

# Addressing funding inequities facing Native-led nonprofits



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**Native-led organizations have the solutions to the issues our communities are facing.**

**We know what our strengths are and have the knowledge and wisdom to utilize them. We are also best positioned to serve our communities.**

**Unfortunately, our organizations face systemic funding inequities, making it harder to implement Native-led solutions.**

**This needs to change.**






**According to the Investing in Native Communities project, large foundations have allocated less than half a percent of their total annual grantmaking to Native communities since 2006.**

**The percentage allocated to Native-led and Native-serving organizations is likely much lower.**





**A Center for Effective Philanthropy report highlighted that while Native communities have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Native-serving nonprofits have not seen an increase in foundation funding.**

**With one in every 168 Native children having lost a caregiver between April 2020 and June 2021, supporting Native nonprofits is more important than ever.**

**Despite this, 67% of foundation leaders reported providing little to no grant funding to Native-serving nonprofits.**



## **How can individuals address funding inequities facing Native-led nonprofits?**

- Individual donors help immensely! Every dollar donated to Native-led nonprofits makes our work possible
- Contributing to Native nonprofits on Giving Tuesday, Native Nonprofit Day (May 20, 2022), and special occasions all make a huge difference
- Hosting online and social media fundraisers helps to spread the word about the work our organizations are doing AND raises much-needed funding
- Remembering Native nonprofits year-round also helps in addressing funding inequities





## How can foundations address funding inequities facing Native-led nonprofits?

- Make flexible, multi-year unrestricted funding to Native-led nonprofits the norm
- Institute trust-based giving policies
- Learn about our tribes, communities, and organizations
- Approach Native-led nonprofits with funding opportunities
- Hire Native people in the philanthropic sector and appoint us to boards of directors
- Remember Native nonprofits year-round and build relationships with our organizations