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Philanthropic Giving To Native Communities

Landscape Report Project for the MacArthur Foundation's New Work Program | Indigenous Autonomy

Notes About Data

Data Challenges

The datasets pertaining to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (AI/AN) were derived from the Candid Investing in Native Communities Foundations Map. Our analysis was limited to the data made available through this platform, thereby inheriting any potential biases embedded within it. The Candid platform is distinguished as the sole data repository that disaggregates funding information to specifically highlight allocations directed towards AI/ANs.

In a significant update in November 2023, Candid discontinued the feature that allowed users to filter funding data by the type of donor. To adapt to this change and continue our research, we downloaded the available

dataset on December 18, 2023, from the Candid Investing in Native Communities website and subsequently employed a manual process to categorize the funders. This methodology ensured that our analysis could still provide insights into the funding landscape for these communities, albeit with the caveats introduced by the changes in data accessibility and potential biases from the primary data source.

These data challenges have created setbacks in the project team's development of this report. As we continue to gather feedback from our project partners and advisors, we will continue to inform the final iteration of this report.

Building On Previous Studies

In developing this report, the project team inventoried and reviewed publications and research from foundations, Native leaders, and Native organizations advocating for increased funding for Native communities. Through this process, we found that the research conducted by the First Nations Development Institute (FNDI) and Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) has significantly contributed to understanding the landscape of philanthropic funding to Native communities. These organizations have both documented the challenges and proposed strategic frameworks to enhance funding practices that not only increase resources but also respect and acknowledge the sovereignty, cultural integrity, and power of community-driven solutions of Native American communities.

Historical Context and Funding Disparities

Historically, philanthropic funding to Native American causes has been disproportionately low compared to the demographic representation of Native populations in the United States. According to the FNDI's 2018 report, Native American organizations and

causes received a mere 0.23% of philanthropic funds, despite Native Americans making up 2% of the national population. This chronic underfunding has been attributed to several factors, including systemic racism, a lack of understanding of Native issues among philanthropic organizations, and philanthropy's reliance on restrictive funding practices that do not align with Native communities' self-determined priorities.

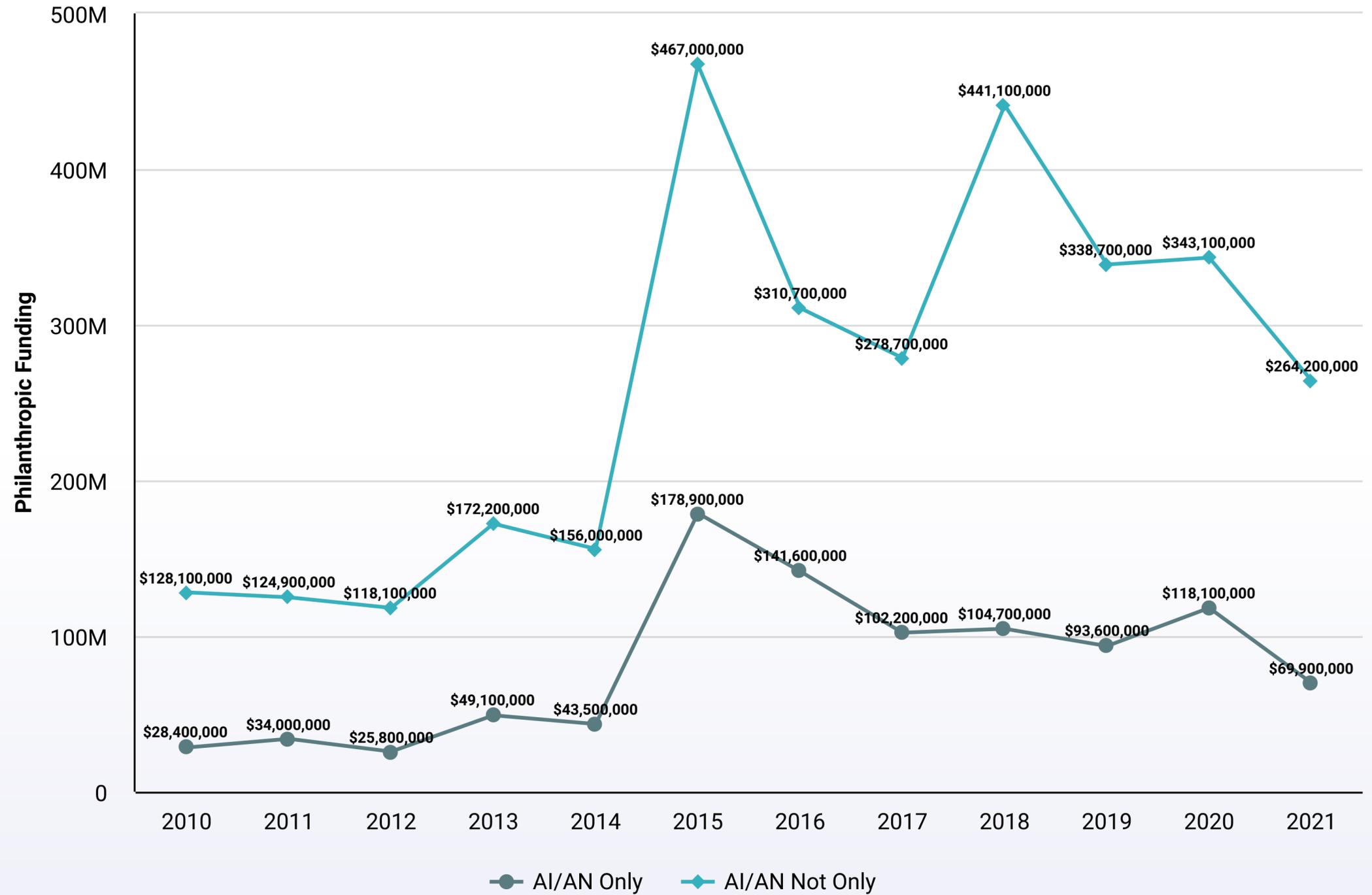
Philanthropic Practices and Recommendations

Both FNDI and NAP's research underscore the necessity for philanthropic entities to rethink their engagement strategies with Native communities. FNDI's work has been instrumental in highlighting the impact of philanthropic misconceptions and the need for philanthropic organizations to build genuine, respectful, and long-term relationships with Native communities. They emphasize shifting from project-specific funding to unrestricted, multi-year grants that empower communities to address their needs as they see fit.

Funding Trends For Native Communities – 2010 to 2021

Chart displays grants that are designated to benefit Native Americans in the U.S. (including Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Native Hawaiians) or awarded to recipient organizations whose missions focus on Native Americans in the U.S. **(AI/AN Not Only)** versus grants that are isolated to those exclusively serving Alaska Natives, American Indians, and/or Native Hawaiians and no other racial and ethnic group **(AI/AN Only)**.

NOTE: In 2015, Good360 gave a one time donation of \$33.7 million dollars. Good360 (good360.org) specializes in product philanthropy, connecting corporate donors with excess, in-kind goods to communities in need.



Funding Trends For Native Communities – 2010 to 2021

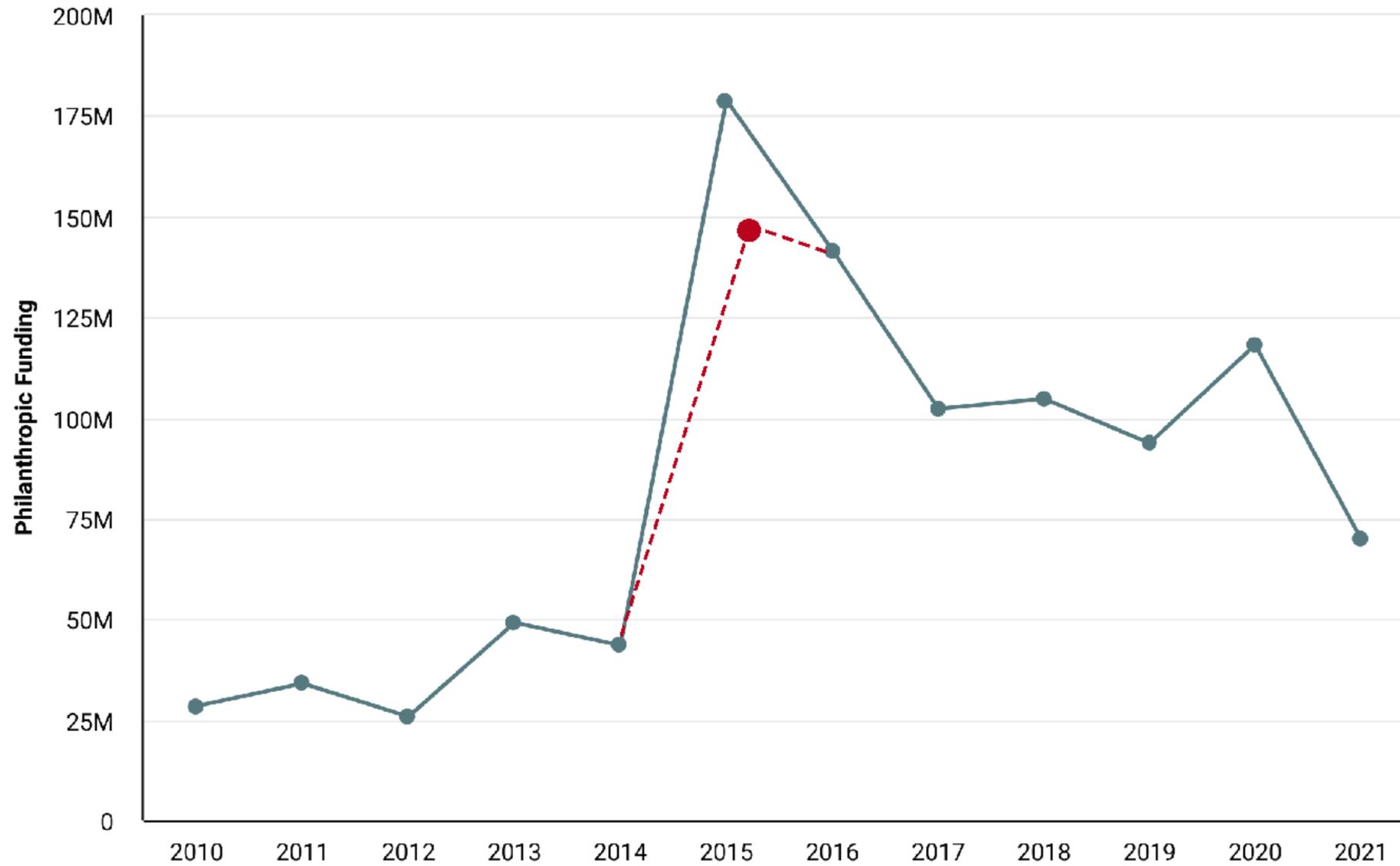
Year	ALL Funding	AI/AN Only	AI/AN Only %	AI/AN Not Only	AI/AN NOT Only %
2010	\$13,600,000,000	\$28,400,000	0.21%	\$128,100,000	0.94%
2011	\$14,900,000,000	\$34,000,000	0.23%	\$124,900,000	0.84%
2012	\$17,100,000,000	\$25,800,000	0.15%	\$118,100,000	0.69%
2013	\$19,300,000,000	\$49,100,000	0.25%	\$172,200,000	0.89%
2014	\$27,600,000,000	\$43,500,000	0.16%	\$156,000,000	0.57%
2015	\$81,800,000,000	\$178,900,000	0.22%	\$467,000,000	0.57%
2016	\$79,700,000,000	\$141,600,000	0.18%	\$310,700,000	0.39%
2017	\$95,900,000,000	\$102,200,000	0.11%	\$278,700,000	0.29%
2018	\$101,000,000,000	\$104,700,000	0.10%	\$441,100,000	0.44%
2019	\$92,300,000,000	\$93,600,000	0.10%	\$338,700,000	0.37%
2020	\$101,100,000,000	\$118,100,000	0.12%	\$343,100,000	0.34%
2021	\$118,900,000,000	\$69,900,000	0.06%	\$264,200,000	0.22%

Funding Analysis 2010-2021

IMPLICATIONS FOR NATIVE LEADERS (CONT'D)

The data reveals both challenges and opportunities in the philanthropic landscape for Native communities. By leveraging this information, Native nonprofit leaders can better navigate the funding environment, advocate for increased targeted support, and ultimately, drive more impactful outcomes for their communities.

Funding Trends Specifically For Native Communities – 2010 to 2021



- Nominal dollars
- Total without Good360 grantmaking

2010	\$28,400,000
2011	\$34,000,000
2012	\$25,800,000
2013	\$49,100,000
2014	\$43,500,000
2015	\$178,900,000
2015 (without Good360)	\$142,500,000
2016	\$141,600,000
2017	\$102,200,000
2018	\$104,700,000
2019	\$93,600,000
2020	\$118,100,000
2021	\$69,900,000

2021 Philanthropic Funding Analysis Specifically For Native Communities



In 2021, it is estimated that for every \$100 awarded by U.S. foundations, only 5 cents (.05%) specifically supported Native Communities in the United States.

Funding Analysis for 2021

In 2021, across 17 different granting categories, \$69.9 million was granted specifically to American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian (AI/AN) serving organizations and projects, compared to a total of \$165,593,700,000 of total grantmaking. This dedicated amount is equal to roughly 0.076% of the total grantmaking dedicated to serving exclusively the A/AN community in 2021. The dedicated amount represents a steep decrease in investment from prior years – a 40.81% decrease from 2020 (\$118,100,000) and a 25.32% decrease from 2019 (\$93,600,000).

In an analysis of six funder types: Community Foundations – Company-sponsored Foundations – Corporate Giving Programs – Private Foundations – Operating Foundations, and Public Charities of grantmaking to specific AI/AN recipients, data showed large differences in the amounts awarded by funder type. The largest funder – Private Foundations, made up 73% of total giving, while Company-Sponsored Foundations (4%) – Corporate Giving Programs (5%), and Operating Foundations (0%) combined made up 9% of total giving in 2021. Private Foundations made up 61%

more than the second largest contributor of Community Foundations (14%) and 69% more than Public Charities (4%).

In 2021, the largest funder of AI/AN-specific grantmaking was Private Foundations, \$51,500,000 – followed by Community Foundations, \$9,700,000 – Corporate Giving Programs, \$3,300,000 – Public Charities, \$2,700,000 – Company-sponsored Foundations \$2,500,000 and finally, Operating Foundations, \$0.

In the five granting categories of Environment – Climate Justice – Climate Change – Journalism, and Communications Media – \$6,640,000 was granted specifically to American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian (AN/AI) serving organizations and projects, compared to a total of \$10,388,700,000 of total grantmaking. This dedicated amount is equal to roughly .064% of total grantmaking dedicated to serving the AN/AI community in 2021. The dedicated amount represents a decrease in investment from prior years. In 2020, the amount was a 50% decrease (\$13,288,682), and in 2019, the amount was a 37% decrease (\$10,631,999).

Top 20 Funders of Native Communities & Issues, by Total Dollar Amount (2021)

- 1 Ford Foundation**
Private Foundation
New York, NY
\$19,600,000
- 2 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**
Private Foundation
Chicago, IL
\$13,100,000
- 3 The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**
Private Foundation
New York, NY
\$9,100,000
- 4 Northwest Area Foundation**
Community Foundation
Saint Paul, MN
\$8,700,000
- 5 Bank of America Corporation Contributions Program**
Corporate Foundation
Charlotte, NC
\$3,300,000
- 6 Bush Foundation**
Private Foundation
Saint Paul, MN
\$3,200,000
- 7 Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**
Private Foundation
New York, NY
\$2,900,000
- 8 Johnson Scholarship Foundation**
Private Foundation
West Palm Beach, FL
\$1,900,000
- 9 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation**
Company-Sponsored Foundation
Durham, NC
\$1,700,000
- 10 The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
Private Foundation
Princeton, NJ
\$1,700,000
- 11 The JPB Foundation***
Private Foundation
New York, NY
\$1,500,000
- 12 The Collins Foundation**
Private Foundation
Portland, OR
\$1,300,000
- 13 Better Way Foundation, Inc.**
Private Foundation
Minneapolis, MN
\$1,200,000
- 14 Colorado Health Foundation**
Private Foundation
Denver, CO
\$1,100,000
- 15 ECMC Foundation**
Public Foundation
Los Angeles, CA
\$1,100,000
- 16 Native American Agriculture Fund**
Private Foundation
Fayetteville, AR
\$1,000,000
- 17 Headwaters Foundation**
Private Foundation
Missoula, MT
\$850,000
- 18 The James Irvine Foundation**
Private Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$800,000
- 19 Annenberg Foundation**
Private Foundation
Conshohocken, PA
\$790,000
- 20 Meyer Memorial Trust**
Private Foundation
Portland, OR
\$716,797

*This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

Top 10 Funders of Native Communities & Issues by Number of Grants (2021)

1	Johnson Scholarship Foundation West Palm Beach, FL <i>\$1,900,000</i> 42	5	The Collins Foundation Portland, OR <i>\$1,300,000</i> 19	9	The California Endowment Los Angeles, CA <i>\$211,900</i> 12
2	Northwest Area Foundation Saint Paul, MN <i>\$8,700,000</i> 31	6	Better Way Foundation, Inc. Minneapolis, MN <i>\$1,200,000</i> 17	10	Doris Duke Charitable Foundation New York, NY <i>\$2,900,000</i> 10
3	Ford Foundation New York, NY <i>\$19,600,000</i> 24	7	Annenberg Foundation Conshohocken, PA <i>\$790,000</i> 16	10	Northland Foundation Duluth, MN <i>\$27,300</i> 10
4	Native American Agriculture Fund Fayetteville, AR <i>\$1,000,000</i> 20	8	Bush Foundation Saint Paul, MN <i>\$3,200,000</i> 15		

NOTE: There are outliers to the data from Candid, including Inatai Foundation, a Washington based c4 foundation, which does not report their data to Candid but granted an estimated \$22 million to Native American communities and issues in 2021.

Top 20 Grantees Receiving Foundation Support for Native Communities & Issues (2021)

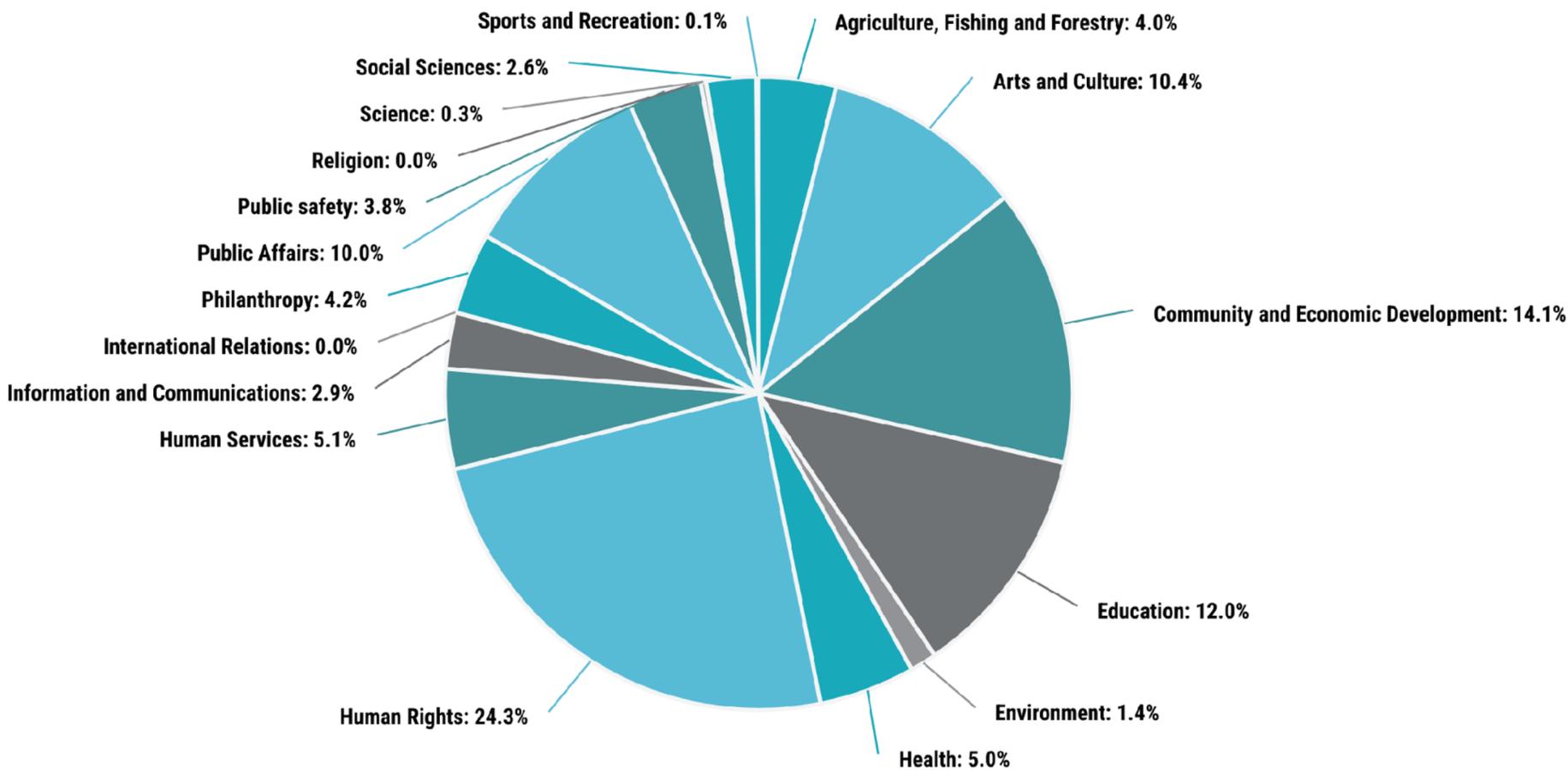
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| <p>1 First Peoples Fund
Rapid City, SD
\$3,500,000</p> | <p>6 NDN Collective
Rapid City, SD
\$2,500,000</p> | <p>11 Institute of American Indian Arts and Alaska Native Culture and Arts
Santa Fe, NM
\$1,600,000</p> | <p>16 Community Partners
Los Angeles, CA
\$1,400,000</p> |
| <p>2 Racial Equity - Multiple Recipients
\$3,300,000</p> | <p>7 Black Hills Area Community Foundation
Rapid City, SD
\$2,100,000</p> | <p>12 Native Voices Rising*
Oakland, CA
\$1,500,000</p> | <p>17 Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation
Porcupine, SD
\$1,300,000</p> |
| <p>3 Alaska Native Heritage Center
Anchorage, AK
\$3,200,000</p> | <p>8 American Indian College Fund
Denver, CO
\$2,100,000</p> | <p>13 Northwestern University**
Evanston, IL
\$1,500,000</p> | <p>18 Macalester College**
Saint Paul, MN
\$1,000,000</p> |
| <p>4 New Venture Fund
Washington DC
\$3,000,000</p> | <p>9 North Carolina State University**
Raleigh, NC
\$1,700,000</p> | <p>14 Regents of the University of Michigan**
Ann Arbor, MI
\$1,500,000</p> | <p>19 Minneapolis Foundation
Minneapolis, MN
\$1,000,000</p> |
| <p>5 Native American Rights Fund
Boulder, CO
\$2,600,000</p> | <p>10 American Philosophical Society
Philadelphia PA
\$1,600,000</p> | <p>15 Syracuse University**
Syracuse, NY
\$1,500,000</p> | <p>20 Native Americans in Philanthropy
Washington, DC
\$1,000,000</p> |
| | | | <p>20 Propel Nonprofits
Minneapolis, MN
\$1,000,000</p> |

* Indicates funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

** Indicates centers at universities

NOTE: Further research into which entities are Native-led, how fiscal sponsorships are structured for the benefit of Native communities, and which universities house centers and institutions to benefit Native communities.

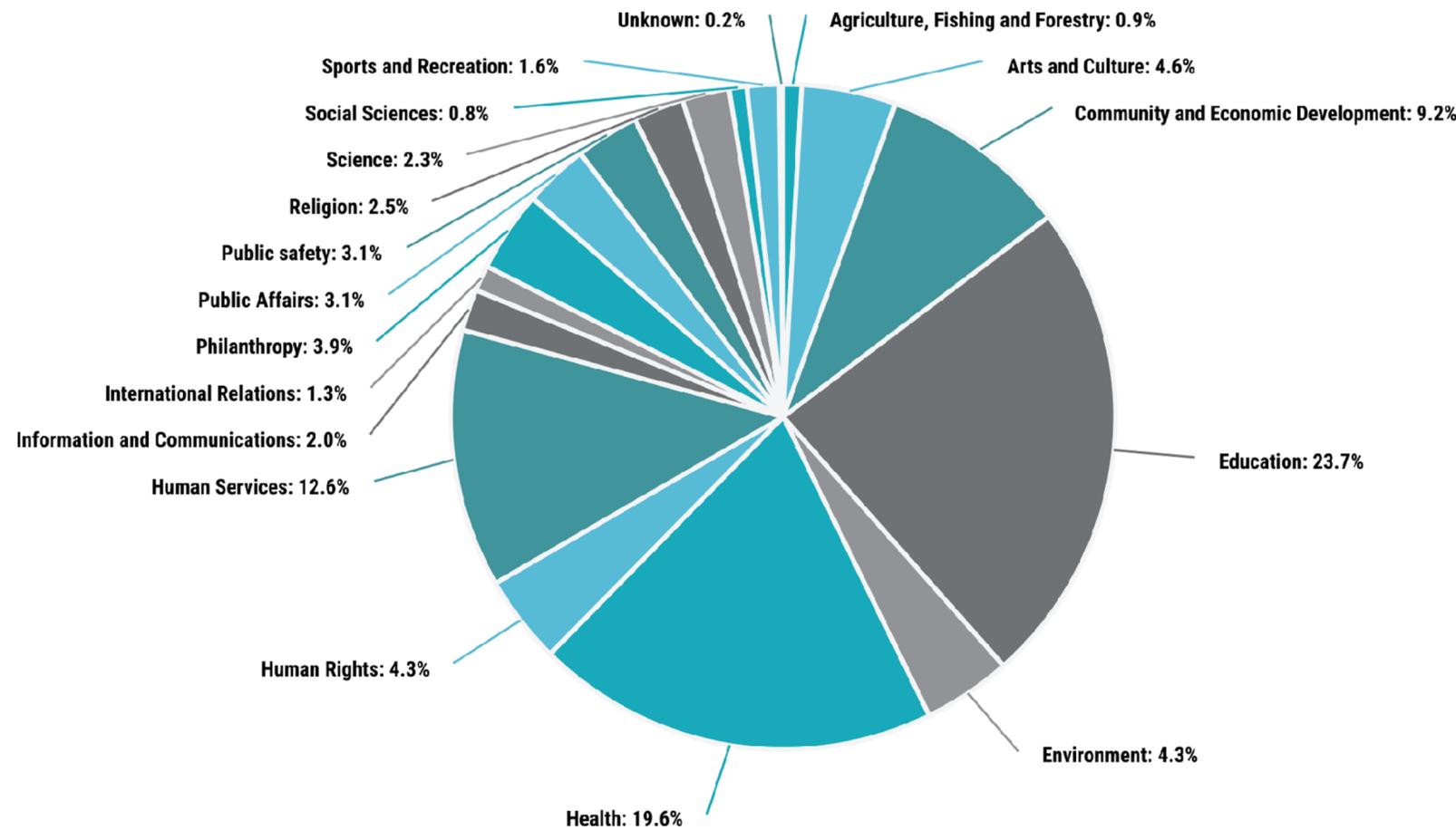
2021 Funding Specifically for Native Communities by Subject Areas



Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry	\$5,000,000	4.0%
Arts and Culture	\$13,000,000	10.4%
Community and Economic Development	\$17,700,000	14.1%
Education	\$15,000,000	12.0%
Environment	\$1,700,000	1.4%
Health	\$6,200,000	5.0%
Human Rights	\$30,400,000	24.3%
Human Services	\$6,400,000	5.1%
Information and Communications	\$3,600,000	2.9%
International Relations	\$700	0.0%
Philanthropy	\$5,200,000	4.2%
Public Affairs	\$12,500,000	10.0%
Public Safety	\$4,700,000	3.8%
Religion	\$25,920	0.0%
Science	\$334,104	0.3%
Social Sciences	\$3,200,000	2.6%
Sports and Recreation	\$154,346	0.1%

NOTE: Funding awarded for subject areas can be in conjunction with funding for additional subject areas. This allocation method ensures that the grant's full scope and impact are represented accurately. However, it can also result in an enlarged apparent funding amount for specific subject areas because the grant's value is counted towards each subject area it supports, not just one. This approach provides a comprehensive view of the funding landscape but requires users to consider the multi-faceted nature of grant allocations when interpreting this specific data.

2021 All Funding Across the US by Subject Areas



Subject Area	Funding Amount	Percentage
Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry	\$1,500,000,000	0.9%
Arts and Culture	\$7,600,000,000	4.6%
Community and Economic Development	\$15,300,000,000	9.2%
Education	\$39,300,000,000	23.7%
Environment	\$7,100,000,000	4.3%
Health	\$32,500,000,000	19.6%
Human Rights	\$7,100,000,000	4.3%
Human Services	\$20,800,000,000	12.6%
Information and Communications	\$3,300,000,000	2.0%
International Relations	\$2,100,000,000	1.3%
Philanthropy	\$6,500,000,000	3.9%
Public Affairs	\$5,200,000,000	3.1%
Public Safety	\$5,100,000,000	3.1%
Religion	\$4,100,000,000	2.5%
Science	\$3,800,000,000	2.3%
Social Sciences	\$1,400,000,000	0.8%
Sports and Recreation	\$2,600,000,000	1.6%
Unknown	\$293,700,000	0.2%

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2021 Top Grantmakers by Funder Type

In 2021, Community Foundations Awarded \$9,731,342 To Native Communities.

Top 10 Community Foundation Funders 2021

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| <p>1 Northwest Area Foundation
Saint Paul, MN
\$8,700,000</p> | <p>6 The Summit Foundation
Washington, DC
\$75,000</p> |
| <p>2 Seattle Foundation
Seattle, WA
\$400,500</p> | <p>7 East Bay Community Foundation
Oakland, CA
\$30,500</p> |
| <p>3 The Minneapolis Foundation
Minneapolis, MN
\$234,500</p> | <p>8 The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Inc.
Sheffield, MA
\$22,000</p> |
| <p>4 Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
Saint Paul, MN
\$91,000</p> | <p>9 Long Island Community Foundation
Melville, NY
\$20,000</p> |
| <p>5 Whatcom Community Foundation
Bellingham, WA
\$82,420</p> | <p>10 New York Community Trust
New York City, NY
\$15,597</p> |

In 2021, Company-Sponsored Foundations Awarded \$2,527,300 To Native Communities.

Top 10 Company-Sponsored Foundation Funders 2021

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| <p>1 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation
Durham, NC
\$1,700,000</p> | <p>6 H.B. Fuller Company Foundation
Saint Paul, MN
\$10,000</p> |
| <p>2 United Health Foundation
Minnetonka, MN
\$430,000</p> | <p>7 Andersen Corporate Foundation
Bayport, MN
\$5,000</p> |
| <p>3 Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Goodlettsville, TN
\$300,000</p> | <p>8 First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation, Inc.
Billings, MT
\$300</p> |
| <p>4 Nellie Mae Education Foundation
Quincy, MA
\$45,000</p> | |
| <p>5 Mortenson Family Foundation
Minneapolis, MN
\$37,000</p> | |

2021 Top Grantmakers by Funder Type

In 2021, Private Foundations Awarded \$51,547,494 To Native Communities.

In 2021, Public Charities Awarded \$2,744,622 To Native Communities.

Top 10 Private Foundation Funders 2021

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Ford Foundation
New York City, NY
\$19,600,000</p> | <p>6 Johnson Scholarship Foundation
West Palm Beach, FL
\$1,900,000</p> |
| <p>2 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
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Portland, OR
\$1,300,000</p> |
| <p>5 Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
New York City, NY
\$2,900,000</p> | <p>10 Better Way Foundation, Inc.
Minneapolis, MN
\$1,200,000</p> |

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Top 10 Public Charity Funders 2021

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| <p>1 ECMC Foundation
Los Angeles, CA
\$1,100,000</p> | <p>6 Bayou Community Foundation
Houma, LA
\$75,000</p> |
| <p>2 Third Sector New England, LLC
Boston, MA
\$674,000</p> | <p>7 Andrus Family Fund
New York City, NY
\$29,154</p> |
| <p>3 The Rockefeller Foundation
New York City, NY
\$500,000</p> | <p>8 Northland Foundation
Duluth, MN
\$27,300</p> |
| <p>4 Health Resources in Action, Inc.
Boston, MA
\$140,000</p> | <p>9 Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc.
Oklahoma City, OK
\$25,000</p> |
| <p>5 Medica Foundation
Minnetonka, MN
\$130,000</p> | <p>10 California State Parks Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$21,446</p> |

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2021 Top Grantmakers by Funder Type

In 2021, Corporate Giving Foundations Awarded \$3,300,000 To Native Communities.

In 2021, Operating Foundations Awarded \$0 To Native Communities.

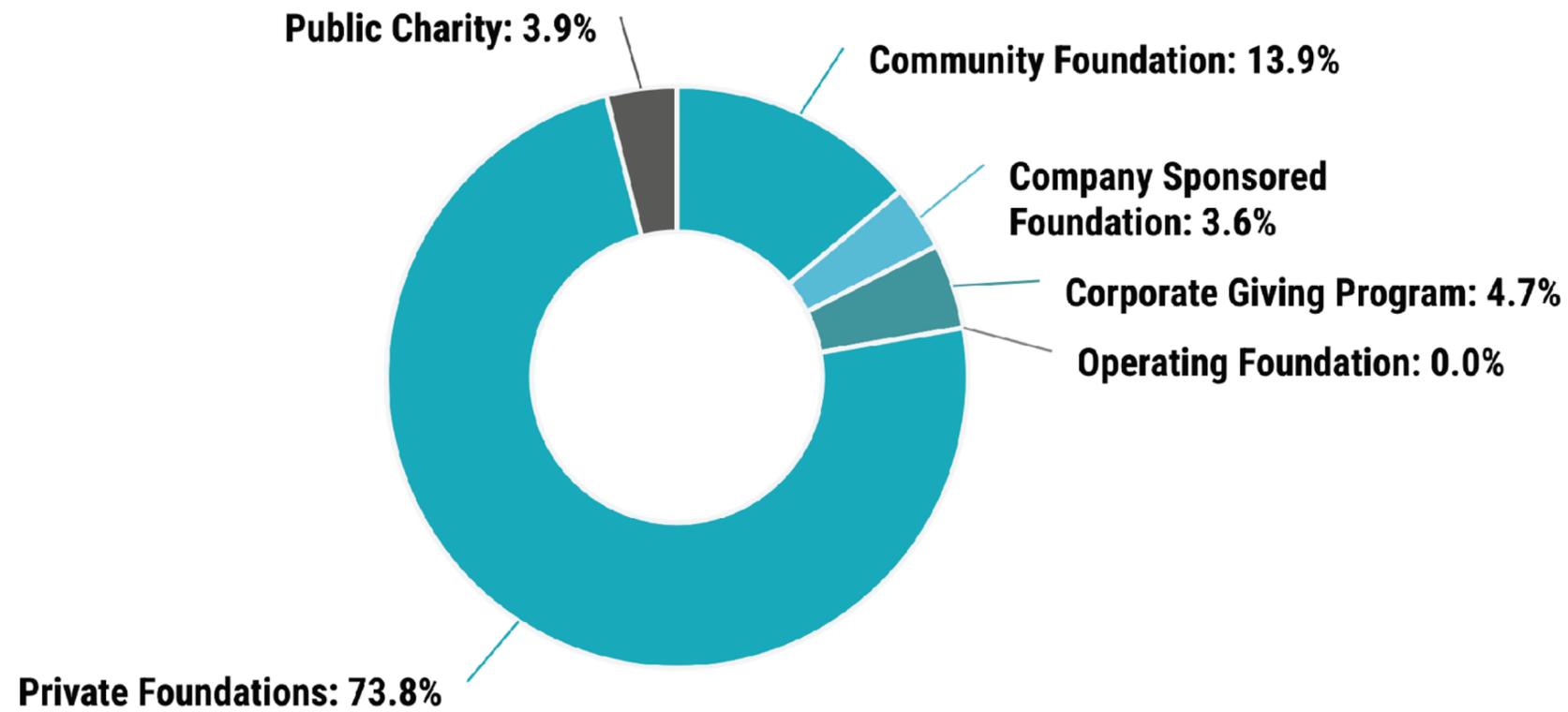
Top 10 Corporate Foundation Funders 2021

- 1** Bank of America Corporation
Contributions Program
Charlotte, NC
\$3,300,000

Top 10 Operating Foundation Funders 2021

- 1** N/A

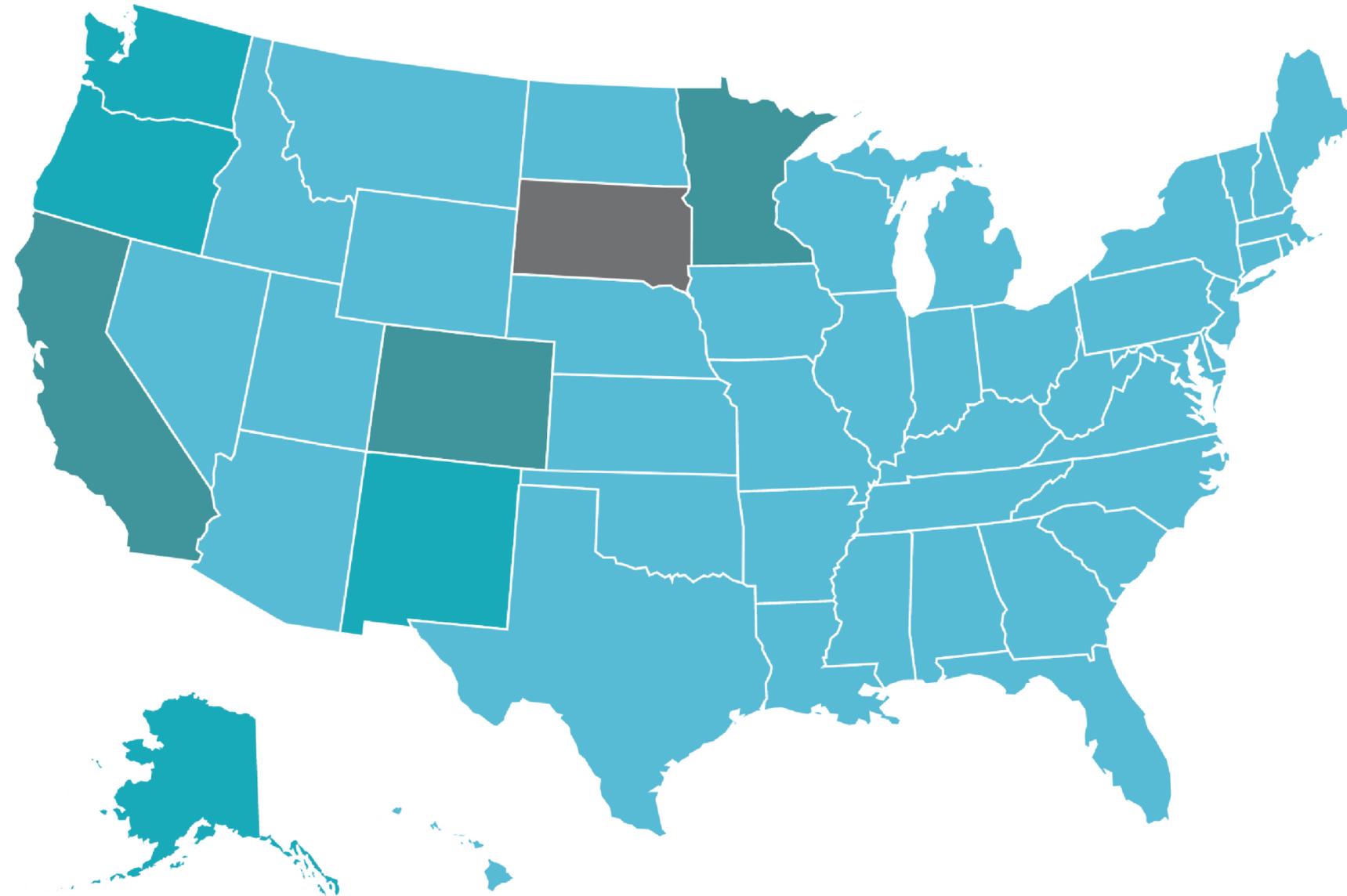
Sources of Funding Specifically for Native Communities by Funder Type (2021)



Community Foundation	\$9,731,342	13.93%
Company Sponsored Foundation	\$2,527,300	3.62%
Corporate Giving Program	\$3,300,000	4.72%
Operating Foundation	\$0	0.00%
Private Foundations	\$51,547,494	73.80%
Public Charity	\$2,744,622	3.93%
Total	\$69,850,758	

Private foundations accounted for the largest share of U.S. foundation support for Native American communities and issues in 2021.

2021 Funding Map for Native Communities



\$ Funding of Native Communities and Issues, by State (2021)



2021 Detailed Breakdown of Funding By Region & AI/AN Population

Region	State	2021 Total Grants	2021 AI/AN Only	2021 AI/AN Only %	Total Population	AI/AN Population Alone or in Combination	Percentage of AI/AN State Population
West	Alaska	\$190,600,000	\$4,500,000	2.36%	735,951	148,918	20.23%
West	Arizona	\$1,300,000,000	\$1,800,000	0.14%	7,079,203	413,837	5.85%
West	California	\$14,900,000,000	\$5,000,000	0.03%	39,455,353	920,261	2.33%
West	Colorado	\$2,400,000,000	\$6,300,000	0.26%	5,723,176	143,399	2.51%
West	Hawaii	\$371,800,000	\$115,000	0.03%	1,453,498	34,910	2.40%
West	Idaho	\$149,000,000	\$575,000	0.39%	1,811,617	47,870	2.64%
West	Montana	\$350,200,000	\$1,800,000	0.51%	1,077,978	88,093	8.17%
West	Nevada	\$330,000,000	\$0	0.00%	3,059,238	75,179	2.46%
West	New Mexico	\$340,500,000	\$2,600,000	0.76%	2,109,366	239,040	11.33%
West	Oregon	\$1,500,000,000	\$3,200,000	0.21%	4,207,177	139,496	3.32%
West	Utah	\$816,200,000	\$0	0.00%	3,231,370	64,425	1.99%
West	Washington	\$2,100,000,000	\$3,100,000	0.15%	7,617,364	237,274	3.11%
West	Wyoming	\$136,900,000	\$84,550	0.06%	576,641	21,142	3.67%

The chart presents demographic data sourced from the 2021 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

2021 Detailed Breakdown of Funding By Region & AI/AN Population

Region	State	2021 Total Grants	2021 AI/AN Only	2021 AI/AN Only %	Total Population	AI/AN Population Alone or in Combination	Percentage of AI/AN State Population
Northeast	Connecticut	\$1,000,000,000	\$0	0.00%	3,605,330	38,241	1.06%
Northeast	Maine	\$309,200,000	\$0	0.00%	1,357,046	23,381	1.72%
Northeast	Massachusetts	\$6,500,000,000	\$342,732	0.01%	6,991,852	59,748	0.85%
Northeast	New Hampshire	\$311,100,000	\$0	0.00%	1,372,175	11,567	0.84%
Northeast	New Jersey	\$1,800,000,000	\$224,000	0.01%	9,234,024	77,404	0.84%
Northeast	New York	\$13,600,000,000	\$2,100,000	0.02%	20,114,745	234,614	1.17%
Northeast	Pennsylvania	\$5,200,000,000	\$1,600,000	0.03%	12,970,650	99,345	0.77%
Northeast	Rhode Island	\$374,400,000	\$0	0.00%	1,091,949	14,451	1.32%
Northeast	Vermont	\$238,300,000	\$15,000	0.01%	641,637	8,470	1.32%

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2021 Detailed Breakdown of Funding By Region & AI/AN Population

Region	State	2021 Total Grants	2021 AI/AN Only	2021 AI/AN Only %	Total Population	AI/AN Population Alone or in Combination	Percentage of AI/AN State Population
South	Alabama	\$597,000,000	\$0	0.00%	4,997,675	68,630	1.37%
South	Arkansas	\$525,500,000	\$59,974	0.01%	3,006,309	64,805	2.16%
South	Delaware	\$255,800,000	\$0	0.00%	981,892	10,981	1.12%
South	Florida	\$5,200,000,000	\$22,000	0.00%	21,339,762	206,539	0.97%
South	Georgia	\$3,700,000,000	\$755,000	0.02%	10,625,615	127,492	1.20%
South	Kentucky	\$849,300,000	\$150,000	0.02%	4,494,141	38,815	0.86%
South	Louisiana	\$903,600,000	\$75,000	0.01%	4,657,305	66,958	1.44%
South	Maryland	\$2,100,000,000	\$575,000	0.03%	6,148,545	73,341	1.19%
South	Mississippi	\$410,300,000	\$0	0.00%	2,967,023	29,230	0.99%
South	North Carolina	\$6,500,000,000	\$1,700,000	0.03%	10,367,022	217,203	2.10%
South	Oklahoma	\$895,700,000	\$66,000	0.01%	3,948,136	545,381	13.81%
South	South Carolina	\$589,900,000	\$0	0.00%	5,078,903	54,549	1.07%
South	Tennessee	\$2,400,000,000	\$0	0.00%	6,859,497	70,338	1.03%
South	Texas	\$6,100,000,000	\$150,000	0.00%	28,862,581	428,337	1.48%
South	Virginia	\$3,300,000,000	\$201,300	0.01%	8,582,479	101,008	1.18%
South	West Virginia	\$279,400,000	\$0	0.00%	1,801,049	15,656	0.87%

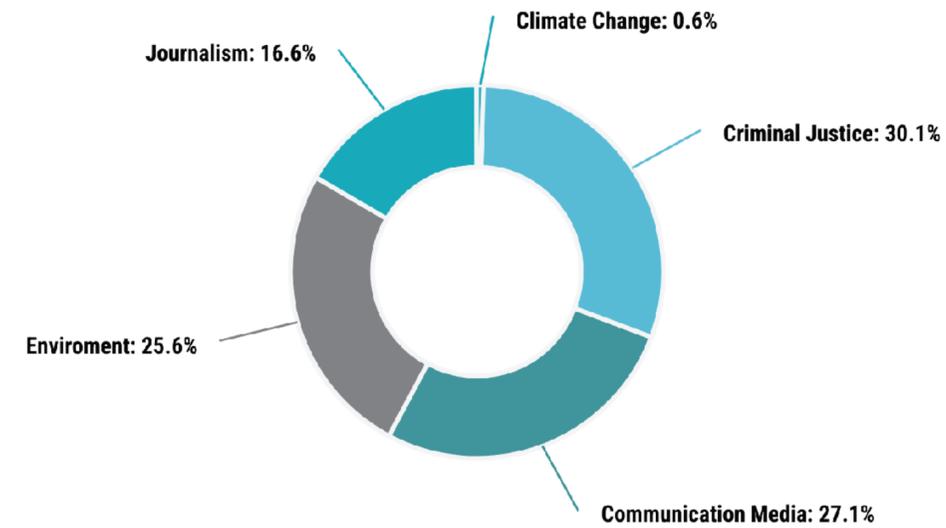
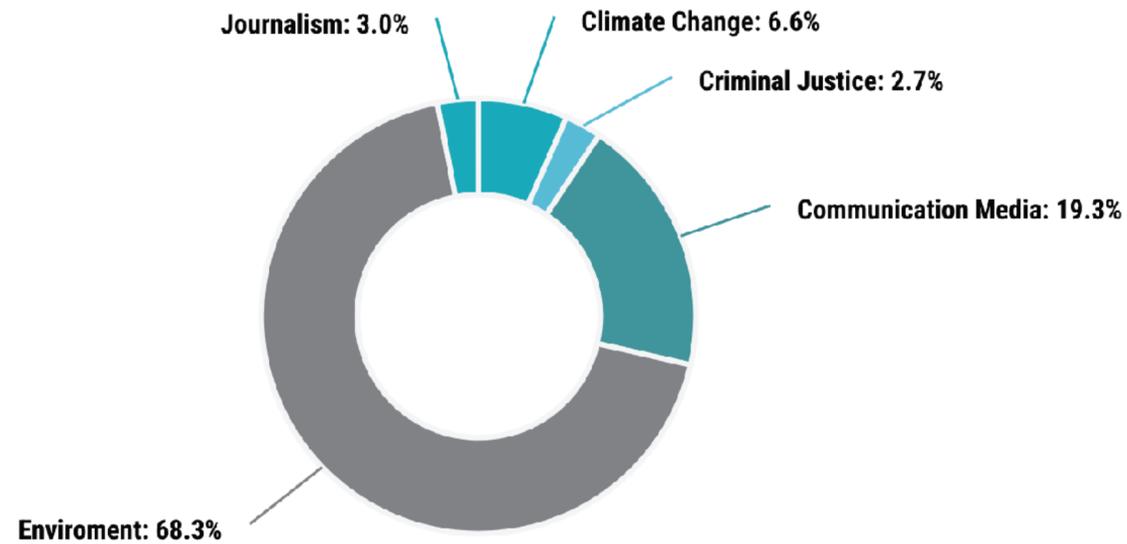
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2021 Detailed Breakdown of Funding By Region & AI/AN Population

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Region	State	2021 Total Grants	2021 AI/AN Only	2021 AI/AN Only %	Total Population	AI/AN Population Alone or in Combination	Percentage of AI/AN State Population
Midwest	Illinois	\$4,100,000,000	\$1,600,000	0.04%	12,821,813	130,460	1.02%
Midwest	Indiana	\$2,200,000,000	\$358,000	0.02%	6,751,340	59,943	0.89%
Midwest	Iowa	\$989,500,000	\$40,000	0.00%	3,179,090	32,815	1.03%
Midwest	Kansas	\$771,500,000	\$0	0.00%	2,932,099	67,761	2.31%
Midwest	Michigan	\$2,600,000,000	\$1,500,000	0.06%	10,062,512	152,454	1.52%
Midwest	Minnesota	\$4,800,000,000	\$6,900,000	0.14%	5,670,472	114,778	2.02%
Midwest	Missouri	\$1,800,000,000	\$0	0.00%	6,141,534	88,968	1.45%
Midwest	Nebraska	\$1,300,000,000	\$97,500	0.01%	1,951,480	36,992	1.90%
Midwest	North Dakota	\$152,400,000	\$800,000	0.52%	773,344	52,961	6.85%
Midwest	Ohio	\$3,200,000,000	\$6,208	0.00%	11,769,923	108,909	0.93%
Midwest	South Dakota	\$296,900,000	\$12,000,000	4.04%	881,785	91,514	10.38%
Midwest	Wisconsin	\$1,800,000,000	\$854,000	0.05%	5,871,661	97,998	1.67%

MacArthur Foundation Interest Areas



Total U.S. Funding of Defined Subject Areas

Total Funding of Native Communities by Defined Subject Areas

Category	Value of Grants	Percentage	Value of Grants	Percentage
Climate Change	\$689,400,000	1.39%	\$40,000	0.18%
Criminal Justice	\$283,000,000	0.57%	\$2,000,000	9.24%
Communication Media	\$2,000,000,000	4.03%	\$1,800,000	8.32%
Education	\$39,300,000,000	79.09%	\$15,000,000	69.32%
Environment	\$7,100,000,000	14.29%	\$1,700,000	7.86%
Journalism	\$316,300,000	0.64%	\$1,100,000	5.08%
Total	\$49,688,700,000		\$21,640,000	



REFLECTIONS FROM NATIVE LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

FRAMING QUESTION

Where are the funding gaps? Not only in terms of dollars, but are there some needs that are not currently eligible for funding from existing donors?



INCREMENTAL CHANGE AND RESOURCE HOARDING

"We talk about trusting communities, yet the reality is a persistent hoarding of resources, failing to truly empower those we aim to support."

Philanthropy's gradual shift toward trusting communities highlights an evolving understanding of the nuanced needs of Indigenous populations. However, this change is still overshadowed by a prevalent culture of resource hoarding, indicating a persistent reluctance to fully empower communities. This hoarding mentality not only stifles innovation but also inhibits the potential for transformative change by keeping communities in a perpetual state of dependency. To genuinely support change, philanthropy must relinquish control, allowing communities to lead with their vision. This approach necessitates a radical restructuring of funding models to prioritize community-led initiatives, fostering an environment where Indigenous communities can access and utilize resources without external constraints.



REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP

"Empowerment begins with representation; our voices must lead the conversation and direction of resources to ensure they meet our communities' true needs."

The stark underrepresentation of Indigenous individuals within philanthropic organizations, especially in roles that influence decision-making, is a significant barrier to effectively channeling resources towards Indigenous communities. This gap in representation often results in misaligned priorities and overlooked opportunities for impactful investments in these communities. Ensuring that Indigenous voices are not only heard but are also positioned to lead and influence funding directions is crucial. By fostering diversity within philanthropic organizations, we can bridge cultural gaps, enhance understanding, and ensure that funding aligns with the intrinsic values and needs of Indigenous communities.



BELIEF IN COMMUNITY CAPACITY

"The greatest gap is not in funding but in belief. Our communities possess a deep well of leadership and innovation waiting to be recognized and supported."

A fundamental issue in philanthropy is the lack of belief in the capacity and innovation within Indigenous communities. This skepticism undermines the potential of these communities to leverage funding in ways that are most meaningful to them. Reversing this narrative involves recognizing and validating the rich tapestry of leadership, creativity, and resilience that exists within Indigenous communities. Philanthropic strategies need to move beyond paternalistic approaches, embracing a partnership model that respects and trusts in the inherent capabilities of Indigenous peoples to architect their future.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY

"Real impact lies in empowering our communities to build their economic futures and advocate for their rights, an area where philanthropy can significantly contribute."

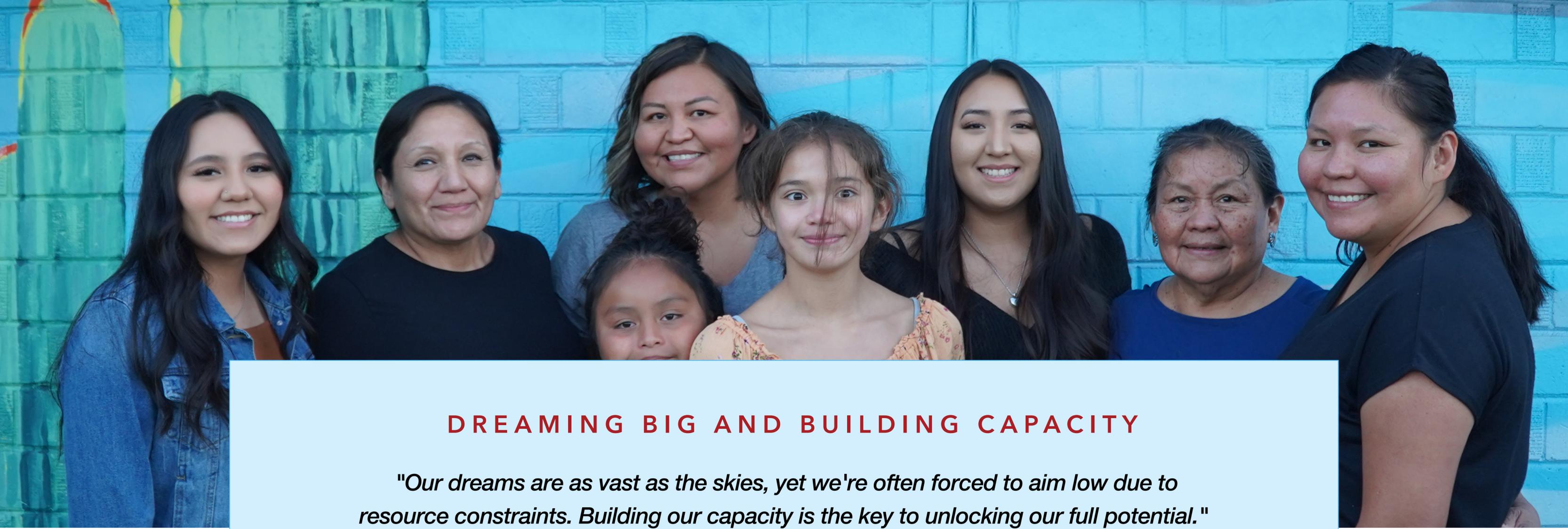
Economic development and advocacy represent critical areas where philanthropy can make a meaningful difference. Supporting these efforts goes beyond traditional grant-making; it involves investing in initiatives that build the economic foundations of Indigenous communities and empower them to advocate for their rights and needs. This approach requires a shift in philanthropic strategies to support the creation of sustainable economic opportunities that respect Indigenous values and ways of life, alongside backing advocacy efforts that amplify Indigenous voices in policy-making spaces.



CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Our stewardship of the land is an inheritance and a responsibility. Philanthropy must recognize and invest in our traditional knowledge and practices for a sustainable future."

Indigenous communities have a long history of stewarding their lands and waters, embodying practices that are vital for environmental sustainability and addressing the impacts of climate change. However, these efforts often go unrecognized and underfunded by philanthropy. Investing in cultural and environmental stewardship is essential, as it supports the preservation of Indigenous knowledge and practices that are critical for the well-being of our planet. Philanthropy must recognize the value of these stewardship practices, providing the necessary resources to support Indigenous-led environmental initiatives that intertwine cultural preservation with ecological sustainability.



DREAMING BIG AND BUILDING CAPACITY

"Our dreams are as vast as the skies, yet we're often forced to aim low due to resource constraints. Building our capacity is the key to unlocking our full potential."

Indigenous communities are often constrained by limited resources, which restricts their ability to dream big and realize their full potential. Building capacity within these communities is essential for long-term sustainability and growth. This involves not just financial investments but also support for developing infrastructure, skills, and leadership within communities. Philanthropy can play a crucial role in removing these constraints, providing the support needed for Indigenous communities to pursue ambitious projects and initiatives that can transform their futures.



TRUST-BASED PHILANTHROPY

"Trust-based philanthropy offers a path to true partnership, where our knowledge and expertise are valued, and our community's autonomy is respected."

The concept of trust-based philanthropy is gaining traction as an approach that emphasizes relationships, dialogue, and mutual respect between funders and grantees. For Indigenous communities, this means receiving support without the burdensome conditions that often accompany traditional funding. Embracing trust-based philanthropy can significantly reduce the administrative load on Indigenous organizations, allowing them to focus on their mission and impact. This approach requires funders to relinquish control and place trust in the communities they serve, recognizing that they are the experts of their own experience.