

Caddo Nation



Photo courtesy of Caddo Nation.

Documentation: The Caddo Nation viewed and documented archeological pottery collections that were recovered from a gravesite in the early 1900s. These unassociated funerary objects are the subject of a book titled *A Rediscovering of Caddo Heritage*, which the tribe produced as part of the final project for their NAGPRA grant.

Sealaska Corporation



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Repatriation: The Sealaska Corporation, acting on behalf of the Klukwan Tlingit Kaagwaantaan clan, worked with the Phoebe Hearst Museum to repatriate an object of cultural patrimony (a Chilkat tunic). Sealaska's grant covered testing for and minimization of pesticides and other contaminants that the tunic had been treated with while in the museum's care. The grant also funded travel costs for clan members and a Sealaska representative to receive the tunic in a repatriation ceremony.

NAGPRA Grants

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grants are awarded to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums for projects related to NAGPRA compliance. Grants can assist with the consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. The National NAGPRA program administers two types of awards.

Consultation/Documentation grants up to \$ 75,000 per project may fund:

- Travel to museums to view collections and consult on NAGPRA items
- Training for tribal representatives in the fundamentals of NAGPRA
- Inter-tribal collaboration to determine policies for treatment and disposition of NAGPRA items
- Contamination and pesticide testing for NAGPRA items to be repatriated
- Expanding NAGPRA consultation through innovative technological applications
- Consultation to update previously completed summaries and inventories

Repatriation grants up to \$ 15,000 may fund:

- Transportation costs associated with transferring possession of NAGPRA items from a museum or agency to a tribe
- Costs associated with reburial of human remains and cultural items

Consultation/Documentation grants are generally due on March 1. Repatriation grants are accepted from October 1 to June 30. For more information, contact Michelle Joan Wilkinson at (202) 354-2203, email NAGPRA_Grants@nps.gov, or write:

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Colorado Historical Society



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Consultation and Documentation: Elders from the Nome Eskimo and Chinik Eskimo Communities visited the Colorado Historical Society (CHS). They viewed the collection, selected NAGPRA objects for repatriation, and helped CHS catalog items that were of uncertain cultural affiliation.



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The same NAGPRA consultation/documentation grant assisted CHS in digitizing its Native American collection. Over 600 tribal entities received discs with images of cultural items that were used or made by their tribal group. This innovative technological approach made it possible to share information with tribal members who could not view the collection in person. The results of both aspects of this project were presented at an American Association of Museums conference.

Cultural Resources Funding

Over 25 million dollars in NAGPRA grants has been awarded to tribes and museums for projects related to NAGPRA compliance. Other grant programs can help if you are planning a tribal museum, preserving an historic site, or conducting archival research and oral histories.

Visit the websites below to learn more about cultural resources funding available from these organizations:

Administration for Native Americans
www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana/index.html

Institute of Museum and Library Services
www.imls.gov

National Archives
www.archives.gov

National Endowment for the Arts
www.nea.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities
www.neh.gov

National Park Service
Tribal Preservation Program
www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tribal/

National Trust for Historic Preservation
www.nationaltrust.org

Preserve America
www.preserveamerica.gov

Save America's Treasures
www.saveamericastreasures.org

U.S. Department of Defense
Legacy Resource Management Program
www.dodlegacy.org

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
www.hud.gov

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NAGPRA Grants to Tribes and Museums



Repatriated tunic and hat back home in Klukwan, Alaska. Photo courtesy of and property of Sealaska Heritage Institute.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is a Federal law passed in 1990 that provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Grants are available to tribes and museums for carrying out projects associated with NAGPRA compliance.

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