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The General Sherman Tree

These tiny mole may have been hiding for three million years

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Pyramid Lake High School Graduation



The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Board of Directors is proud to announce the **2024 AFN Convention theme, "Our Children - Our Future Ancestors,"** with keynote speaker Julie Kitka. The full press release is available at <https://nativefederation.org/2024-afn-convention-theme-keynote-announcement/>.

The 2024 AFN Convention will be held on October 17-19, 2024, in Anchorage, Alaska.

"Forces of Nature: The Future of Environmentalism" Panel

<https://www.npg.si.edu/exhibition/forces-nature-voices-shaped-environmentalism>

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Meet the [25 T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipients](#) doing good for their communities! Plus, find out how you can [apply for up to \\$50,000 to bring your community project to life](#).

International Day of Play Community Fund US Applications open until June 11th

Choose an idea from the portfolio below to start in your community, and we'll give you the information, tools, support and funding to get started.

[Explore ideas](#)

Apply for grant funding for a new or existing project that you or your organisation has designed or already started in your community.

[Apply with project](#)

The LEGO Foundation

• Proven ideas and funding for your community

Celebrate the first International Day of Play on June 11 by organising an event or project in your local community allowing more children to benefit from the power of play.

See [terms & conditions](#).

How it works

- Apply to start one of the ideas listed below or submit your own International Day of Play event for funding
- If approved, use your project page to complete the 30 Day Challenge to receive the initial 80% of your grant funding
- Host your event or start your project for International Day of Play
- Report back on impact by August 15th and receive the remaining 20% of your grant funding

[The Challenge](#)

Who can apply

- You want to create a safe time and space for children to play
- You are interested in hosting an event or project for International Day of Play around June 11, 2024
- Your event or project will take place in the United States

- You are able to provide a clean criminal record if applying as an individual or official registration documentation if applying as an organization

Criteria

What you get

- Seed funding to host your event or start your project
- Free resources and support along with a project page on ChangeX
- Additional impact funding, once you report back on the social impact of your project before August 15, 2024

Free Supports



Webinar: Environmental Justice for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

Please join us for the next EPA [Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights \(OEJECR\)](#) Environmental Justice Webinar for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples entitled “Financial Opportunities for Tribes from EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and Lessons from an EPA Intern

The [Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) includes monthly free webinars open to the public intended to build the capacity of Tribal governments, Indigenous peoples, and other environmental justice practitioners by discussing priority environmental justice issues of interest to Tribes and Indigenous Peoples.

Date: May 29, 2024

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

Register here: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Gn_kLwlxR5CKq77ZrFukqQ

This webinar will cover the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund—a \$27 billion investment from the Inflation Reduction Act meant to mobilize financing and private capital to address the climate crisis, ensure our country’s economic competitiveness, and promote energy independence while delivering lower energy costs and economic revitalization to communities that have historically been left behind. The webinar will also feature a presentation from OEJECR’s intern Aren Wang on what he learned during his internship as well as other updates from OEJECR.

Webinar Agenda:

- EPA’s Mindful Moment
- An Overview of Financial Opportunities for Tribes from EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, by Deane Danielle Deane-Ryan, Senior Advisor, EPA’s Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (followed by Q&A)
- From Intellectual Abstraction to Greater Purpose: Combating the Climate Crisis, by Aren Wang, EPA OEJECR Intern (followed by Q&A)
- OEJECR Updates, by Amanda Cronin, EPA OEJECR Program Analyst
- Open Discussion

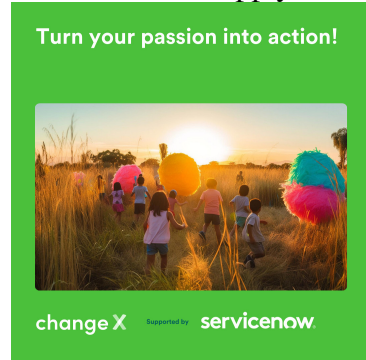
Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/>

[environmental-justice-Tribes-and-Indigenous-peoples](#). Additional webinars scheduled for June 26th, July 31st, and August 28th.

For questions about this webinar, or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Andy Bessler, EPA OEJECR Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator at bessler.andy@epa.gov.

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With the support of ServiceNow, we're offering funding to registered non-profits and schools in New York and California looking to start community projects.

Learn more and apply for \$20,000 to make a difference in your community.



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

[ServiceNow Community Improvement Fund United States](#)  
[Call for Applications! #ServiceNow #ESG](#)



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AARP extends their sponsorship of NASE Growth Grants to support new small business owners over the age of 45. For more information, please visit our website: <https://nase.org> ...

or click on pic

Sundance Film Festival

Indigenous filmmakers from California-Based Tribes!

Are you looking to tell your story through film? Apply now for the Sundance Institute's Graton Collab Artist Opportunity and be considered for curated courses from the Sundance Collab platform. Deadline: August 31, 2025.



Clock Is Ticking on Useless Grass, Cash Incentives Rebate for Nonfunctional Grass Conversion Projects Will Be Reduced in 2025 By Nevada Business Mag

Time is quickly running out for businesses, HOAs and multifamily properties to get the most out of the cash incentives offered by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) for replacing thirsty non-functional grass with drought-friendly landscaping.

The SNWA recently approved changes to the Water Smart Landscapes rebate program that will decrease cash incentives for non-functional grass conversion projects on non-single-family properties. Starting Jan. 1, 2025, the rebate for such projects will be reduced to \$2 per square foot for the first 10,000 square feet of non-functional grass converted to drip-irrigated trees and plants, and \$1 per square foot thereafter.

State law prohibits the use of Colorado River water to irrigate decorative, non-functional turf – the grass found along roadways and medians, in front of businesses and in some HOA areas in Southern Nevada starting Jan. 1, 2027.

Businesses, HOAs and multifamily properties can still take advantage of the current rebate of \$3 per square foot for the first 10,000 square feet of converted turf and \$1.50 per square foot thereafter for projects completed by the end of 2024, so those property owners are encouraged to act before the rebate changes take effect.

These changes come as a state-mandated deadline to remove non-functional grass in the driest city in the nation draws nearer. The Nevada Legislature in 2021 passed a law that prohibits the use of Colorado River water to irrigate non-functional, decorative turf – the decorative grass found along roadways and medians, in front of and around businesses and some of the grass managed by homeowner associations starting Jan. 1, 2027.

For Southern Nevada, grass irrigation remains the largest consumptive use of water from the Colorado River, which provides 90 percent of our water supplies. Despite last year's great winter, the river remains in a federally declared shortage condition that reduces the Nevada's maximum allocation for the third consecutive year.

The SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes Rebate will be reduced to \$2 per square foot for first 10,000 square feet of converted turf starting Jan. 1, 2025. Businesses, HOAs and multifamily properties can still take advantage of the full \$3 per square foot cash incentive for projects completed by the Dec. 31, 2024, though, so they are encouraged to act sooner rather than later. Businesses, HOAs and other non-single-family properties across the valley have already taken a major step towards compliance with the law, having converted more than 10 million square feet of turf to drought-friendly landscaping in just the last two years alone.

There's still plenty of grass that needs upgrading before the law goes into effect, and increased demand for the program may drive up costs for plant materials and landscape installation services as the deadline to comply with the law nears.

To maintain aesthetics and plant diversity, the converted landscaping must include at least 50 percent living plant cover at maturity to qualify for the rebate. Reaching that benchmark is even easier these days thanks to an additional SNWA rebate aimed at bolstering the valley's climate-stressed tree canopy.

As part of the SNWA's Water Smart Landscape Rebate program, property owners can receive \$100 for every new qualifying tree planted during a grass conversion project. The SNWA approved \$10 million in funding for the tree rebate program to support the planting of up to 100,000 new trees across the valley.

Once fully implemented, the conservation law will help Southern Nevada save 9.5 billion gallons of water annually. Additional information about both Nevada law and the SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes rebate program is available at snwa.com.



<https://www.dsoffte.org/>

The David Samuel Orr Fund for the Earth is housed with [ImpactAssets, a nonprofit financial services firm](#) whose vision is to promote a world where invested capital generates measurable environmental and social impact. We enjoy peace of mind knowing that the Fund's philanthropy does not stop at the bank.

The David Samuel Orr Fund for the Earth Supports grassroots organizing by Indigenous Peoples working on urgent environmental issues throughout the Southwest and David's home state of Nevada.

National Opportunities

[Grants Facilitate Opening of Free Clinics](#)

Family Medicine Cares USA supports clinics in the United States providing services at no cost to uninsured and medically underserved patients.

[Criminal Legal System Transformation and Justice Alternatives Funded](#)

Circle for Justice Innovations's Leadership Circle supports grassroots organizations working to

transform the criminal legal system, build new alternative community-based solutions, and organize to stop the criminalization of marginalized identities and communities.

Support Promotes Climbing Access and Environmental Conservation

Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program funds projects that preserve or enhance climbing access and opportunities and conserve the climbing environment throughout the U.S.

Grants Address Child and Youth Welfare in the U.S.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation seeks to contribute to the welfare of children and youth in the United States by aiding progress in the field of child welfare.

Regional Opportunities

Grassroots Organizing Supported in the South

Southern Partners Fund serves rural Southeastern communities and organizations seeking racial, economic, and environmental justice.

Funding Enhances New Mexico Communities

The Hancock Family Foundation, administered by the Albuquerque Community Foundation, provides grants to nonprofit organizations throughout New Mexico.

Grants Advance Public Policy Efforts in New Jersey

The Fund for New Jersey works to improve the quality of public policy decision-making on the most significant issues affecting the people of New Jersey and the region.

Support Benefits Children and Families in Oregon

The Ford Family Foundation supports the people and places of rural Oregon and Siskiyou County, CA.

Federal Opportunities

Low-Income Housing for Seniors Funded

The Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program provides capital advance funding for the development of supportive rental housing for very-low-income persons aged 62 years or older and project rental subsidies to maintain ongoing affordability.

Support Available for Community Arts Projects

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program.

Hunger to Health Collaboratory: Prizes for Innovation

The Hunger to Health Collaboratory (H2HC) is an innovative national model in the U.S. that convenes cross-sector thought leaders to explore systemic solutions to food, health, and nutrition challenges with a focus on equity and the social drivers of health. H2HC offers support through the Prizes for Innovation, which identify and highlight innovative food and nutrition work that offers promising, upstream models and replicable, scalable solutions that significantly advance health equity in communities throughout the U.S. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

[Helping Education with Love and Pizza \(H.E.L.P.\)](#)

Helping Education with Love and Pizza (H.E.L.P.) supports nonprofit organizations and schools in Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin, with emphasis on communities served by Pizza Schmizza, Schmizza Public House, and Figaro's Pizza. H.E.L.P. strongly believes in community involvement and serves that mission by supporting educational organizations as they work to secure the brightest possible future for the children. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

[Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize](#)

The goal of the Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize is to enhance awareness of the critical role of religious dialogue in the pursuit of peace as well as to provide direct support for the furtherance of such activities. [Learn more](#) about the Prize guidelines and nomination process.

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Don't wait—applications for the **2024 IMAGINE grant cycle close June 3, 2024**. We're seeking proposals from nonprofits that outline your pilot projects, proofs concept, or existing programs that utilize technology in a new or innovative way. Apply today before it's too late! <https://go.aws/3QWmPF3>



**Reading a book with a gay character will not make you gay anymore than reading a book about Einstein will make you a genius!**

**If you're afraid that books might change someone's thinking, you're not afraid of books, you're afraid of thinking.**

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## White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) Public Meeting: June 5-6, 2024

The [White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(WHEJAC\)](#), in coordination with the White House Interagency Council, will hold a virtual public meeting **June 5-6, 2024** from approximately 12:00 - 6:30 PM E.T. each day. This free meeting is open to all members of the public. Individual registration is **REQUIRED** and the public will have the opportunity to register at any time before and throughout the duration of the meeting.

**Register for the virtual WHEJAC public meeting here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_dzeh1kUTAmcAe3kwhE0dQ](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_dzeh1kUTAmcAe3kwhE0dQ)

A public comment period will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from approximately 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM Eastern Time, and a topic-focused session will occur on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from approximately 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Members of the public who wish to participate in the public comment period must register by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, **May 30, 2024**. Priority to speak during the public meeting will be given to registered public commenters who have relevant comments on the charges, topics and questions listed on our webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. Written comments can be submitted through June 19, 2024. To learn about submitting written comments, please visit our website: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

The meeting agenda and other meeting support materials including the public comments will be posted in the public docket **EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-0147** as they become available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

To learn more about the WHEJAC and the public meeting, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

For questions about this event, please contact Audrie Washington at [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov) or by phone 202-441-7295.

In other news, a San Francisco federal court is the battleground of [a fight](#) between Internet Archive, a nonprofit with a mission to provide “universal access to all knowledge” and record companies that own the rights to classic recordings by the likes of Bing Crosby, Billie Holiday and Miles Davis.

GENERAL SHERMAN: Climbers descended the towering 2,200-year-old tree with good news on Tuesday. Details: <https://trib.al/jHyAtTu>

***Read the whole story!***

*“Tuesday’s health inspection of General Sherman was organized by the Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition, a group of government agencies, Native tribes and environmental groups. They hope to establish a health monitoring program for the towering trees.”*



**Join us for IllumiNative’s Native Visibility and Power Convening Live Stream!**

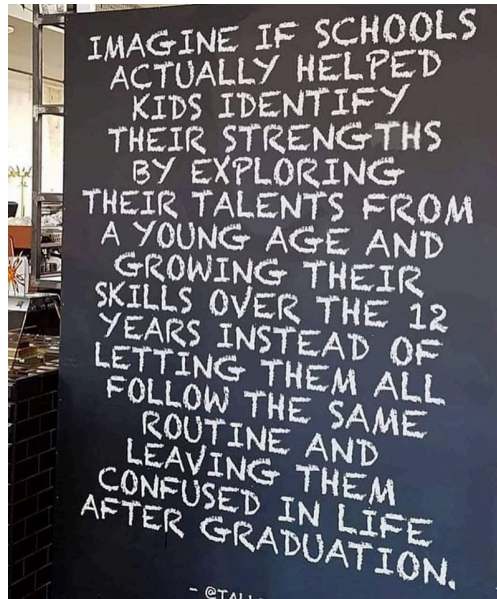
The Native Visibility and Power Convening, June 10-13th, will share the latest groundbreaking research and will bring together Indian Country and our allies to look back at the progress that’s been made to advance visibility, representation, and power building over the last 6 years. The Native Visibility and Power Convening will be live-streamed to ensure maximum access and participation across Indian Country.

Register to join our livestream today!

[NVPCONVENINGLIVESTREAM.RSVPIFY.COM](https://nvpconveninglivestream.rsvpify.com)

[Empowering Native Voices, Together](#)





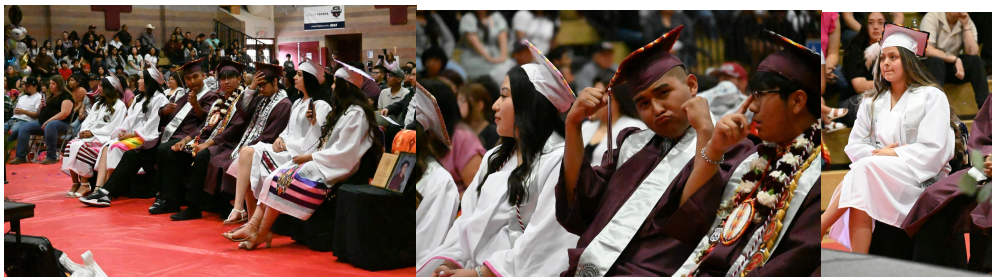
## First-of-its-kind medical school in Cherokee Nation graduates inaugural class of doctors

Oklahoma State University partnered with the Cherokee Nation to open the College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2020 to help erase the shortage of Indigenous doctors nationwide.

[www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

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[+36 more wonderful pics on FB \(Jeanette Allen\)](#)  
Pyramid Lake High School Graduation May 24, 2024