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National Park Service Announces Grants to Help Native Americans Identify and Repatriate Human Remains, Cultural Objects

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service today announced more than \$1.5 million in grants under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to assist museums, Indian tribes, and Alaska native villages to document and return human remains and cultural objects to their native people.

Grants were awarded both to support the efforts of museums, Indian tribes, Alaska native villages and Native Hawaiian organizations in the documentation of NAGPRA-related objects (consultation/documentation grants), and to pay for the costs associated with the return of the remains and objects to their native people (repatriation grants). This year, 29 grants totaling \$1,471,625.00 are going to 24 recipients for consultation/documentation projects, and \$95,423.40 is going to eight repatriation projects.

“NAGPRA provides an opportunity to correct the mistreatment of native peoples' ancestral dead by returning the sacred objects and cultural heritage that have been removed from their communities,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “These grants will continue the process by which more than 10,000 Native American human remains and one million sacred objects that have been returned to tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Projects funded by the grant program includes consultations to identify and affiliate individuals and cultural items, training for both museum and tribal staff on NAGPRA, digitizing collection records for consultation, consultations regarding culturally unaffiliated individuals, as well as the preparation and transport of items back to their native people.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding the return of these objects to descendants or tribes and organizations. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implement provisions of the Act.

For additional information regarding these awards, contact Sherry Hutt, National NAGPRA Program Manager, at 202-354-1479 or via e-mail at sherry_hutt@nps.gov.

FY2014 NAGPRA Consultation Grant Recipients

Arkansas Archaeological Society	AR	\$63,946.00
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	AK	\$83,180.00
University of Alaska Museum of the North	AK	\$12,300.00
California State University – Sacramento, University Enterprises, Inc.	CA	\$89,740.00
Elk Valley Rancheria	CA	\$52,008.00
Greenville Rancheria	CA	\$12,300.00
Greenville Rancheria	CA	\$70,000.00
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	CA	\$90,000.00
Koi Nation of California	CA	\$12,300.00
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Marin Museum of the American Indian	CA	\$12,300.00
Table Mountain Rancheria	CA	\$28,480.00
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	CA	\$12,300.00
Wiyot Tribe	CA	\$90,000.00
History Colorado	CO	\$53,424.00
The Field Museum – Hopi Collection	IL	\$86,197.00
The Field Museum – Quinault Collection	IL	\$6,000.00
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	KS	\$12,300.00
Crow Tribe of Indians	MT	\$12,300.00
Crow Tribe of Indians	MT	\$40,000.00
Western New Mexico University Museum	NM	\$90,000.00
Fallon Paiute Shoshone	NV	\$90,000.00
Delaware Nation	OK	\$87,460.00
Pawnee Nation	OK	\$12,300.00
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation	OR	\$30,547.00
Texas Archeological Research Laboratory	TX	\$90,000.00
Nooksack Indian Tribe	WA	\$12,300.00
Nooksack Indian Tribe	WA	\$40,000.00
Wisconsin Historical Society	WI	\$89,943.00
Subtotal – consultation grants		\$1,471,625.00

FY2014 NAGPRA Repatriation Grant Recipients

White Mountain Apache	AZ	\$15,000.00
Regents University of Colorado	CO	\$14,194.00
Ball State University	IN	\$5,539.00
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi	MI	\$15,000.00
Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe of Michigan	MI	\$8,717.00
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	NV	\$6,973.40
University of Wisconsin	WI	\$15,000.00
Wisconsin Historical Society	WI	\$15,000.00
Subtotal – repatriation grants		\$95,423.40

TOTAL FOR ALL GRANTS

\$1,567,048.40

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