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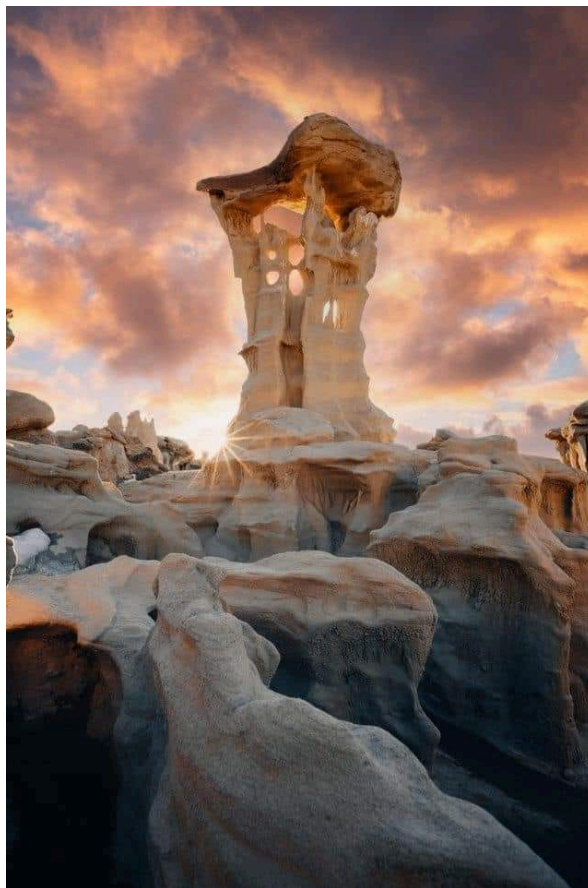
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This bizarre sandstone structure is known as the 'Alien Throne'.

It stands in the Valley of Dreams, on Navajo Nation land in the northwestern New Mexico badlands. The 'Alien Throne' is found just outside the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah Wilderness Study Area, which is home to multicolored badlands, sandstone hoodoos, petrified wood and dinosaur bones. This towering structure is a hoodoo, which is a tall, thin spire of rock that sticks out from the bottom of a badland. Usually hoodoos are formed within sedimentary rock and volcanic rock formations.

Minerals deposited within different rock types cause hoodoos to have different colors throughout their height.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to Hold Listening Sessions on Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan

The Justice Department is hosting two virtual public listening sessions to gather input to inform the development of the Department's Environmental Justice Strategic Plan. [Executive Order 14096](#), "Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All," directs the Justice Department to develop an Environmental Justice Strategic Plan capturing its vision, goals, priority actions, and metrics to address and advance environmental justice.

DOJ's draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan includes goals to prioritize cases, meaningfully engage with impacted communities, increase education and collaboration, and assess and evaluate environmental justice in the Justice Department's climate adaptation efforts. See related [OEJ website information](#) and additional information below.

VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS (Please register by May 23, 2024.)

Date: May 29, 2024 **Time: 06:00-07:30 PM Eastern Time**

To register and receive a link to join: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsfu2trjMvHa9l2LeJWSL9NguDCu8qDCg#/registration>

Date: May 30, 2024 **Time: 06:00-07:30 PM Eastern Time**

To register and receive a link to join: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdOyrqzlsG8i2cfl4GuJXwLkF-EiLQDw#/registration>

For more information about the virtual listening sessions on DOJ's draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan, see the Virtual Listening Sessions Flyer. The flyer is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) at: <https://www.justice.gov/oej/draft-environmental-justice-strategic-plan-information>.

Listening sessions will start with an overview of the draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan goals and objectives followed by an opportunity for the public to provide feedback. Each virtual listening session will cover the same material. To request special accommodations for the listening sessions, please indicate when registering.

We would appreciate your comments on the following questions:

- **What additional goals and objectives should the Department consider in its Plan?**
- **How can the Department improve its outreach and engagement efforts with communities about environmental justice?**
- **What information and resources should the Department provide to communities to clarify its environmental justice efforts?**
- **What topics and considerations should the Department include for staff training on environmental justice?**
- **What organizations in your area should the Department add to its environmental justice listserv?**

Written comments may be sent until **11:59 PM Eastern Time on July 8, 2024**, in one of the following ways:

- by email to OEJ@usdoj.gov,
- by [Survey](#) (available in English and Spanish) at <https://www.justice.gov/oej/draft-environmental-justice-strategic-plan-information>, or

- by hard copy to Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. DOJ, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Native American

On July 21st, 1979 Jay Silverheels, became the first Indigenous Native to have a star commemorated on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Harold Jay Smith, was a full-blooded Mohawk, born May 26th,1912 on the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada.

He excelled in athletics, most notably in lacrosse.

In 1931 he was among the first players chosen to play for the Toronto Tecumsehs, where he earned the nickname "Silverheels".

And in 1997 he was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a veteran player.

In 1938, he placed second in the middleweight class of the Golden Gloves tournament. This led to his working in motion pictures as an extra and stuntman in 1937.

Billed variously as Harold Smith and Harry Smith, before taking the name Jay Silverheels.

He appeared in low-budget features, mostly Westerns, and serials before landing his much loved and iconic role as Tonto on national tv from 1949 until 1957 along with two movies.

In the early 1960s, he was a founding member of the Indian Actors Workshop, in Echo Park, Los Angeles. Where Native actors refine their skills.

Today the workshop is still a well established institution.

Silverheels died on March 5, 1980, from stroke, at age 67, in Calabasas, California. He was cremated at Chapel of the Pines Crematory, and his ashes were returned to the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario



Synchronized perfectly! Watch the **wahine of Hālau Kekuaokalā‘au‘ala‘iliahi perform** in Hilo at the 61st annual Merrie Monarch Festival.

For more content and our livestream, head here: hawaiiinewsnow.com/merriemonarch
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[The Coolest Visitor Center In Nevada Has A Museum That You Shouldn't Miss](#)

[Are you looking for the best visitors center in Nevada? It may very well be the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center!](#)

**Numaga Indian Days
2024**
Misun Mills
Head Man Grass Dance Special
Labor day weekend
Reno NV

1st place: \$1,000 & Satin starquilt
2nd place: \$700 & Starquilt
3rd place: \$500 & Starquilt

Consolations
\$100 & Starquilt
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The first electric school bus fleet in the US will also power Oakland homes

<https://www.siliconvalley.com/2024/05/17/the-first-electric-school-bus-fleet-in-the-us-will-also-power-homes/>

THE TALE OF THE BUFFALO BROTHERS..

Long ago, a party of Dakota warriors went out on a buffalo hunt. Afterward, they went around to survey their kills. They came upon an injured buffalo who was being guarded by another. The hunters tried to chase the healthy buffalo away, but he wouldn't leave. He even charged at them. He was strong and able to run but he wouldn't leave the other buffalo behind. They decided to leave them be and come back the next day, concluding that the healthy buffalo would leave eventually. When they returned the next day, they were surprised to see that the strong buffalo remained. He stayed right there by the side of his brother. The strong buffalo would gently prod his injured relative, urging him to rise. The hunters left again, deciding to check back the following day. When they came back, they saw that the buffalo brothers were still together- only now, the injured buffalo appeared to be getting stronger. The hunters realized the buffalo might survive after all, thanks to his brother. When they returned on the fourth day, both buffalo were gone, with two sets of buffalo tracks leaving the site where the one once lay dying. The injured buffalo had recovered, thanks to the encouragement and strength of his brother. And so we should follow their example. We will encourage our relatives when they're wounded in body, heart, mind or spirit. We shall not leave them behind when they've fallen, and run with them when they rise. This is the tale of the Buffalo Brothers, as it was told to me by an elder.



[Jefferson's Secret Cipher for the Lewis and Clark Expedition](#)

05/13/2024 09:00 AM EDT

President Thomas Jefferson devised two versions of a unique cipher for the Lewis and Clark expedition across the unknown Louisiana Territory so that the explorers could relay sensitive information to him. They were never used, but the Library has preserved both ciphers as curious relics of a bold mission across a wild continent.

Susie Reyos Marmon



B	Dawa-Go-Mai-Tsa
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n	Territory, US
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i	1988 (aged 110–111)
e	

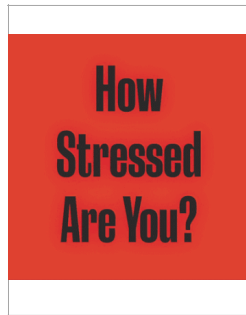
Susie Rayos Marmon, Ga-wa goo maa, "Early Riser" (1877–1988), Laguna Pueblo
Educated at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania under the U.S. policy of acculturating Indian children through schooling and removal from their homelands, Susie was instrumental in bringing education back to Laguna. A lifelong teacher, oral historian, and storyteller, Susie was honored with a school in her name in Albuquerque in 1989 and received many national and state citations for her commitment to educating students.

**"Every child needs to learn how to cook,
needs to learn how to cultivate a garden,
plant seeds, learn about sustainability,
be taken to a garden, and be able to put
hands in the Earth."**

— Alice Waters



DavidAvocadoWolfe



Take this test and see: Get an answer with one of the first stress perception assessment tools developed by psychologists in 1983. **Answer these 10 questions** to understand your stress levels better and what you can do to help yourself.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT](#)

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AWS IMAGINE Grant Program U.S.

A public grant opportunity open to registered nonprofit organizations who are using cloud technology to accelerate their missions.

Round One applications accepted: May 3 — June 3, 2024

[https://pages.awscloud.com/aws-imagine-grant-guidelines-2024.html?](https://pages.awscloud.com/aws-imagine-grant-guidelines-2024.html?sc_channel=sm&sc_campaign=Public_Sector&sc_publisher=FACEBOOK&sc_country=global&sc_geo=GLOBAL&sc_outcome=lead_gen&trkCampaign=IMAGINE-Grant-24&sc_content=IMAGINE%20Grant&sc_category=Amazon%20Machine%20Learning,AWS%20Cloud9,AWS%20Data%20Exchange&trk=e681779b-eb77-4b51-b4de-dfc393f77c0b&linkId=438969641)

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NEW FY2024 Indian Community Development Block Grant NOFO Published

The FY2024 Indian Community Development Block Grant NOFO was published May 15, 2024.

The NOFO announced the availability of approximately \$70 million to eligible Tribes and Tribal organizations for the development of viable American Indian and Alaska Native communities,

including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic

opportunities primarily for people with low- and moderate-incomes. Applicants have until

11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 15, 2024, to submit applications via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

(www.grants.gov). For further information about this funding opportunity, please visit

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and Codetalk (www.hud.gov/codetalk). HUD will provide training on June 12-13,

2024 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. EDT. Please review the [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) for log-in details.

NEW [Program Guidance No. 2024-01](#): Income Limits for the Indian Housing Block Grant program under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996

Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) NOFO Published

NOFO Update: The FY2023 Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is being increased from \$225 million in total funding to \$235 million. This modification will incorporate the funding of \$10 million from the FY2024 appropriation for PRICE into the FY2023 competition. This modification will also increase the funding intended for Tribal applicants. Of the funding available from the FY2024 appropriation, \$1 million is reserved for Tribal applicants. In total, at least \$11 million is intended for Tribal applicants. **HUD does not anticipate these modifications will necessitate changes to most proposals. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to continue preparing their proposals. HUD expects to extend the application submission deadline to June 24, 2024.** Applicants that have already submitted application packages may review, revise based on the modifications once published, and resubmit before the deadline. HUD will conduct a webinar to walk attendees through the modified NOFO.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) which appropriates **\$235 million** in grant funding for the PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (PRICE) competition. PRICE supports communities in their efforts to maintain, protect, and stabilize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs) preservation and revitalization of manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities. **Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are eligible to apply, and at least \$11 million of the available funding is intended for Tribal communities.**

NEW HUD Grant Opportunity: [Housing-Related Hazards & Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program](#)

The purpose of the Housing-related Hazards Capital Fund (HRHCF) & Lead-based Paint Capital Fund Program (LBPCF) Notice of Funds Opportunity (NOFO) is to evaluate and reduce residential health hazards in public housing, including lead-based paint, carbon monoxide, mold, radon, fire safety, and asbestos. In accordance with Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (1937 Act), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, \$65 million shall be made available for competitive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and reduce housing-related hazards including lead-based paint in public housing, whereas no less than \$25 million of the \$65 million of the available funds shall be awarded for evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards specifically by carrying out the activities of lead-based risk assessments, inspections, abatement, interim controls, and clearance examinations. Public Housing Authorities and **Indian Housing Authorities** are eligible to apply under this NOFO. **Applications due by July 1, 2024.**

HUD’s Office of Native American Programs webpage dedicated to the Section 184 Skilled Workers Demonstration Program.

The webpage now lists all the Demonstration Program resources available to Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) in one place so they may understand what the Demonstration can do for Tribes and the requirements to participate and utilize the Demonstration. The resource page also provides a link to a recorded webinar, which provides Tribes and TDHEs with an overview of the Demonstration. Please use the below link to visit the new website and view additional information. https://www.hud.gov/Skilled_Workers

Calculating Annual Income for Purposes of Eligibility under NAHASDA Notice

HUD recently published PIH Notice 2024-07 (“Calculating Annual Income for Purposes of Eligibility under NAHASDA”), which provides updated guidance on how to calculate ‘annual income’ under NAHASDA programs following the changes made by HOTMA to the Section 8/ Part 5 definition of ‘annual income’. Grantees should review this Notice closely. The Notice can be found [here](#).

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Model Activity Requests Notice

HUD recently published PIH Notice 2024-08 (“Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Model Activity Requests) which provides IHBG formula recipients with updated information on the process to follow when requesting approval for IHBG model activities. Grantees should review this Notice closely. The Notice can be found [here](#).

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/>.

HUD Imminent Threat Grants – Set aside of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) allocation for non-competitive, first come-first serve grants to eliminate or lessen problems which pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of Tribal residents. **Application Deadline: Ongoing** and may be submitted at any time.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$26 Million to 37 State, Local, and Tribal Governments to Support Clean Energy Projects

Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, CA will contribute funds towards creating a strategic energy plan to join the local public utility power grid and increase renewable energy

generation in the community. Currently, the tribe relies on propane generators as its primary power source. By making a plan to connect to the public utility grid and install renewable energy systems, the Tribe will take a critical step towards reducing energy costs and local emissions and bolstering energy resilience. **(Award amount: \$10,000)**

https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-more-26-million-37-state-local-and-tribal?mc_cid=88ed72d34c&mc_eid=71fe202e88

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On May 15, the Department of Labor announced the availability of approximately \$35 million in funding through the second round of [Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs grants](#) to prepare workers for the good-paying infrastructure jobs being created by the Biden-Harris administration’s Investing in America agenda. This grant will fund public-private partnerships to develop, implement, and scale worker-centered sector strategy training programs that train and prepare the skilled workforce needed to meet the demands of the sizeable infrastructure investments made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). To maximize the impact of the BIL investment, and other investments such as the CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors) and Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, this grant program will train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors.

Entities involved in administering the public workforce system established under the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act, including State and Local Workforce Development Boards and Indian and Native American Program entities eligible for funding under WIOA Section 166 are eligible to apply or partner on these grants.

Please see the [press release](#), or view the full [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#).

The FOA closes on July 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time

Questions about the DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program should be directed to the contact listed in the FOA. ~~~~~ Kim Vitelli, ETA Office of Workforce Investment

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2024 FOSTERING ACCESS, RIGHTS AND EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM BY MAY 28, 2024
Administered jointly by the Department’s [Women’s Bureau](#) and the [Employment and Training Administration](#), the [Fostering Access, Rights and Equity Grant Program](#) helps survivors and women at high risk for workplace violence and harassment. FARE grants fund community organizations’ efforts to improve job quality through projects that address harmful workplace norms and employ strategies to prevent and reduce gender-based violence and harassment.

Workplace violence and harassment harms women from underserved and historically marginalized communities disproportionately. These communities include women of color, LGBTQI+ people, women with disabilities and women affected by persistent poverty and inequality.

[Apply for the 2024 FARE grant at grants.gov by May 28, 2024](#)

To learn more, check out:

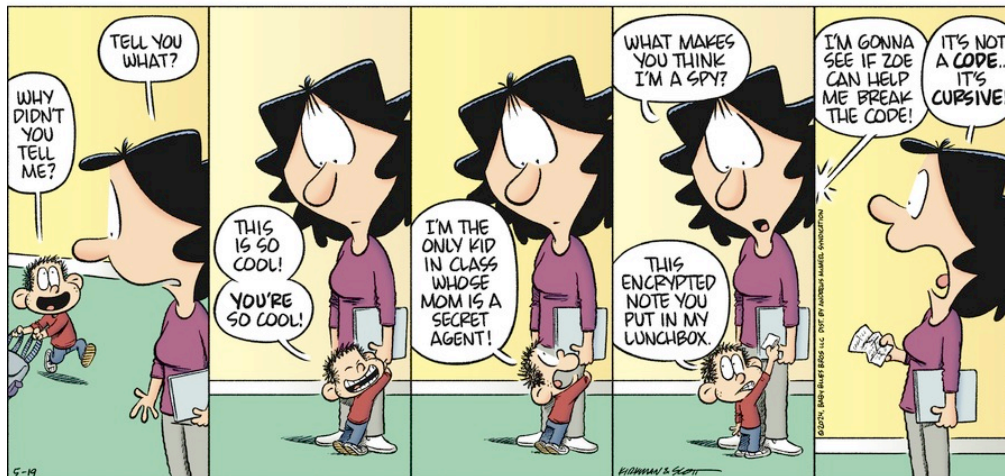
[FARE grant program and 2023 grant recipients](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Press Release](#)

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Janet Davis

I was honored to represent the Nevada Indian Commission at the **Indian Education Opportunities Program in Senior Celebration** which was held at UNLV. Great speakers, dinner, performance by Boyz Bird Singers, the keynote speaker was UNLV football player, Jaden Ahboah. It was good to see 15 Tribal nations represented by graduating seniors in Clark County area schools. Good job and Congratulations students and family! Good job Indian Education Opportunities Program. Thanks for the invite Richie Savage, Coordinator, it was amazing!

