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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND

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## **Native American Heritage Fund Announces Additional 2018 Grant Recipients NAHF Funds Projects in three Upper Peninsula Communities**

At its August 10 meeting, the Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) Board approved grant funds to be awarded to projects in three Michigan communities.

The grants approved include:

1. Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba - \$2,013 for The Living Circle of Life project.
2. Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie - \$10,000 for an education initiative to increase local tribal imagery on campus and implement cultural events.
3. Michigan Technological University in Houghton - \$30,488 for a partnership project with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to co-create curricula.

Michigan's K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and local units of government were eligible for funding through the NAHF to defray the costs of projects that promote positive relationships and accurate information about the history and role of Michigan's Indian tribes and Native Americans in the state.

The fund, which was approved in 2016 as part of the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between NHBP and the State of Michigan, allocates a portion of NHBP's state revenue sharing payments to the NAHF.

The NAHF Board is composed of: Chairperson: Jamie Stuck (NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson); Vice Chairperson: Dorie Rios (NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson); Secretary Elizabeth Kinnart (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Citizen); Treasurer: Melissa Kiesewetter (Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights Tribal Liaison/Native American Specialist); Board Member: Kimberly Vargo (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Vice Chairperson).

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**For media inquiries, or to request an interview with NAHF Board Chairperson Jamie Stuck, please contact NHBP Director of Communications and Public Relations Judi Henckel at 269.704.8361.**

For questions regarding the NAHF grant process, please contact Calhoun County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott at 269.781.0966.

Attachments: NAHF logo

[About The Native American Heritage Fund](#)

The NAHF was established in 2016 as part of the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) and the State of Michigan. The amendment allowed for a portion of NHBP's annual state revenue sharing payment to be deposited into the NAHF.

The fund serves to promote positive relationships between public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, local units of government and Michigan's federally recognized Native American Tribes. The NAHF provides resources to help improve curricula and educational resources related to Michigan Indian history, as well as to replace or revise mascots and imagery that may be deemed as offensive to or inaccurately conveying the culture and values of Native Americans.

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