Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) recently supported Tribal grant applications for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s (NFWF) America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) by leveraging $800,000 to satisfy the funding opportunity’s required cash match for each grant awarded.

Through its Tribal Nations Conservative Pledge and Funding Collaborative, NAP provided the required matching contribution for projects awarded to Tribal Nations through ATBC. In total, NFWF awarded $91 million to 55 projects, with $26.7 million going to 14 projects from Tribal Nations. These critical investments will support much-needed, landscape-scale conservation projects in 42 states and three U.S. territories.

### ATBC Grant Breakdown

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### Four Tribal Nations Leading the Charge:

- **Restoring Sockeye Salmon Habitat Connectivity at the Wallowa Dam ($5,041,500)**
  Grantee: Nez Perce Tribe

- **Intertribal Approach to Restoring Plains Bison and Landscape Connectivity on Tribal Lands ($4,985,200)**
  Grantee: Fort Belknap Indian Community

- **Blackfeet Ecological and Cultural Stewardship in the Ninnaastakoo (Chief Mountain) ($937,500)**
  Grantee: Blackfeet Tribal of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation

- **Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin: Launching an Indigenous Young Adult Conservation Crew ($218,800)**
  Grantee: Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
From Native Americans in Philanthropy:

Native Americans in Philanthropy is incredibly honored to partner with its closest philanthropic partners and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to move more funding to Tribal Nations leading the charge in the conservation of our sacred land and waterways.

“Many global philanthropic investments in Indigenous conservation efforts neglect U.S. based Tribes. Despite underfunding, Tribes consistently demonstrate that they are the best stewards of their lands and waterways, using Indigenous ecological knowledge and their unique legal and political relationship with the U.S. government.”

— Erik Stegman, CEO, Native Americans in Philanthropy.

About Native Americans in Philanthropy

For over thirty years, Native Americans in Philanthropy has promoted equitable and effective philanthropy in Native communities. NAP does this through leadership development, education, research, and strategic partnerships with funders and philanthropic organizations. The cornerstone of their work is their relatives and their networks. NAP supports several communities that work together to build knowledge, community, priorities, and power in the sector. These networks include Native professionals in philanthropy, elected Tribal leaders, Native youth leaders, Native philanthropic executives and board members, and Native nonprofit leaders.

About the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation’s fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Working with federal, corporate, foundation and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of $7.4 billion. Learn more at www.nfwf.org

About the America the Beautiful Challenge

The America the Beautiful Challenge is a public-private grant program for locally led ecosystem restoration projects that invest in watershed restoration, resilience, equitable access, workforce development, corridors and connectivity, and collaborative conservation, consistent with the Biden-Administration’s America the Beautiful Initiative.

Scan or more information on the America the Beautiful Challenge and NAP’s Tribal Nations Conservative Pledge and Funding Collaborative.