FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for
NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS, HUMANITIES
and HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) www.arts.gov

The NEA, an independent federal agency, is the largest annual funder of the arts in the United States, awarding more than $100 million annually. The NEA's mission is to support excellence in the arts, both new and established; bring the arts to all Americans; and provide leadership in arts education.

♦ **Access to Artistic Excellence:** To encourage and support artistic excellence, preserve our cultural heritage, and provide access to the arts for all Americans. Grant amounts range from $5,000 to $150,000.
  Next deadline: August 11, 2008
  www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html

♦ **Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast Track Review Grants:** To support projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Matching grants of $10,000.
  Next deadline: June 2, 2008
  www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/Challenge.html

♦ **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:** To advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based settings. An organization may request a grant amount from $5,000 to $150,000.
  Next deadline: June 9, 2008
  www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html

♦ **NEA National Initiatives:** including *American Masterpieces*, *The Big Read*, and *Shakespeare in America*. Several tribes have received *Big Read* grants.
  www.arts.gov/national/index.html

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) www.neh.gov

The NEH, an independent federal agency, is the largest funder of humanities programs in the United States. The Endowment accomplishes its mission by providing grants for high-quality humanities projects in four funding areas: preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research, and public programs. NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars.

♦ **We the People** includes *Picturing America*, the *We the People Bookshelf*, and an initiative with the National Science Foundation for *Documenting Endangered Languages*.

♦ **Humanities Initiatives for Faculty** are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at tribal colleges and universities.
  www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hifacultytcu.html

♦ **Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions** help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, arts and cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities, improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections.
  www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html

♦ **Documenting Endangered Languages**
  www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/del.html

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Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)  www.imls.gov

The IMLS is the primary source of Federal support for the nation’s 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute’s mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

The IMLS website allows searches by type of institution, including Federally Recognized Native American Tribe or Public or Private Non-Profit Institutions of Higher Education such as tribal colleges and universities.

- Native American Library Services  www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nativeAmerican.shtml
- Museum Assessment Program  www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_map.asp
  Administered by the American Association of Museums  www.aam-us.org/museumresources/map/index.cfm
- Conservation Assessment Program  www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_cap.asp
  Administered by Heritage Preservation  www.heritagepreservation.org

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)  www.achp.gov

The mission of the ACHP is to promote the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our Nation’s historic resources, and advise the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

- Preserve America Initiative  www.preserveamerica.gov
- Heritage tourism information  www.achp.gov/heritagetourism.html

National Park Service (NPS)  www.nps.gov

- The NPS’ Heritage Preservation Services (HPS) Division helps our nation’s citizens and communities identify, evaluate, protect and preserve historic properties for future generations of Americans. The Division provides a broad range of products and services, financial assistance and incentives, educational guidance, and technical information.  www.nps.gov/history/hps/
  - Overview of programs  www2.cr.nps.gov/
  - Grant opportunities  www2.cr.nps.gov/grants.htm
  - Save America’s Treasures  www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures/

STATE FUNDING and INFORMATION RESOURCES for NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS, HUMANITIES and HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

- State arts agency  www.arts.endow.gov/artforms/RAO_SAAs.html
- State humanities council  www.neh.gov/state/states.html
- State historic preservation officer  www.achp.gov/shpo.html
- Tribal historic preservation officer  www.achp.gov/thpo.html
- State folklorist  www.nea.gov/artforms/Folk/Folk6.html

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