



THE MICA GROUP
CULTURAL RESOURCE FUND

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Cultural Resource Fund 13th Quarterly Report
April–June 2018

Summary

The CRF awarded 101 grants this quarter. \$534,795 was expended April 1-June 30, 2018. The remainder of the CRF will be expended in July and August.

Phase 1 Grants

Phase 1 closed on July 31, 2017. Two hundred thirty-eight grants were awarded (two were returned; one of these was re-granted). MICA has received 202 Phase 1 closeout reports to date, for a return rate of 86%. Several Tribes and SHPOs received extensions due to extenuating circumstances. We anticipate the Tribes' and SHPOs' Phase 1 grant report return rate will exceed 90% by August 31, 2018.

Phase 2 Grants

Phase 2 closeout reports were due on June 30, 2018. Of the 88 grants were awarded, MICA has received 64 Phase 2 closeout reports to date (73%). 24 Tribes and SHPOs received extensions until August 31, 2018.

Phase 3 Grants

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

Track 1 – Language Initiative. On June 30, 2018, the CRF Advisory Board approved 46 grants for funding totaling \$2,015,322.

Track 2 – Sites Initiative. On February 24, 2018, the CRF Advisory Board approved 55 grants for funding totaling \$725,451.

Track 3 – SHPO Public Education Initiative. This initiative was completed in November 2016, with 41 SHPOs (100%) participating and \$246,000 expended.

The entire remaining balance of the CRF has now been obligated. All checks will be cut by August 31, 2018.

Conclusion

The MICA Group is pleased to present this report on the progress of the 13th 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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