



2013 Annual Report of Potlatch Fund

INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING



Greetings Friends and thank you for your support!

It is our honor as the Potlatch Fund Board President and Executive Director to present our 2013 Annual Report. This report represents our work and successes on behalf of the Natives peoples of the Northwest and our advancement of our mission of inspiring and building upon the Native tradition of giving through expanding philanthropy in Northwest Tribal Nations and Native communities.

2013 was a banner year for our Potlatch Fund grantmaking program. With recommendations from our grantmaking committees and Board of Directors, we made 100 grants totaling \$380,500 in support of Native-led programs and projects across our Pacific Northwest region of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana! We also experienced a surge of applications that helped us to achieve our goal of making grants in all four states across our region with substantial increases to Montana and Oregon. With the help of a new donor we were excited to launch the Language Preservation & Education grant cycle in support of language preservation efforts across our Pacific Northwest service region. This initiative is important because we know that Native languages provide connections to our culture, history, and traditions and yet, with only limited numbers of fluent speakers, too many of our communities are at risk of losing their language. Look for updates in forthcoming editions of the enewsletter, website, and social media for when our Requests for Proposals are released and please forward to those who may be seeking grant funding which aligns with our priorities and eligibility guidelines.

We are also proud to report that we had another successful year of our signature fundraising event, the Potlatch Fund Gala. We made a return to Tulalip Resort Casino as the venue and hosted a sold-out silent auction and dinner with 500 people in attendance. With input from our past attendees, we also added a post-Gala networking reception following the dinner that allowed people to continue the energy of the night. Our 4th annual silent auction was largest with 64 items and raised most amount of money in its history with \$13,005 to benefit the Native Arts grant program. We raise our hands to the Native artists, Native-owned businesses, Tribes, and other supporters who donated items and continue to ensure that our silent auction remains one of the best-kept secrets in the Northwest for our prospective buyers! In total, we raised a total of \$110,000 to benefit Potlatch Fund's grantmaking, capacity building, and leadership development opportunities. We also held a series of well-received Native Professionals and Friends Night networking events. This event is modeled after the very successful event that our partners Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA) have been providing for the Portland Native community for the last four years. Our next one will be in Seattle in early March (2015) and we will host it in a larger space to accommodate all of the interest we have heard from those who attended and those who are interested in attending. Save the date and look for details in the new year on how to register.

Last but not least, we hired a new Program Director, Tachini Pete, who has been pivotal in helping us to restructure our capacity building program services so that we focus first and foremost on our grantees. We begin rolling out our newly redesigned capacity building program in early spring that will provide our grantees with the opportunity to supplement their grant funds with learning opportunities that will help them to build long-term sustainability. Combining a series of convenings, webinars, and individualized technical assistance, we aim to increase knowledge of nonprofit management for our Native nonprofit grantees and small business and arts-specific content for our Native artist grantees. We are offering the Native Arts cohort in partnership with ONABEN and First Peoples Fund to offer a customized curriculum for our Native artists and arts organizations. This program will run for the rest of the year so we look forward to embarking on this journey together. We look forward to spotlighting our past and current grantees in future editions of the enewsletter and through our Facebook and Twitter feeds. If interested in learning more about the launch of our new capacity building program or how you might be a part of future years' cohorts, contact us at info@potlatchfund.org and be sure to apply for one of our grants!

Again, thank you for your support. We could not do our work without our trusted philanthropic partners, Native nonprofit partners, grantees, LEAD cohort alumni, and key donors and supporters. We raise our hands to you for your generosity and reciprocity.

Respectfully,



Dana Arviso
Dana Arviso, Diné
Executive Director



Meredith Parker
Meredith Parker, Mārah
Board Chair

POTLATCH FUND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2013 2012 AND 2011

ASSETS	2013	2012	2011
Current Assets			
Cash	\$ 173,551	\$ 86,151	\$ 165,068
Pledges Receivable	13,433	-	
Prepaid Expenses	3,355	-	
Depreciation	2,193	3,679	5,165
Total Current Assets	192,532	89,830	170,233
Investments	517,866	627,023	221,315
Total Assets	\$ 710,398	\$ 716,853	\$ 391,548

2013 Grantmaking Program

InterTribal Canoe Journey

\$41,000 in 2013-

Quinault Tribe [Host Tribe] Moclips, WA
 Blue Heron Canoe, Kent, WA
 Chinook Indian Nation, Bay Center, WA
 Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes, Seaside, OR
 Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Longview, WA
 Duwamish Tribal Services, Seattle, WA
 G'ana'k'w Canoe Family, Seattle, WA
 Grande Ronde: Stankia Canoe, Grand Ronde, OR
 Ha'y Tilixam Canoe Society, Covington, WA
 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, WA
 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Angeles, WA
 Lummi C.E.D.A.R. Project, Bellingham, WA
 Lummi Youth Academy Canoe, Bellingham, WA
 Makah Canoe Society, Neah Bay, WA
 N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe Family, Warm Springs, OR
 Nooksack Indian Tribe, Deming, WA
 Ohileqw-Sen Healing Canoe, Bellingham, WA
 Oliver Canoe Club, Kingston, WA
 Palouse Canoe Project, Warm Springs, OR
 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Kingston, WA
 Sacred Water Canoe Family, Suquamish, WA
 Samish Canoe Family, Anacortes, WA
 Sauk Suiattle: Sobahliali Canoe, Darrington, WA
 Snoqualmie Tribe, Snoqualmie, WA
 Squaxin Canoe Family, Shelton, WA

Language Preservation and Education

\$60,000 in 2013-

Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT
 Confederated Tribes & Band of the Yakama Nation:
 Toppenish School District, Toppenish, WA
 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation,
 Pendleton, OR
 Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: Culture and
 Heritage Dept, Warm Springs, OR
 Hearts Gathered, Omak, WA
 Incheilium Language and Culture Association, Omak, WA
 Kalispel Tribes of Indians, Usk, WA
 Makah Cultural Research Center, Neah Bay, WA
 Nez Perce Language Program, Lapwai, ID
 Nooksack Tribe: Social Services Department, Deming, WA
 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe: Cultural Resources
 Department, Kingston, WA
 Salish Institute, St. Ignatius, MT
 Salish School of Spokane, Spokane, WA
 Snoqualmie Tribe: Language Department,
 Snoqualmie, WA
 Squaxin Island Museum, Shelton, WA

Community Building

\$120,542 in 2013-

Blackfeet Tribe: Manpower One-Stop Program,
 Browning, MT
 Chief Seattle Club, Seattle, WA
 Confederated Tribes & Band of the Yakama Nation:
 Economic Development, Toppenish, WA
 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation,
 Pendleton, OR
 Cowlitz Indian Tribe: Youth Board, Longview, WA
 Eastside Native American Parent Committee, Seattle, WA
 Kalispel Tribe of Indians: Early Learning, Usk, WA
 Ke Kukui Foundation, Vancouver, WA
 Komemma Cultural Protection Association, Yoncalla, OR
 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Angeles, WA
 Lummi Youth Academy, Bellingham, WA
 Montana Two Spirit Society, Missoula, MT
 National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, OR
 Native Strategies, Union, WA
 Native Youth Leadership Alliance, Seattle, WA
 Nez Perce Tribe: Students for Success, Lapwai, ID
 Northern Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club, Lame Deer, MT
 Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, WA
 Northwest Native American Basket Weavers Association,
 Covington, WA
 Ocean Thunder Canoe Club, Neah Bay, WA
 Painted Sky, Portland, OR
 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Kingston, WA
 Red Eagle Soaring, Seattle, WA
 Red Lodge Transition Services, Portland, OR
 Seattle Indian Health Board, Seattle, WA
 Tierra Madre Fund, Seattle, WA
 Tlingit & Haida Washington Chapter, Seattle, WA
 Warm Springs Community Action Team,
 Warm Springs, OR
 Western Native Voice, Billings, MT

Other Grants

\$60,000 via Washington State Tribal CASA-

Confederated Tribes & Band of the Yakama Nation:
 Toppenish, WA
 Kalispel Tribes of Indians, Usk, WA
 Spokane Tribe of Indians, Wellpinit, WA

\$12,000 via Cedar Tree Fund-

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, La Conner, WA
 Snoqualmie Tribe, Snoqualmie, WA

\$5,000 via Social Innovation-

Red Lodge Transition Services, Portland, OR

Please visit our website for detailed information regarding the grants listed on this page.

Native Arts

\$82,000 in 2013-

Alex McCarty, Neah Bay, WA
 Allison Bremner, Kingston, WA
 Antoine Sandoval, Arlee, MT
 Betty Pasco, Poulsbo, WA
 Burns Paiute Tribe, Burns, OR
 Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
 Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, Pendleton, OR
 David Boxley, Kingston, WA
 David Robert Boxley, Kingston, WA
 Dion Albert, Polson, MT
 Donna Huff-Ahvakana, Kingston, WA
 Elizabeth LaPensee, Portland, OR
 Erin Genia, Olympia, WA
 Hamumu Theater Collective Peace Works International,
 Indianola, WA
 Jeffrey Veregge, Kingston, WA
 Keely Parker, Clallam Bay, WA
 Matika Wilbur, La Conner, WA
 Nooksack Indian Tribe: Paddle Making, Nooksack, WA
 Port Gamble S'Klallam, Kingston, WA
 Sanduuts Robert Peele, Seattle, WA
 Sandy Osawa, Seattle, WA
 Sherry MacGregor, Sequim, WA
 Tachini Pete Jr., Arlee, MT
 The People's Center, Pablo, MT
 Valda Evening Smith, Pocatello, ID



Mission Statement

To inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy within Tribal nations and Native communities in the Northwest.

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LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

	2013	2012	2011
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,211	\$ 16,865	\$ 28,474
Grants Payable / Deferred Revenue		-	-
Custodial Account	46,010	46,529	72,787
Total Current Liabilities	72,221	63,394	101,261
Net Assests			
Unrestricted	84,011	229,479	230,986
Temporarily Restricted	554,166	423,980	59,301
Total Net Assests	638,177	653,459	290,287
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 710,398	\$ 716,853	\$ 391,548

Quick Facts

Mission:

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Core Goals:

- Provide capacity building and leadership development services to Tribes and Native nonprofits.
- Increase awareness, access, and representation of non-native funding communities throughout Indian Country. By working collaboratively with funders to protect, promote the critical cultural values of families and communities, we support culturally specific community achievements, as well as, highlight innovative approaches that address education, cultural preservation, and outreach.
- Develop sustainable grants programs including professional mentorship opportunities that support new, emerging and exciting initiatives which ultimately increase the representative of Native philanthropists throughout urban, rural tribal communities.

Awards:

Potlatch Fund's work has been recognized nationally with the 2005 Sweetgrass Award (First Nations Development Institute) and the 2008 National Leadership in Action Award (WK Kellogg Foundation).

Overview:

Potlatch Fund, a Native-led nonprofit, provides grants, capacity building trainings and leadership development opportunities to Tribal communities and Native nonprofits throughout the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Our work takes us across the Pacific Northwest where we witness the reality that many of the non-governmental services taken for granted in mainstream communities are unavailable in Indian Country.

Capacity Building:

Increasing philanthropy in Northwest Indian Country requires education of philanthropic entities as well as Native-led nonprofits. We have had the unique experience of visiting nearly every Tribal and urban Native community in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and providing one of our five core training programs. We have extended our reach all over our service area and have come to the realization that deep long-term investment in an organization builds strong foundational operations. The Capacity Building program is about our people, empowering emerging leaders and developing the best strategies in nonprofit management, fundraising and grant writing to increase organizational capacity of Native-led organizations. Increased nonprofit development catalyzes the expansion of philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native communities in the Northwest. Our aim, in this program, is to significantly increase the impact that we have on Native nonprofits that we work with by creating a delivery model that captures our past experiences into a more efficient use of our limited resources.

Board of Directors

as elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting

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www.potlatchfund.org/spirit/who_we_are.html

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