

ABOUT US

Initiated and led by Native peoples, the Native Cultures Fund's mission is to support the renaissance of California Native American arts, culture, sacred sites, and cultural transmission between generations. The Native Cultures Fund (NCF) was established in 2000 and is a program of the Humboldt Area Foundation in partnership with the James Irvine Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and other foundations and individuals.

To date NCF has awarded over \$800,000 to California Native American artists and cultural stewards in support of over 190 community projects. The fund has a 50-county service area within California that ranges from the southern Oregon border, stretching inland to the western Nevada border, and then south to the Santa Barbara area.

NCF supports Indigenous artistic and cultural expression such as:

- Contemporary visual art production: murals, carving, multi-media, artist fellowships.
- Theater production: contemporary music festivals, storytelling, cultural performances and gatherings.
- Regalia design and creation: traditional dance forms, singing and mentoring ceremonial protocol.
- Native basketry teaching, mentoring and production.
- Teaching and documenting traditional stories within Native languages.
- Documenting Native cultural expression and history through the use of video, radio and other technology.

More helpful Information:

- [Native Cultures Fund Service Area Map](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs](#)