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Grants to Help Native Americans Identify and Repatriate Human Remains, Cultural Objects

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service today announced the award of eight Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Repatriation grants totaling $74,348. The grants will assist in the repatriation of individuals and sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony and funerary objects back to the tribes.

"The work funded by these grants is a step toward addressing past violations of the treatment of human remains and sacred objects of native peoples, while restoring the ability of American Indian and Native Hawaiian peoples to be stewards of their own ancestral dead and cultural heritage," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with culturally affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Section 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act.

FY 2015 NAGPRA Grant Recipients

Native Village of Barrow	AK	$14,904
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The Regents of the University of California	CA	$6,309
Smith River Rancheria	CA	$14,944
Bay Mills Indian Community	MI	$1,937
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	MI	$1,937
The Chickasaw Nation	OK	$4,103
Sweet Briar College Art Collection and Galleries	VA	$2,315
Total		$74,948

For additional information about NAGPRA and these grants, please visit: www.nps.gov/nagpra.

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