

WHAT WE DO:

The National NAGPRA program assists the Secretary of the Interior in implementing NAGPRA.

Among its chief activities, National NAGPRA:

- develops regulations and guidance for implementing NAGPRA;
- publishes notices submitted by museums and Federal agencies in the Federal Register prior to repatriation;
- administers a grants program to assist museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations in implementing NAGPRA;
- provides administrative and staff support for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee;
- provides training and technical assistance;
- maintains four online databases;
- posts program documents and publications on the Web;
- coordinates the investigation of allegations of noncompliance; and
- assists Federal law enforcement personnel in the investigations of criminal trafficking of Native American human remains and cultural items.

RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE:

Learn more about NAGPRA on the Internet at www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra.



We have resources for Indian tribes, museums, Federal agencies, scientists, educators, students, the media, and members of the general public.

- **Laws and Regulations**—read the complete text of the Act and current regulations; review guidance on preparing summaries and inventories, determining cultural affiliation, and what to do in the case of new excavations and inadvertent discoveries.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**—find answers to common questions and a glossary of specialized terms found in NAGPRA documents.
- **Online Databases**—search the four databases maintained by the National NAGPRA program: the Native American Consultation Database (NACD), Notices of Inventory Completion, Notices of Intent to Repatriate, and the Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database. See maps displaying the provenience of human remains in both published notices and culturally unidentifiable inventories. Use state reports of Indian Land Cessions as a consultation resource.
- **Grants**—download guidelines and application forms, and view a list of all awards to date.

- **Notices**—use a template for preparing a Notice of Inventory Completion, Notice of Intent to Repatriate, or Notice of Intended Disposition.
- **Documents and Publications**—download reproducible maps of Indian reservations, Indian land claims, and military reservations; read official reports of NAGPRA program activities.
- **Review Committee**—read about the committee and its members; review the charter, procedures, meeting minutes, findings and recommendations, and reports to Congress.
- **Special Topics**—read about contaminated collections and international repatriation.
- **Training**—check the dates and locations of upcoming training; use our online resources to learn more about NAGPRA.
- **Other Resources**—find links to Federal agency cultural resource pages, executive orders on consultation, curation of federally owned archeology collections; find links to professional museum and scientific organizations; find links to all 50 State Historic Preservation Offices.
- **What's New?**—watch the “What's New?” column for the latest NAGPRA news.

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Send your questions, comments, and suggestions to us at NAGPRA_info@nps.gov.

FACTS AND FIGURES:

Federal Register notice numbers:

Notices published since 1992: 1263

Number of museums and agencies that have published notices: 377

Highest number of notices published by one museum: 105

Cultural objects described in published notices:

Human remains: 31,344 individuals

Associated funerary objects: 667,154

Unassociated funerary objects: 102,453

Sacred objects: 3,570

Objects of cultural patrimony: 278

Objects both sacred & patrimonial: 709

Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database numbers:

Museums and agencies represented: 614

Human remains: 118,348

Associated funerary objects: 846,187

Grants numbers:

Number of grants awarded since 1994: 512

Amount awarded since 1994: \$27,526,841

Number of grants awarded to tribes: 342

Number of grants awarded to museums: 170

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National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Program

HISTORY:

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) was enacted on November 16, 1990, to address the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations to certain Native American cultural items. The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for implementing the Act, and in 1991 some of these duties were delegated to the National Park Service. In 2004, the Director of the National Park Service separated the function of National NAGPRA as an omnibus program for administration of the law, from the National Park Service NAGPRA compliance office. In 2005, the Secretary of the Interior further clarified program responsibilities for reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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