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Cultural Resource Fund 12<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report  
January–March 2018

## Summary

No CRF grants were awarded during this quarter. Much of the quarter was spent supporting Tribes and SHPOs in completing their previously-awarded grants and answering questions in preparation for the final rounds of grantmaking. Phase 3 Site Protection Grant applications were distributed in December 2017 and were due March 31, 2018. Sixty-six grant applications were received. Approximately \$500,000 in grants will be awarded for this track.

## Phase 1 Grants

Phase 1 officially closed July 31, 2017. Two hundred thirty-eight grants were awarded. Two grants were returned; both Tribes was unable to complete their projects. One of the grants was re-awarded for a different project. MICA has received 201 Phase 1 closeout reports to date, for a return rate of 85%. Several Tribes and SHPOs have received extensions on their projects due to extenuating circumstances. At the close of the CRF, we anticipate the Tribes' and SHPOs' Phase 1 grant report return rate will exceed 90%.

## Phase 2 Grants

Phase 2 officially closed on December 31, 2017. Eighty-eight grants were awarded. Tribes and SHPOs have until June 30, 2018, to submit their closeout reports. Some Tribes and SHPOs have received extensions until August 31, 2018. MICA has received 48 Phase 2 closeout reports to date (54.5%).

## 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. *Pathways to Fluency* was funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Lannan Foundation.

**Track 2 – \$500,000 Cultural Sites Initiative.** Applications were due March 31, 2018; 66 applications were 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.

**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 12<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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