INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR
PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES
Between March and October 2020

$32,202,568
Total philanthropic donation ($) directed to Indigenous communities: $32,202,568

Total GoFundMe donation ($) directed to Indigenous communities: $8,707,943

Total organization donation ($) directed to Indigenous communities: $23,494,625
PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS BY EFFORT TYPE

Total Philanthropic Donations ($)

- Southwest: $17.3 M
- Multi-Regional*: $14.8 M

*Multi-Regional contains efforts that direct philanthropic donations to multiple regions.
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Relatives, Relations, and Support Networks
- Food Systems
- Urban Centers and Communities
- Youth Leadership
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business
RELATIVES, RELATIONS, AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

"It is because of our partnerships and networks’ knowledge from working in the community for 10 plus years that supported our immediate response."

Krystal Curley (Diné)
INDIGENOUS LIFE WAYS
"We are inspired to think through how a food infrastructure system would feed people in the future and what it would take."

Valerie Segrest (Muckleshoot)
NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL FUND
"We told our centers that they could use our funding as emergency funding if they need PPE or other resources."

Janeen Comenote (Quinault, Oglala Lakota, Hesquiaht and Kwakiutl First Nations)
NATIONAL URBAN INDIAN FAMILY COALITION
"Make sure Native youth feel empowered to step up in their communities and provide them with the support they need while not overburdening them."

Shandiin Herrera (Diné)
NAVAJO & HOPI FAMILIES COVID-19 RELIEF FUND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS

"Stakeholders in the sector must consult with our Indigenous relatives through informed support relationships."

Vanessa Roanhorse (Diné)
Olivia Roanhorse (Diné)
ROANHORSE CONSULTING, LLC
FIVE CALLS TO ACTION FOR THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR

1. Invest in Indigenous-led organizations and initiatives
2. Maximize general operating support
3. Diversify vehicles for investment
4. Invest in Indigenous community strengths and leadership - not their deficits
5. Invest in tribal policy advocacy and tribal leadership