

COMMITTEE REPORT

PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians -
2024 Midyear Convention

Canyonville, OR

DISCUSSION

- Introductions
- Reviewed Native Americans in Philanthropy: [Tribal Nations Listening Sessions Report](#)
- Committee History, Purpose and Goals
 - We identified 3 main goals:
 - **To facilitate access for NW Tribes to philanthropy grounded in the history of the region - the history of the transfer of wealth from indigenous to settler colonial control, and the consolidation of wealth and power held in the philanthropic sector.** Access to funding is becoming harder and harder across Indian Country – and, a main source of this problem are mainstream foundations. For tribal leaders and advocates, this funding trend is abysmal, shocking, and shameful. [Native Americans in Philanthropy](#) and the [Foundation Center](#) produced a [report in 2011 looking at data from foundations over a 10-year period of time from 1998-2009](#), and they found that investment in Indian Country dropped from 0.5% to 0.3% over that period, and the total investments were, on average, between \$68 and \$100 million annually. To make matters worse: in 2018, [First Nations Development Institute](#) did a similar study and found an even more significant drop to .023%. These numbers were reinforced with the data that Native Americans in Philanthropy reported this year.
 - **Support Tribal Philanthropic entities to organize, build relationships and strategize about restrictions on giving that do not exist for non-tribal philanthropic organizations.** While mainstream foundations are not, in any way, obligated to give back to tribes and tribal people (which is particularly poignant considering the wealth originated in this region), there are state government-determined regulations requiring tribes to give portions of their economic profit “back” – many tribal foundations are told where to give, who to give to, and how much to give and are further restricted in giving to

regional and national tribal advocacy organizations unless they are headquartered in their region.

- **When it comes to responding to threats to Indian Country, it's important to know that our adversaries have deep pockets and are using a combination of legal and narrative strategies to deconstruct the rights of tribal people.** There are networks of philanthropic entities that explicitly fund anti-Indian and anti-Sovereignty efforts - as we saw in the attacks on ICWA. This committee should be tracking and report on these efforts.
- Discussion of EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities (EJTC) Regional Grantmaker program for Region 10: Philanthropy Northwest
 - ATNI is a partner on this grant. There is 40 million available and 25% is earmarked for Tribes. Philanthropy NW is close to finalizing their contract with the EPA on this work. Will invite them to the Annual Convention.
- Announcements:
 - [US Bureau of Reclamation Domestic Water Supplies Program](#)
 - [Philanthropy Northwest Conference: October 21- 23, 2024](#)
 - Native Americans in Philanthropy & Native Hawaiian's in Philanthropy coming in 2025 - stay tuned for dates!
 - Census 2030 Planning is starting! Seeding Justice will be supporting regrating efforts in the PNW
- Discussion of resolutions to come in the fall:
 - "State-based" funders should fund tribes who traditionally used any part of that state.
 - Explicit language for Community Foundations to include language that allows for and encourages funding for tribes and all charitable organizations (c3 or c4) included un Donor Advised Fund contracts.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution # & Title:

None

COMMITTEE - TABLED

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None

Minutes/Report submitted by: _____
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