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**Bob Blesse**

Morning sunrise at 5:30 am on Mount Whitney (middle). Taken last week from Lone Pine, CA

## Funding Available: Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants

The U.S. EPA is accepting applications by July 25<sup>th</sup> to the 2024 [Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program](#) to fund the replacement of non-zero-emission heavy-duty trucks and buses with zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles. To advance environmental justice, this program is seeking to prioritize projects that take place in communities overburdened by air pollution. Additionally, the EPA will evaluate applications on their benefits towards disadvantaged communities experiencing poor air quality along with the quality and extent of community engagement efforts.

Eligible applicants to the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program include:

1. States, including U.S. territories;
2. Municipalities, including public school districts;
3. Indian Tribes; and
4. Nonprofit school transportation associations.

The EPA expects to offer **up to \$932 million** in funding for high-quality applications that propose to serve communities across the country, particularly those overburdened by air pollution. At least \$400 million will be used to fund projects in communities in air quality nonattainment areas.

Applications are due to [Grants.gov](#) by **July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM ET**. Potential applicants without a [Federal Grants](#) account are highly encouraged to **initiate the Federal Grants registration process** well ahead of the deadline for funding as the registration process can take over a month.

EPA is committed to ensuring the CHDV Program delivers on the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities, including Tribal and rural areas. Additionally, the program includes a set-aside for Tribes and applicants in U.S. territories.

Please check the [Clean-Heavy Duty Vehicles Grant Program webpage](#) for program details and links, including a public Q&A document and previously recorded webinars, and the [CHDV Applicant Resources webpage](#) additional resources.

[Learn more about the CHDV Grant Program and how to apply.](#)

Contact [cleanHDvehicles@epa.gov](mailto:cleanHDvehicles@epa.gov) for further program information and [cleanHDvehiclesTA@NREL.gov](mailto:cleanHDvehiclesTA@NREL.gov) for free technical assistance.

### Background and Resources

The Notice for Funding Opportunity (NOFO) includes two sub-programs, one for school buses ([School Bus Sub-program](#)) and one for all other vocational vehicles ([Vocational Vehicles Sub-program](#)).

Vehicles eligible for replacement under the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program include:

- Class 6 and Class 7 school buses
- Other non-school bus Class 6 and Class 7 vehicles, including (but not limited to):
- Refuse Haulers/Dump Trucks

- Class 6/7 Transit Buses
- Delivery Trucks
- Utility Trucks
- Bucket Trucks
- Other Box Trucks

Eligible activities and costs for the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program include:

- The incremental cost of replacing a non-zero-emission Class 6/7 heavy-duty vehicle with a Class 6/7 zero-emission vehicle.
- The purchase and installation of fueling infrastructure that will support vehicles replaced under this program.
- Driver/mechanic training related to the maintenance and operation of new vehicles and supporting fueling infrastructure, and vehicle warranties.
- Costs directly related to the implementation, management, and oversight of the project, including recipient and subrecipient personnel and benefits, contractual services, consulting on vehicle deployments, travel, supplies, and indirect costs.

View EPA's Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program resources: [EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program Resources Page](#)



## **Friends Committee on National Legislation - Update on Native Issues**

*Halito F/friends!*

My name is Rachel Overstreet. I am Choctaw and FCNL's new legislative representative for Native American advocacy. I am glad to connect with you and continue FCNL's invaluable work on Native issues.

I began my involvement with FCNL over three years ago, attending Spring Lobby Weekend. During that weekend, I had the opportunity to lobby on the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act (introduced in this Congress as H.R. 7227/S.1723). After that, I continued working with FCNL as an Advocacy Corps organizer. In my new role leading our Native American advocacy, I look forward to carrying out the Quaker goals of integrity and justice by advancing truth and healing policies in Washington.

### **House Allows RECA to Expire**

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA, Public Law 101-426) expired earlier this month. This bill compensated people who were injured by exposure to federal government testing and development of nuclear weapons.

Native communities make up a disproportionate number of claimants. The Navajo Nation, located in New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona, was the site of uranium mines that supported the development of the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Since RECA has expired, no new claims will be processed after June 10, 2024. Unless Congress reauthorizes the legislation, victims of uranium mining and nuclear testing have no avenue for restitution.

"The Navajo Nation has given much in the interest of national defense," Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren [said](#). "The United States must rectify the ongoing impact of these contributions on our people. We ask for the support of all who hear our call to help us in our fight for justice, for healing, and for the future health of our Nation."

FCNL has [signed a letter with 15 other faith groups](#), calling on Congress to renew RECA.

## What We're Reading

- [Native American soldier gains permission to wear long hair, eagle feathers in uniform accommodation \(defensenews.com\)](#)
- [Keeping Christ's Sacred Promise: A Pastoral Framework for Indigenous Ministry \(US Conference of Catholic Bishops, PDF\)](#)
- [Makah Tribe to once again harpoon whales \(ICT News\)](#)
- [Indigenous activist Leonard Peltier has his first parole hearing in more than a decade. Here are 3 things to know \(PBS News Hour\)](#)
- [Oversight Hearing | Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee \(youtube.com\)](#)

*FCNL's Native American Legislative Update is a monthly newsletter about our Native American policy advocacy and ways for you to engage members of Congress.*

## **Supreme Court allows White House to press social media companies to remove disinformation    By [CNN.com Wire Service](#)**

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/06/26/supreme-court-allows-white-house-to-press-social-media-companies-to-remove-disinformation/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9](https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/06/26/supreme-court-allows-white-house-to-press-social-media-companies-to-remove-disinformation/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9)

*While the above seems to be unrelated, it may become a powerful tool in addressing incorrect information published about your community, or at least, provide the opportunity to provide "the other side of the story".    sdc*

## *Current News from the Tanka Fund*

### **Tanka Fund regrants \$118,000 to rancher partners in May**

*Excerpts:* As part of its mission to return Buffalo to Native lands, lives and economies, Tanka Fund provides funding directly to its rancher partners to establish new Buffalo ranches or to support, expand, and sustain existing ranch operations.

In May alone, Tanka Fund granted \$118,000 to 10 rancher partners. This is the first round of funding for 2024.

Our regranting program is a strategy to increase access to capital and animals for Native Buffalo caretakers. Tanka Fund also provides funding in order to assist with the infrastructure-building needs of ranch operations. Funds can be used for equipment, fencing, feed, hay, soil testing, or any other function related to daily operations.

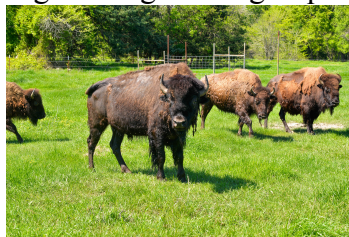


Theda Pogue (Muscogee Creek Nation) and her husband, Chris, are one of our rancher partners that joined us in 2023 and received Buffalo from our partnership with The Nature Conservancy.

The couple, along with their children, run GP Ranch — a 60-acre property in Hopkins County, TX, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas. The couple is featured in the upcoming video series, which commemorates Tanka Fund's 10 years of work in Buffalo restoration. The project, funded by ButcherBox, will be released in early July.

The Pogues first started herding bison in 2018 and entered the meat industry. However they discovered the demand was a lot greater than their supply. Because they didn't want to compromise their family values or quality, they sold during the Covid pandemic and chose to caretake Buffalo as a conservation effort.

Theda said that there has been an uptick in the Buffalo meat industry to ranch Buffalo in a cattle-like model using feed lots and feeding them grain to gain weight quickly — something opposite



of how the animals are meant to be raised.



Infrastructure is one of the key ways Tanka Fund assists our rancher partners as part of our mission to return Buffalo to their homeland. This isn't a simple task as even with a wild-managed model, Buffalo ranchers need specific fencing to keep their herds safely on property.

One of our Native rancher partners has already fenced more than 40 miles around the perimeter of his pastures and he's only 5½ miles away from completing the Buffalo fencing he needs to become a Buffalo caretaker. Once completely fenced, his ranch can accommodate up to 150 Buffalo. We want to make sure as many Buffalo as possible return to their homeland this fall and we need to help him finish that 5½ miles of fence this summer.

It costs about \$34 for a foot of fencing so every dollar counts and no donation is too small. Click the link below to help support our efforts.



### Tanka Fund video series coming soon

We are finally in the homestretch of launching our **FIRST** installment in our Tanka Fund video series featuring several of our rancher partners across the nation.

- We have been working behind the scenes interviewing and shooting footage of our rancher partners and their operations across the nation since last year.
- For nearly 10 years now, Tanka Fund has been the only organization that works solely with and financially funds Native American family- and community-owned Buffalo ranches across all U.S.-based tribes.

- Tanka Fund’s rancher partners now represent more than 1,800 head of Buffalo over 100,000 acres of land. Our 5-year goal is to increase that to 500,000 acres and 5,000 Buffalo or more.

We will announce the release of the first video soon! Until then, please continue to help us reach our goal and bring more Buffalo home

## **2024 South Dakota Conservation Planning Workshop**

Tanka Fund collaborated with First Nations Development Institute last month to host a successful 2024 South Dakota Conservation Planning Workshop. Below are a few takeaways from the event:

### **Conservation Plan**

- Over the 3.5-day session, First Nations consultants and staff presented a variety of content on conservation planning using in-depth PowerPoint presentations, hands-on rangeland health assessments out in the field, and filled out documents included in our planning binders.
- Utilizing the USDA [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) nine-step conservation planning process, FNDI walked participants through steps to continue working on their plans, collect field inventory data, and receive technical assistance from FNDI consultants.

### **Virtual Technical Assistance**

- First Nations will be offering Virtual Technical Assistance to producers who attended the Conservation Planning Workshop.
- Each producer can access four hours of virtual technical assistance with one of two FNDI consultants.
- The consultants will provide guidance as participants collect field data, work with us one-on-one to complete their plans

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

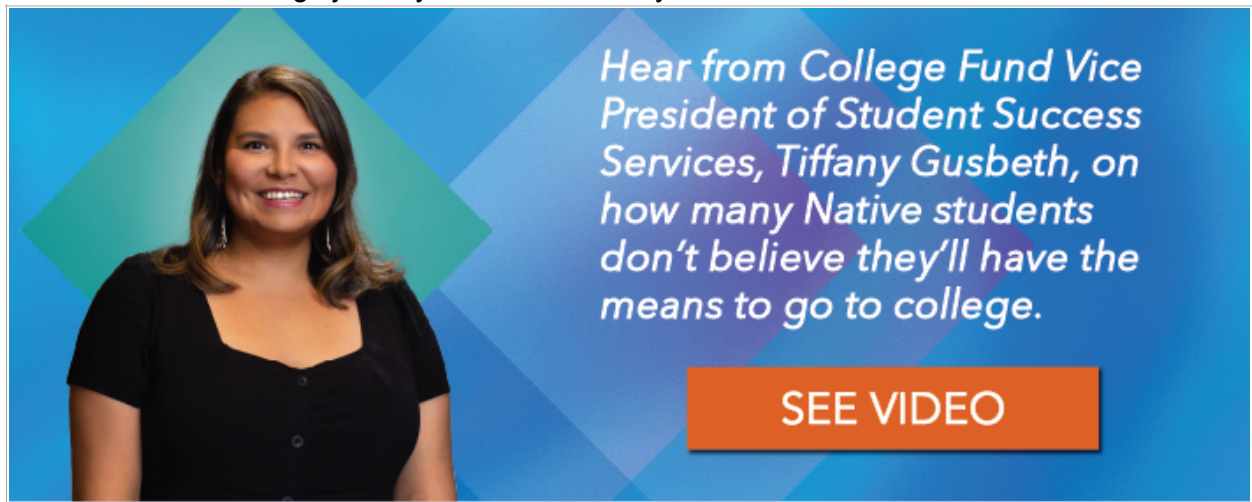
It’s calving season! The birthing season, or “calving season” occurs between mid-April to early-July. Calves nurse for about 9 months and stay with their mother until they are about one year.



**You are helping make the pathway to college easier for Native students.**

Going from high school to college is an overwhelming and scary experience. For many Native students, the path to admission is far from familiar, and the delayed release of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has created another level of uncertainty on whether they can even access higher education.

*We are here for these students. YOU are here for them.* Working directly with Native students and their families to navigate applications and scholarships, we help remove the financial and knowledge barriers they face. The support you are helping us provide not only prepares our students for their college journeys but ensures they will find success while there



### [Donna Cossette](#)

Think the spirits are telling me something. Broke down on my way to Lovelock today. The meeting with the Lovelock museum was productive; they are going to remove the two hideous large skeletons with long braided red hair. Woo hoo. Big thank to Gabe and [April Bourne](#) for fighting the good fight in bring the issue to light. April rescued me on the I-80 and took me to the meeting. We made it just in time





**Time**

**Zone:** (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) [[Change Time Zone](#)]

		<b>Tuesday, July 16, 2024</b>	
	Keynote Session, featuring Richard Culatta	10:45 AM - 11:50 AM	
	Co-creation: Sharing AANHPI Stories Together	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	
	Nurturing Multicultural Voices Through Art	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	
	Empowering Youth: Co-creating Programs with Teens	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	
	Our Classroom is a Zoo! Resources for Real STEAM	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	
	What's the Story with National Stories?	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	
	Leveraging Art as a Key Text in Our Classrooms	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	
	Inclusivity in Environmental Education	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	
	Educating for Sustainable Development: Teachers' Perspectives	1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	
	Creating Portraits of Community	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	
	Leveraging Digital Media to Support Civic Dialogue	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	
	Environmental Justice: Leaders through Community	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	
	Stories of Women in STEM	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	
	Deepening Connections: Art, Music, and AI conversations	3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	
	Youth as Agents of Change in their Community	3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	
	Cross-content Approaches to Youth Climate Action	3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	

Teachers Making Black Arts History	3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	
Keynote Session, featuring 2024 National Teacher of the Year Missy Testerman	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM	
<b>Wednesday, July 17, 2024</b>		
Keynote Session, featuring Nikkolos Smith (Livestream)	10:45 AM - 11:50 AM	
Democracy in Dialogue Virtual Exchanges	12:45 PM	
Side Quest to Main Quest: STEAM at SAAM Arcade	12:45 PM	
Think Digitally! Art, Design & Digital Experiences	12:45 PM	
Smithsonian Poster Exhibitions in Your Classroom	12:45 PM	
Moving the Arts from the Elective to the Core	12:45 PM	
Keynote Session, featuring Gitanjali Rao (Livestream)	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	
Evening Reception (Livestream)	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	
Evening Reception This session has reached capacity. Would you like to join the waitlist? Add me to the waitlist		

## **Smithsonian Education Summit**

Join thousands of educators and industry leaders at the 2024 Smithsonian Education Summit, “Together We Thrive: Connecting at the Intersections.”

**This Summit** explores the intersectionality of disciplines and perspectives via the key themes:

- » Using Art to Connect Past and Present
- » Inclusive Storytelling
- » Thinking Globally, Acting Locally
- » Youth Taking Civic Action

**[Register now »](#)**

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## **The Million Dollar Community College Challenge**

Hundreds of colleges applied for The Million Dollar Community College Challenge. Ten colleges emerged as finalists. Watch to find out who won the million-dollar grant to transform their college’s brand-building and marketing efforts.

[Watch Video](#)

## Million Dollar Challenge Finalists

In 2022, hundreds of colleges applied for The Million Dollar Community College Challenge. As part of the challenge, we asked colleges to tell us how they would transform their brand-building and marketing efforts to be more inclusive of today's students. Ten finalists submitted videos expressing their brand promise and encouraging adult student students to enroll in their college. See their videos below.

## College of Eastern Idaho

Idaho Falls, Idaho || College of Eastern Idaho is engineered so that working people with real-life responsibilities achieve their chosen degrees and/or high-quality credentials.



[University of Nevada, Reno](#)

Alumna and member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, **Autumn Harry**, was chosen to paint a new mural between the Pennington Student Achievement Center and the Ansari Business Building. The mural, as Autumn describes, depicts the Truckee River Watershed and centers the Paiute, Washoe, and Western Shoshone People of the Great Basin.

“The University is situated along the Truckee River Watershed which originates in Lake Tahoe and flows north to Pyramid Lake, or Kooyoee Pa’a, which is where I’m from. When people, students, and faculty walk by and see this mural - I want them to be appreciative of the Paiute, Washoe, and Western Shoshone People, for being protectors of this watershed and all beings who depend on it.”

Autumn is about halfway through and will complete the mural over the next three weeks. She invites visitors to stop by and check out her progress. Today she was adding details to one of the painted Lahontan Cutthroat Trout modeled after a fish she caught herself in Pyramid Lake. Since graduating with her M.S. in Geography in May 2024, Autumn has been focused on running her own Pyramid Lake Fly-fishing guide business, Kooyoee Pa’a Guides, as the first Paiute woman guide.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Mildred "Millie" Moore



August 7, 1944—June 17, 2024

**VIEWING & SERVICES:**

Date: June 27, 2024

Time: 10:00 am—Visitation

Time: 11:00 am—Services

Place: Nixon Gym  
Nixon, NV

**BURIAL:** Nixon Cemetery  
Nixon, NV

**DINNER:** will follow after burial  
Nixon Gym, Nixon, NV

Food Donations are appreciated.

Unfortunately received after June 27 Journal went out.

IN LOVING MEMORY



**NATHANIEL DAVID  
ZUNIGA HUNKUP**

**18 May 1953- 18 June 2024**

Friday, June 28, 2024  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Gym  
34 Reservation Rd, Reno, NV

Viewing:  
9 am to 11 am

Services:  
11 am

Burial will take place at Hungry Valley  
Cemetery with a dinner to follow at RSIC  
Reno Gym - 34 Reservation Rd

