After massacring Yuchi, Chickasa and Cherokee, explorer Don Hernando de Soto kidnapped the Lady of Cofitachequi (who had befriended him and given him a string of pearls) from her tribe in northern Georgia, forcing her to serve as his guide.

**1961** Native American leaders representing tribes in Utah, California and Nevada met with Kennedy administration officials to Reno's state building on proposals or reform of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**May 14 1975** The University of Nevada Press announced it would publish a book, *Amerikanauk*, that would make a case that Basque whalers arrived in the Americas before Columbus.

**1976** The US Economic Development Administration granted \$175,000 to the Washoe tribe for construction of a community center in Woodfords.

**May 15 1879** The Paiute-Shoshone of Duck Valley were taking large quantities of fish from the Owyhee River, selling them in the Tuscarora mining boom.

**1936** President Roosevelt signed a moratorium on debts owed by Native American irrigation projects.

**1956** A federal grand jury sitting in Las Vegas recommended to Nevada's members of Congress that the Las Vegas Indian Village be broken up, the land sold off, and the Native American residents compensated for the loss of their land.

**May 16 1848** Gold discovered near the site of Auburn, California.

**1878** In a former Russian barrack on Baranof Island in Sitka, Alaska, the Sheldon Jackson School (now Sheldon Jackson College) opened for members of the Tlingit tribe.

**May 17 1829** Explorer Peter Sket Ogden recorded in his journal "large flocks of pelicans seen this day" along the Humboldt River near Rye Patch in what is now known as Nevada.

**1954** The US Supreme Court overturned its 1896 ruling that said public facilities for races can be segregated if they are equal, now finding that separate schools are "inherently unequal" and ordering nationwide desegregation.

- May 18 1644** Twenty-two years after his first attack on Jamestown, ninety-nine year old Opechancanough of the Powhatan Confederacy let tribal forces against Virginia and killed almost 400 English.
- 1904** In an inquest held into the deaths of two young women drowned at Laughton Springs as Native Americans searched the Truckee River for their two dates who tried to save them.
- 1917** A Presidential Order reserved 60 acres for a Winnemucca Paiute colony. Another 60 acres were added on February 8, 1918, 10 more on May 21, 1928 and another 10 on May 29, 1928
- May 18 1953** An atomic test, code named “Harry” (became known as “Dirty Harry”) detonated in Nevada, spewed so much fallout downwind that farm animals died.
- May 19 1875** The Nevada Silver State (Winnemucca) reported “ Prince Naches, who does not consider it beneath the dignity of a royal Paiute to peddle fish, is doing a thriving business in that line.”
- 1900** Jim Butler supposedly found gold and silver ore that started the rush to Tonopah though there is evidence that rather than finding it, it was pointed out to him by Native Americans(<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/archives/myth/myth32.htm>)
- May 20 1862** An Act allowed individuals to change land entry from a homestead to preemption - authorized unrestricted settlement on public lands, residence and cultivation of 160 acres.
- 1905** Derby Dam, forerunner of structures at Hoover, Grand Coulee and Glen Canyon dams, finished; operational water diversions began in 1906.
- 1936** Congress approved the Constitution and By-laws of the Shoshone-Paiute tribes of Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

**Ed note:** *Hope you enjoy historical factoids as much as I!*

*Would like to know if you prefer presentation by year or by monthly date.*

*Please do remember that each factoid has stories behind it that are not well told, serving as ideas for term papers and thesis.....to say nothing of informal talks, speeches and full books.....no one should be able to say “there’s nothing about which to write”!*

[nvartscouncil.org](http://nvartscouncil.org)

[Intersections, The Nevada Creative Conference](#)

[Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel & Spa · Reno, NV](#)

## **Biden-Harris Administration Delivers \$147 Million from Investing in America Agenda for Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Reliability Across the West**

**DURANGO, Colo.** — The Department of the Interior today announced a \$147.6 million investment from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to help communities prepare and respond to water reliability challenges due to drought and other water scarcity concerns. The funding will support 42 projects in ten states.

“As communities across the West continue to face the impacts of ongoing drought, the Biden-Harris administration is making record investments to safeguard local water supplies and build climate resilience now and into the future,” said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. “By working together in close coordination with states, Tribes and other stakeholders, we can provide much needed relief for communities across the West that will have a lasting impact for generations.”

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton, joined by Senator Michael Bennet, made the announcement during a visit with the Southern Ute Tribe in southwestern Colorado. The Tribe is being awarded a \$2.3 million grant as part of today’s announcement to upgrade their water system to provide reliable water levels during various water flow periods. This will allow the Southern Ute Tribe to divert its full allocation of water during times of lower flows.

“With new resources provided through President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, we are investing in locally led projects to help build drought resilience,” said **Commissioner Touton**. “These projects focus on improving water management strategies, infrastructure and efficiency to mitigate the impacts of drought on communities, agriculture and ecosystems.”

The funding announced today comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act and annual appropriations. Awards will support projects that build new infrastructure or upgrade existing infrastructure, recharge aquifers, advance water recycling and treatment, and strengthen innovative technologies to address water scarcity challenges for water users. For a portion of the projects, Reclamation is using funding from the Inflation Reduction Act to help reduce the cost-share for domestic water supplies projects that support disadvantaged communities. The selected projects will help bring clean, reliable drinking water to communities through investments in domestic water supply systems for communities that do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies.

President Biden’s Investing in America agenda represents the largest investment in climate resilience in the nation’s history and is providing much-needed resources to enhance Western communities’ resilience to drought and climate change. Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Reclamation is investing a total of \$8.3 billion over five years for water infrastructure projects, including rural water, water storage, conservation and conveyance, nature-based solutions, dam safety, water purification and reuse, and desalination. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was signed in November 2021, Reclamation has announced almost \$3 billion for 440 projects.

The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$4 billion in funding specifically for water management and conservation efforts in the Colorado River Basin and other areas experiencing similar levels of long-term drought. To date, Reclamation has announced 202 system conservation agreements under the Inflation Reduction Act for an estimated 1.7 million acre-feet of Colorado River system conservation through 2026, totaling \$716 million.

To view a complete list of projects, visit the [Bureau of Reclamation’s website](#).

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[Enter the world's best film festivals and screenplay contests. FilmFreeway makes it easy to discover, submit and get tickets to thousands of events.](#)



**In Loving Memory of**



**Theodore Howard**

1947-2024

Traditional Services will be held at Ted's Home:  
Friday May 10th, 2024  
Sunrise Services  
Funeral Services - 11am HDC  
Burial - New Town Cemetery  
Dinner to follow at HDC  
Food donations are greatly appreciated