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This pic is actually from a Washoe County site, but it just like the view from my window at the rehab hospital. Behind the tree is a pasture with a horse (and an occasional flock of landing birds) and behind that, the western hills.....great sunrises and sunsets (one does get woke up at 5:30 to see if you have any blood pressure!) The perfect place for me!!! (Still can't take the country out of the girl!)

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EPA's Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance. The Community Change Equitable Resilience program will provide free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops. Climate resilience projects that qualify for technical assistance include a focus on new or expanded green infrastructure, open spaces, and/or retrofits of existing community buildings or streets to address climate change impacts (such as extreme heat and more intense heat islands, wildfire and smoke, floods, storms, or other climate impacts that pose a greater risk to disadvantaged communities). Requests for technical assistance are now being accepted on a rolling basis until 50 recipients have been identified. Eligible projects must show the following:

- Intent and eligibility to apply for a grant under the Community Change Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- Agreement to host EPA contractors for site visits;
- Project location in a disaster-prone area;
- Site description, ownership status, and environmental and land use information (if available);
- Potential resilience benefits for disadvantaged community; and
- Engagement opportunities.

For additional information including how to request this technical assistance, please visit [our website](#). For more information on the Community Change Grants program overall, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page and [Community Change Grants NOFO](#) page.

White House Technical Assistance Guide

The White House recently released a new [technical assistance guide](#) that simplifies access to infrastructure, climate resilience, and clean energy funding for Tribes, states, local jurisdictions, and other communities. The guide provides comprehensive information about more than 100 federal technical assistance programs that can support efforts to win federal funding and deploy it in communities across the nation.

DOE Offers Tribes \$225 Million in Rebates for Home Electrification and Appliances

The U.S. Department of Energy has released application guidelines for tribal governments to apply for \$225 million in funding under the Inflation Reduction Act's Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) program. HEAR funds will provide rebates to low- and moderate-income households installing efficient electric technologies. Rebates for home electrification upgrades range from \$840 to \$14,000 per household. Rebate amounts vary depending on a household's income, the total project cost, and the technologies installed. Multifamily and single-family buildings, including manufactured housing, may be eligible for rebates. Eligible households may be owner-occupied or rented. Once DOE has approved a tribe's HEAR application, the tribe may launch its program and begin issuing rebates. Tribal officials can review the published guidance in DOE's new [Administrative and Legal Requirements Document](#).

DOE has also released the [final funding amounts](#) individual tribes will receive after DOE approves their applications, as well as an [explanation of how it allocated the funds](#). Tribal government stakeholders with questions about the requirements and related documentation should contact DOE at irahomerebates@hq.doe.gov.

Total Development Cost (TDC) for Affordable Housing Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) Posted. See attached PIH Notice 2024-28. You can also find notice [HERE](#).

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

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.

- [Tribal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities](#)

[EPA Community Change Grants—Free Technical Assistance To Support Application Process](#)

\$450 million for Tribes. Apply by Nov. 21.

EPA Grant opportunity to transform underserved communities—including federally recognized Tribes, intertribal consortia, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations, and Native Hawaiian nonprofit organizations across the United States—into healthy, climate-resilient, thriving communities for their current and future residents. Need help with your application? You can request free technical assistance with the application process by filling out the intake form on the [Community Change Grants website](#)

[Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

EPA's new [Environmental and Climate Justice](#) Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for approximately \$2 billion dollars in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historical disinvestments. EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy.

The Community Change Grants NOFO is now open. [Deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.](#)

CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds (CoCBUILDS) NOFO targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCBUILDS awards under the CoC Program. This NOFO provides incentives for Indian Tribes and TDHEs to apply for funds to develop units of new PSH. HUD expects to make approximately 25 awards from the funds available under this NOFO. Up to 3 awards are set aside for the highest scoring project applications where the PSH units are located on Tribal reservations or trust lands.

Minimum Award: \$1,000,000 Maximum Award: \$10,000,000

Applications due: November 21, 2024

Parties that are interested in forming a new CoC, including Indian Tribes that are interested in forming a new CoC should contact the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs SNAPSinfo@hud.gov as soon as possible.

Deadline for Submitting Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Interim Funding Requests in the Grants Evaluation and Management System (GEMS)

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is accepting IHBG Formula Interim Funding Requests via GEMS until November 19th, 2024. This deadline provides time to process awards prior to the December 24, 2024, expiration of the Continuing Resolution (CR) under which all Federal agencies are currently operating. After November 19th, any interim funding requests submitted may not be processed before the expiration of the CR.

Interim Funding may only be granted if your FY 2025 Indian Housing Plan has been found in compliance and approved, and if you have a low balance in LOCCS. For more information, refer to [PIH Notice 2021-28](#): Providing Interim Funding to Recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants.

IHBG Interim Funding Requests should be submitted in GEMS. Refer to the [GEMS Grantee Guide](#) for specific instructions on completing and submitting the request. This guide and other GEMS resources can be found at the [GEMS webpage](#) on ONAP's [CodeTalk](#) site. If you need assistance with logging into GEMS or completing the Interim Funding Request in GEMS, contact your Grants Management Specialist.

To ensure your interim funding request is processed before the CR expires, please submit your interim funding request by November 19, 2024. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

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### **Teams Advancing Racially Just Healthcare Supported**

JUSTICE SQUARED is a transformational learning and action collaborative to advance racially just healthcare.

### **\$10 Million Available for Innovative Education Efforts**

NewSchools Venture Fund envisions an education system that keeps its promise to all students.

### **Grants Facilitate Empowerment of People With Disabilities**

The Milbank Foundation aims to integrate people with disabilities into all aspects of American life.

### **Funding Bolsters Youth-Led Projects Addressing Hunger**

Youth Service America in partnership with the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation is offering the Youth Stop Hunger Innovation Grants to encourage youth in the United States to devise and implement sustainable hunger-relief programs in their community.

### **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Grants Enhance Cultural Organizations in AR, KS, MO, NE, OK, and TX**

Mid-America Arts Alliance is accepting applications for Cultural Sustainability: Operational Impact Grants for Small Arts Organizations throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

### **Unrestricted Support Strengthens Washington State Nonprofits**

The Washington Women's Foundation's Collective Grants provide unrestricted support to nonprofit organizations across Washington State.

### **Organizations Benefiting Young People in Indiana Funded**

The Pacers Foundation seeks to empower young people and invest in community partnerships addressing equity and justice in education, health, and safety in Indiana.

### **Grants Promote Oral Health in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont**

The mission of the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation is to improve the access to and the quality of oral healthcare and education for the public and the dental communities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Supports Humanities Teaching and Scholarship**

The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports workshops across the nation to enhance how K-12 educators and higher education faculty and humanities professionals incorporate place-based approaches to humanities teaching and scholarship.

### **Homeownership Programs for Low-Income Buyers Funded**

The Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) seeks to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis.

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LookUp Innovation Challenge

The LookUp Innovation Challenge supports exceptional youth advocates, storytellers, and innovators (18-25) with bold ideas—those willing to create campaigns and design solutions to address the youth mental health crisis through digital well-being and youth-led movements. The program is open to individuals and teams in the U.S. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Dwight Stuart Youth Fund

The mission of the Dwight Stuart Youth Fund, a grantmaking arm of the San Francisco-based Stuart Foundation, is to support nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles County, CA, that provide direct services and experiences to underserved children and youth so they may gain the skills, values, and confidence to achieve their potential. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



[What a Beautiful Piano!!!!](#) 🥰🎹

[Fulfilling America's promise to our wild herds](#)

[contact @americanwildhorsecoming.org](#)

Fifty-two years ago, with the passage of the historic Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, Congress made a promise to the wild horses and burros who roam the West: **the right to live free on the lands they call home, protected from capture, branding, harassment, and death.**

Sadly, five decades later, it is abundantly clear that the federal government has failed to live up to this promise.

Right now, the federal agency tasked with managing wild horses and burros, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), spends millions of your hard-earned tax dollars to brutally round up thousands of mustangs and burros using helicopters. These roundups are inhumane and often cause injuries such as broken legs or necks, and in the worst cases, deaths. Those who survive are pushed into overburdened holding facilities where over 66,000 of these iconic animals are currently languishing in captivity.

We know it doesn't have to be this way. That's why American Wild Horse Conservation, the nation's leading wild horse and burro conservation organization, exists. Our mission is to uphold the promise we made to our wild herds in 1971, and thanks to the support of a growing herd of advocates, we've made vital strides toward our goal.

In the field, we're setting the standard for wild horse and burro conservation. In 2023, we acquired over 3,300 acres of prime habitat in Nevada's beautiful Carson Valley to launch our Land Conservancy Project. This pilot program is dedicated to preserving critical habitat for mustangs and burros while advancing land conservation initiatives for wild horse areas. **This year, we've built on these efforts by securing vital water and grazing rights, enhancing water sources, and helping to restore fire-impacted areas.**

In addition to our work in the field, this year AWHC has been at the forefront of advancing legislation at the federal and state levels to reform wild horse and burro management while also pursuing litigation to enforce protection laws.

Seventy-eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 15 Senators supported our request for appropriations legislation to reform the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. As a result of this work, the House included dedicated funding for fertility control programs, and both chambers reaffirmed protections against slaughter. On the state level, we're continuing to build coalitions in key states where wild horses and burros reside, such as in Colorado, where AWHC supported the formation of the **Wild Horse Working Group**, which aims to develop collaborative solutions for humane wild horse management.

In the courts, we're continuing to stand up for our wild herds on multiple fronts. In Wyoming, after a 12-year court battle against the BLM, we filed a lawsuit to stop the agency from eliminating 2 million acres of habitat that would result in the eradication of two iconic wild horse herds in the state. We're now continuing that court case through the appellate process. And in Arizona, we partnered with local allies to protect the horses who roam the Tonto National Forest.

Thank you, American Wild Horse Conservation

[Trump picks South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem as homeland security secretary](#)

By Washington Post Staff

[Tracking Trump's picks to fill his Cabinet, administration](#)

By Washington Post Staff

Trump names Elon Musk to role leading government efficiency drive

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday named Elon Musk to a role aimed at creating a more efficient government, handing even more influence to the world's richest man who donated millions of dollars to helping Trump get elected.

Read in Reuters: <https://stocks.apple.com/A2Cf8QkISTXK4NN6q8pn2vg>

[Become a Technical Assistance Provider for DWR's Drought Resilience Collaborative \(DRIP\)](#)

DWR invites you to apply to become a Technical Assistance Provider representative of the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners (DRIP) Collaborative! The purpose and scope of this task force is to facilitate proactive state planning and coordination for pre-drought planning, drought emergency response, and post-drought recovery. Application closes November 15, 2024.

Fire in the hills, fire in the world Andrew Aldon

[We had another fire in the high hills the other day.](#) I was standing on Grizzly Peak Boulevard at the time, seven miles north, and saw the smoke plume start to rise. My heart sank, not just dreading the destruction that might come, not just knowing the annual state of the hills at the height of dry October, not just recalling the great fire of 1991 that burned the spot where I stood and not just aware of Oakland's heedless opening of the hills to residential development a century ago. That's a mix of despair any Oaklander might feel. Fortunately the fire was resolutely snuffed, this time.

California, nearly all of it, is a land defined by fire. Before the land was named California by occupying outsiders, the tribes who lived here, nearly all of them, groomed the woods and fields to serve their needs with fire: cautious, ongoing, sophisticated fire set by experts and managed communally with all hands on deck. Tribes call it "good fire." It turns dead grass and underbrush gently into ash, thins thickets, clears meadows of overrunning saplings, triggers sprouting and germination in our fire-adapted species, bathes the trees with pesticidal smoke and puts their vulnerable crowns out of reach of all but exceptional wildfires.

In the old days, tribes all over the arid West used good fire on the landscape like a barber treats the customer's head. They managed the countryside for human-oriented productivity and wildfire resistance using practices informed by thousands of years of experience. It's why old photographs show the Oakland Hills covered with grasslands and why the colonists from New Spain could so easily turn the East Bay into cattle pasture.

Good fire stays low, moves at a strolling pace and leaves the land lightly scalded, like this. (*did not transfer pic*)

Recent large wildfires in California have shown us that areas managed with good fire go relatively unscathed. The state recognizes this and is working with tribes (like the [Chumash](#) and [Yurok](#)) to learn from their practices. As the climate grows warmer, good fire is more urgently needed than ever.

Oakland, frankly, can't do much along these lines. Prescribed fires anywhere, even in, say, Knowland Park, are out of the question. (Maybe some weedlots here and there.) The Huichin Ohlone tribe, whose land we occupy, has higher priorities too. But two large landowners may have ways to make a difference for our region: the East Bay Regional Park District and East Bay MUD.

The Park District [uses fire as part of its toolkit](#) for managing its 120,000 acres. Fire Chief Aileen Theile came to her job in 2018 with experience in "prescribed burns," a version of good fire focused on overall habitat health and fire safety without cultural aspects. In theory, the tribes could get involved. I'd like to see good fire practiced on [the ridgetop strip between Grizzly Peak and Skyline Boulevards](#), where the roadways make decent firebreaks. It seems like a manageable site and a highly visible demonstration project.

East Bay MUD, the water agency, mentions “controlled burns” as part of maintaining its 57,000 acres of watershed land. While much of that land is in the Sierra Nevada, [about half is in the East Bay](#), inherited from the private water companies of a century ago. [A recent report on the rise in California wildfires](#) noted that over half of California’s burned land is watershed, lying upstream from reservoirs. This is a problem for every water agency; EBMUD isn’t the only one in this boat.

That thought leads to something beyond the flavors of despair I felt watching the latest fire grow: a solemn mindfulness of larger matters, deeper bells sounding, life out of balance. With me that feeling is ongoing and ambient. It’s geological and existential.

[Stephen Pyne](#) writes and speaks on the subject of fire from a deep and useful viewpoint. Geologists know a peculiar fact about Earth’s history: only after nine-tenths of its existence, since the Silurian Period about 450 million years ago, has fire — flames consuming plant material in oxygenated air — existed, leaving charcoal in the fossil record. Pyne calls this first fire, the fire of nature.

Paleoanthropologists know a peculiar fact about human history: before the human species evolved, hominids were using fire to cook food and shape tools and groom vegetation. We owe our very existence and our bodily form and our social structure to fire. Pyne calls this second fire, the fire used in living landscapes.

[This 2009 scholarly paper in BioScience](#) is a good introduction to first and second fire.

Then there’s third fire, combustion used to drive machines, “fire sustained by humans that burn fossil biomass.” This is the fire for which we dig into the ground and spew exhaust into the air, fire wastefully refined into electricity and metal and concrete, fire that makes and sustains the “lithic landscapes” of cities. Combustion is what is causing global warming. What most people call the Anthropocene, today’s era when humans are major agents in the Earth system, Pyne calls the Pyrocene, the fire age.

Our great task now, he says, is to deal with “the issues of a maturing fire age — too much bad fire, too little good fire, too much combustion overall.” [Decarbonization](#), getting off fossil fuels, is only part of that. Pyne’s sharp focus on fire is a stimulating way to think about the long, hard work before us.

U of A Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O’odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.



COLLEGE HORIZONS

2025 PROGRAM HOST SITES



HAWAII PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Waimea, HI

June 7 - 13, 2025



Hawai'i Preparatory Academy
[Program for Hawai'i residents only]

YALE
UNIVERSITY
New Haven, CT
June 26 - July 2, 2025



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Evanston, IL

June 26 - July 2, 2025



APPLICATION OPENS
November 1, 2024



PRIORITY DEADLINE
January 29, 2025

This coming summer, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, Yale University and Northwestern University will graciously welcome our students to their campuses. The College Horizons team will serve 300 high school students - we encourage you to share our flyer with your students, relatives and community members.

For more information on eligibility and application updates, please visit <https://collegehorizons.org/apply> or [subscribe](#) to our newsletter.

The College Horizons 2025 Student Application is NOW LIVE! Start the application today.

APPLY

College Horizons - For more info on the 2024 program dates and host sites - click [here](#).

Mesa Community College's Real Estate Appraisal Program - Appraisers Certification - Two Years. The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Licensed Residential Appraiser program prepares students for the appraisal of residential land and real property. For more info call John at (602) 309-888 or email [him](#).

FREE tuition for undergraduate students from Arizona's 22 Federally recognized tribes who are studying on the main campus of University of Arizona in Tucson. For more information click [here](#).

Native American Programs and Enrollment Information at ASU, UA, and NAU - For more information click [here](#).

Arizona Happenings

November 13-16 - Native American Fatherhood and Families Association 20th Annual Fatherhood is Leadership Conference at the Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix/Mesa in Mesa. For more info, click [here](#).

November 14 - South Mountain Community College's American Indian Student Center's Stew and Stories at South Mountain Community College, Student Union Amphitheatre, 7050 S. 24th Street, 6 pm. Storytelling, Chi' Chino Spirit, free frybread and chili. Free. All are welcome. For more info, contact Gerard at (602) 305-5643.

November 15-16 - 6th Annual Tribal Veterans Symposium at Gila River Wild Horse Pass Resorts and Casino. For more info, contact Holly at holly.figueroa@azblue.com or call (928) 214-2169.

November 17 - 2nd Annual Native American Culture and Wildlife Celebration - Liberty Wildlife Non-Eagle Feather Repository at Liberty Wildlife, 2600 E. Elwood Street in Phoenix. For more info call (520) 240-7406.

November 19-20 - 2024 Tribal Opioid and Substance Use Conference at Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino in Maricopa. For more info, click [here](#).

November 23 - American Indian Toy Drive and Concert. Arizona Science Center. Free admission with a new toy. Donations benefit Native American Connections, Phoenix Indian Center, and NATIVE HEALTH. For more info, click [here](#).

December 14 - Phoenix Indian Medical (PIMC) Arts Fest, 10 am-4 pm, 4212 N. 16th Street, Phoenix. For more info call (602) 263-1576.



Columnar Cacti

The most prevalent and popular columnar cactus in the South West is saguaro.

Saguaro is symbol of the desert with lifelike arm "movements" and grand stature. Its limbs often resemble arm and legs, and sometimes it looks like it's dancing in the desert. Saguaro can grow up to 50 feet tall, but they are very slow growers at 1 to 1.5 inches per year. Their arm or branches start to grow around the age of 50 to 70 years, depending on the climate. In some very low precipitation areas. It can take up to 100 years for an arm to appear.