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NDN COLLECTIVE ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION COVID-19 RESPONSE PROJECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NDN COVID-19 Response Project provides grants, communication and strategic support to Indigenous people.

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Rapid City, SD – Today, The NDN Collective, Inc. (NDN) announces the creation of the NDN COVID-19 Response Project to quickly provide grants, communication and strategic support to Tribal Nations, front line Indigenous-led organizations, and individuals who are providing essential services to Indigenous communities in North America during the current global health pandemic. The overall design of the project is to provide quick response resources to Indigenous communities bracing from economic impacts, stresses to public services and combating the spread of misinformation due to COVID-19.

“NDN realizes that Native Nations will experience unique impacts and challenges with the COVID19 crisis, in no small part due to the current reality and history of social, economic and political disenfranchisement of our people,” says Nick Tilsen, NDN Collective President and CEO. “While our elected Tribal officials navigate the crisis and lead their respective communities, NDN is doing our part to coordinate resources and offer our assistance during these unprecedented times.”

The current phase of the Response Project will focus on supporting Tribal essential services to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Tribal communities while awaiting

resources from the federal stimulus package to reach Tribes and Indigenous urban communities.



“While the federal stimulus package has some great resources that will soon be available for Tribes and Tribal serving organizations, many frontline groups, rural and understaffed Tribes will be at a disadvantage to gain access to those resources,” says Michael Johnson, NDN Collective Director of Advancement. “NDN’s Project is meant to bolster and support existing services and make sure that our people have access to essential services during this time.”

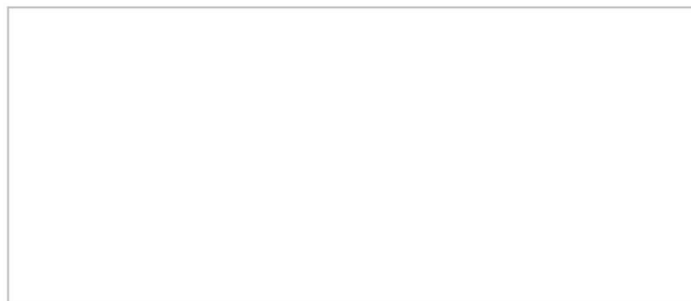
The \$10 million, multi-phased project has been launched with an initial investment of \$3.5 M from NDN’s partners, and NDN Collective is actively seeking additional resources to bolster immediate on-the-ground responses and long-term emergency, transition and recovery planning.

“NDN Collective is uniquely positioned to respond in a quicker and more proportional way than the federal government,” says Nikki Love, Managing Director of the NDN Fund. “We are more flexible, we co-design programs directly with our Indigenous people, and have an extensive ecosystem, both inside and outside of Indian Country.”

Nick Tilsen, NDN Collective President and CEO

Nikki Love, NDN Fund Managing Director

Michael Johnson, NDN Collective Director of
Advancement



Through this project, NDN is prioritizing requests that demonstrate experience and capability and can detail the effect of immediate response planning, access to expanded health care services, adequate housing, and additional food and supplies that will benefit their communities.

“In our response, we also recognize this is not just a time of triage, but to prepare the way for growth and regeneration over the next generations,” says Love. “Our COVID-19 response looks at how we can support Indigenous people during these hard times and position them for long-term abundance through our Defend, Develop, and Decolonize lens.”

More information on the NDN Covid-19 Response Project grants, announcements and resources can be found on the NDN Collective website at <https://ndncollective.org/covid-19>. Also, stay tuned for forthcoming information on additional NDN COVID-19 Response Project grant opportunities for Indigenous artists, small business owners, and entrepreneurs. [Sign up for updates here.](#)

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ABOUT THE NDN COLLECTIVE

Founded in 2018, the NDN Collective’s mission is to build the collective power of Indigenous Peoples, communities, and Nations to exercise our inherent rights to self-determination, while fostering a world that is built on a foundation of justice and

equity for all people and the planet. We do this through building Indigenous power in partnership with the philanthropic and investment sectors.

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ALCATRAZ CANOE JOURNEY: HONORING 50 YEARS OF INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE AND PERSISTENCE

JADE BEGAY

"If we work to reframe Alcatraz as a symbol for Indigenous sovereignty and reposition it in people's psyche that way, it could be a very powerful thing, especially for people who are so often forgotten overlooked and marginalized like Natives in America."

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EARTH DAY 2020: WE CAN NO LONGER TAKE BABY STEPS. HONOR THE EARTH AS YOUR OWN MOTHER.

ANDREW CATT-IRON SHELL

While fifty years have come and gone from the first Earth Day, we do not have another fifty years to get this right.

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NDN CHANGEMAKER FELLOWSHIP NOW OPEN FOR INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS THROUGHOUT TURTLE ISLAND

The NDN Changemaker Fellowship is a 12-month opportunity for Indigenous leaders to articulate their vision for social change, to identify the support they will need to get there and to invest in their own development, health, healing and wellbeing.

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NDN COLLECTIVE ON COVID-19: A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL FORTITUDE

We encourage all of our relatives throughout Turtle Island and beyond to take every precaution to protect yourselves, your loved ones, families, and entire communities.

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DECOLONIZING COMMUNITY CARE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

JADE BEGAY

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic responsibly, Indigenously

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BECOMING ADZAAN: THE GIFT OF DINÉ WOMANHOOD

JACLYN ROESSEL

An International Women's Day reflection on the power of Adzaanhood.

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IN PRAISE OF NDN WOMEN: AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TRIBUTE

In order to build holistic solutions, wisdom and values carried by women and matriarchs must be front and center. NDN Collective is proud to have a staff and board that consist primarily of women.

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THE ACADEMY WAS MADE FOR WHITE MEN: HERE'S HOW TAIKA WAITITI MADE A DIFFERENCE

JADE BEGAY

During the 2020 Oscars on Sunday night, there were sure moments that not only broke the status quo, but allowed lights of hope to shine into a space that largely upholds institutional racism and sexism.

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GOVERNOR NOEM MAKES SECOND ATTEMPT TO CRIMINALIZE PEACEFUL PROTEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Feb 10, 2020 MEDIA CONTACT: Janna Farley, jfarley@aclu.org or 605-366-7732 Gov. Kristi Noem's second attempt at a "riot boosting" law is an unnecessary effort to legislate peaceful protest in South Dakota. The ACLU of South Dakota opposes House Bill...

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ANNOUNCING THE INAUGURAL COHORT OF NDN CHANGEMAKER FELLOWS

The 20 NDN Changemakers are Indigenous leaders from throughout Turtle Island and beyond who are radically transforming Indigenous communities.

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE WINTER SOLSTICE IS A DECOLONIAL ACT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

SARAH SUNSHINE MANNING

The winter solstice is an opportunity for Indigenous people to reconnect to the natural world, sharpen our senses, and access our most powerful selves.

United like never before, we rise together—arm in arm—to equip all Indigenous Peoples with the tools needed to become architects of our future.



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