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Cultural Resource Fund 11<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report  
October–December 2017

**Significant Milestones, October-December 2017**

- October 23 – Presented CRF at Indigenous Language Institute Conference in Albuquerque
- October 24 – Presented CRF at Administration for Native Americans Conference (ANA) in Albuquerque
- November 14-16 – Presented CRF at Tribal GIS Conference in Albuquerque
- November 27-29 – Tribal visit to Akwesasne (St. Regis) Mohawk Tribe, New York
- December 11-15 – CRF hosted *Respecting Place* GIS Gathering in Albuquerque (60 Tribes attended)
- December 31 – CRF Phase 2 grants completed

**Summary: CRF GRANTMAKING 2015-present**

Grantmaking Phase	Grant Amount	# Tribes Participating	# SHPOs Participating	CRF Principal Expended	Cash Match <sup>1</sup> Raised
Phase 1 (2015)	\$10-\$15,000	197 (83%)	41 (100%)	\$2,960,000	\$9,777,474 <sup>2</sup>
Phase 2 (2016)	\$40,000	144 applied/77 funded <sup>3</sup>	24 applied/11 funded	\$3,444,000	\$1,638,511 <sup>4</sup>
Phase 3 (current)					
3 Tracks:	Joint grant for all SHPOs	N/A	41 (100%)	\$246,000	\$375,000
1) SHPO Training Program (2016)	\$50,000	Due 6/15/18			
2) Tribal Language (2018)	\$35,000	Due 4/1/18			
3) Tribal Sites (2018)					
MICA Operating Funds/Matching Funds Raised	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$600,000 operating	\$514,000
GRAND TOTALS	N/A	199/237 (84%)	41/41 (100%)	\$7,250,000	\$12,304,985

No CRF grants were awarded during this quarter. Q11 was devoted to closing out Phase 1 and 2 grants and hosting a four-day GIS Training in Albuquerque for 60 Tribes.

<sup>1</sup> This number is solely cash, and does NOT include in-kind, donated services, or the monetary value of staff time.

<sup>2</sup> The largest Phase 1 matches included: Colorado SHPO: \$2.2 million (National Science Foundation), Oklahoma SHPO: \$777,520 (OK Dep't of Transportation), Menominee Tribe: \$400,000 (USDA), 4 new THPO offices: \$40,000 a year each in perpetuity (National Park Service), Kiowa Tribe: \$376,451 (Administration for Native Americans), Ohkay Owingeh Tribe: \$236,150 (Tribal match), Prairie Band of Potawatomi: \$217,264 (Tribal match). Sixty-two additional Tribes and SHPOs received matching funds.

<sup>3</sup> Q5 report stated that 90 Phase 2 grants were funded. Actual final total was 88.

<sup>4</sup> This match will increase. 54% of Phase 2 closeout reports are in. Remaining Phase 2 recipients received extensions until June 30, 2018.



## Phase 2 Grants

Phase 2 closed on December 31, 2017. Forty-eight Tribes and SHPOs have submitted their final reports; 40 Tribes and SHPOs were granted extensions until June 30, 2018.

## Phase 3 Grants

Phase 3 grants have been divided into interest tracks based on the results of a Phase 1 survey that solicited the tribes' and SHPOs' cultural and historic preservation priorities. Three interest tracks have been approved:

**Track 1 – \$2 million *Pathways to Fluency* Language Initiative.** Applications are due June 15, 2018. Grant awards will be up to \$50,000.

A four-day Track 1 event, *Pathways to Fluency* Language Revitalization Gathering was held in December 2016. Two hundred seven attendees representing 86 Tribal Nations attended. Videos of the Gathering are posted on the CRF website, [www.culturalresourcefund.org](http://www.culturalresourcefund.org). *Pathways to Fluency* was funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Lannan Foundation.

**Track 2 – \$500,000 Cultural Sites Initiative.** Applications are due April 1, 2018; 63 applications received. Grant awards will be up to \$35,000.

A four-day Track 2 event, *Respecting Place*, a Tribal GIS Educational Gathering was held in December 2017. Sixty Tribal Nations sent representatives to *Respecting Place*. Hands-on demonstrations and presentations included Esri, Google Earth, DIY Drones, ground penetrating radar, Getty Conservation Institute, Lidar, and many others. *Respecting Place* was funded by 20 Tribal Nations, Getty Conservation Institute, Google Earth, the Lannan Foundation, the National Park Service, and Hexagon U.S. Federal. Videos are posted on the CRF website. Reviews were overwhelmingly positive:

- “The best on-point information I have ever received with reference to protecting our places.”
- “*Please* bring this conference to Oklahoma!”
- “The conference set up relationships with technical experts and other tribes that will continue to benefit our cultural preservation long after the conference.”
- “I was shocked how much useful information I learned, even in subjects I thought I already knew about.”
- “Excellent - well worth the experience. Have more gatherings!”
- “Please do a mentoring workshop for GIS and mapping options.”
- “This has been an extremely valuable and inspiring experience that will benefit our tribe greatly.”
- “Respecting Place program would be very beneficial for the removed tribes in Oklahoma.”
- “As a new THPO, the information shared has helped put a lot into perspective. I feel as though a weight has been lifted in many areas that I was struggling with. I am thankful and grateful.”
- “We are very grateful for the scholarship given to us to allow us to attend.”
- “The entire conference was filled with great information. I wish more could attend, but for us, it is not financially possible.”
- “Hold this gathering more often—maybe 2 times per year!”
- “So useful! Will change how we do cultural preservation and how we do our Phase 3 application.”



- “I want to keep a close ongoing professional relationship with the MICA Group and seek resources as I grow, develop, and establish a more substantial Cultural Resources Department.”
- “Very informative – a great look at GIS and cultural resource management.”
- “Some of the GIS info learned here was so useful that I’ve literally already begun to incorporate it.”
- “This was a great, informative, and inspirational gathering.”
- “All of the info that offered free software, apps, and tutorials is extremely useful. I appreciated hearing what other people are doing and their strategies.”
- “Wonderful conference!”
- “Thank you to the MICA Group for all you do and have done so that we can further the possibilities for our people. Thank you to the Santa Ana Pueblo for allowing us a wonderful opportunity to blend in their blessed environment – unforgettable.”
- “The tribal panel presentations were very useful and all tribal presentations with site and data management inspired us to examine our own protocols.”
- “Invite indigenous people from overseas on other continents.”
- “Very informative. Tools we can use.”
- “Please place a link on the Cultural Resource Fund site with the presentations!”
- “I wish to thank you all for this opportunity and for your organized programs. Most importantly, for sharing your ideas and making this possible for all tribes.”
- “This conference was jam-packed with great info and great presenters and I learned a lot.”
- “I would like to see more of this type of education implemented.”
- “I flew the Drone!! How exciting☺”
- “Provided information on technologies and ways to use to aid in preservation and make it easier.”
- “Helpful information that will help advance our site identification and preservation efforts.”
- “The presentations were very helpful and informational. The hands-on workshops were great. Definitely another conference like this one would be great if funding were available.”

Additional comments can be found on [www.culturalresourcefund.org](http://www.culturalresourcefund.org).

**Track 3 – \$246,000 SHPO Public Education Initiative.** Partners included NCSHPO, Cultural Heritage Partners, American Express, and the U.S. Forest Service. This initiative was completed in November 2016, with 100% SHPO participation.

### Conclusion

The MICA Group is pleased to present this report on the progress of the 11<sup>th</sup> quarter of the administration of the Cultural Resource Fund. MICA is honored to serve as Administrator for the CRF and continues to endeavor to distribute the CRF’s assets in a fair, prompt, and meaningful way.

Respectfully submitted,

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