



**HUMBOLDT AREA  
FOUNDATION**

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Program/Project Name	<u>NWC/SBI Trafficking Collaboration</u>	
Total Cost of Project:	Total Amount Requested:	<u>10,000</u> <del>\$20,000</del>
Contact Person:	<u>Cutchá Risling Baldy</u>	Title: <u>Executive Director</u>
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**LEGAL APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Legal Name of Tax Exempt Organization:	<u>Native Women's Collective</u>	Tax ID #:	<u>27-1230591</u>
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**Upcoming Deadlines: Januray 15, February 15, March 15, and April 15, 2019**

Questions? Contact the Humboldt Area Foundation at (707) 442-2993 or email [grants@hafoundation.org](mailto:grants@hafoundation.org).

Please submit your completed grant application to:

**Humboldt Area Foundation, Attn: Grantmaking, 363 Indianola Road, Bayside, CA 95524**

Program Officer: _____	<i>HAF Office Staff use only</i> Committee: _____	Fund ID _____
Review Date: _____	Action: _____	Profile # _____
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**Humboldt County Human Rights Human Trafficking Fund Grant Application**

**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

Anticipated budget for the project (include how grant funds will be spent)

Expense	Amount requested from HAF	In-kind donations	Other funding Sources		Total Budget
			Amount	Source	
Sovereign Bodies Institute					
(Research, Workshop, Curriculum)	<b>\$17,000</b>				<b>\$17,000</b>
<b>NWC Admin</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>				<b>\$3,000</b>
Travel (Fellow)			<b>\$1,000</b>	HSU- NAS Dept	<b>\$1,000</b>
Lodging (Fellow)			<b>\$500</b>	HSU - NAS Dept	<b>\$500</b>
Workshop Forum		HSU -NAS or Two Feathers			
Food for Workshop			<b>\$200</b>	<b>NWC</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Funding for PSAs		CA Judicial Forum			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		<b>\$1,700</b>		<b>\$21,700</b>

Example:

Expense	Amount requested from HAF (2)	In-kind Donations* (3)	Other funding Sources		Total Budget (Add columns 2-4)
			Amount (4)	Source (5)	
Building Materials	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$350.00	Local Fundraiser	\$850.00
Project Labor	0	0	0	5 Volunteers	0
Travel	\$50.00	0	0		\$50.00
Food	0	0	\$150	XYZ Foundation	\$150
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$1,050.00</b>

## PROJECT NARRATIVE

### 1. Describe the project and timeline.

Though Native peoples are less than 2% of the population in the United States they are disproportionately likely to be victims of sex trafficking and sexual violence. Studies throughout the United States confirm that an average of 40% of women involved in sex trafficking are identified as Native American. While Native people are 1.7% of the total population in California, we are 7% of the population in Humboldt County. In Humboldt County, tribal reservation areas rank the highest on the Intercity Hardship Index, an intersection of socioeconomic factors that contribute to vulnerability for trafficking and sexual violence. In 2010, the Humboldt County Juvenile Probation Department reported that Native American Youth, although comprising only 7% of the county's population--represented 20% of all admissions to juvenile hall. The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services reports that Native American children comprise 37% of children in foster care. Humboldt County DHHS reported that all of the children who re-entered foster care in the last quarter of 2015 were Native Americans. In recent studies throughout the U.S. and Canada, the foster care system has been shown to lead to an increase in child sex trafficking, disproportionately affecting Native children--Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI) reports that two thirds of all cases of missing or murdered Native girls who were in foster care at the time of death or disappearance have been identified as sex trafficking victims. SBI also reports that overall, 75% of all cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) in California occurred in Northern California, and Humboldt County has the highest number of cases of all rural counties in California.

In order to gain better understanding of trafficking and sexual violence in Humboldt County, our project proposes to interweave a curriculum for outreach and healing that can provide an intervention for trafficking survivors, while also encourage them to share their stories. We want to provide space not only to gather data, but to provide meaningful outreach on the subject of trafficking and violence. Our project will produce understanding and awareness of how dance can be utilized as healing practice for both Native American survivors of trafficking and their families, as well as those impacted by the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). This work has three components--(1) groundbreaking research on the healing benefits of dance for both Native survivors of violence (trafficking, sexual assault) and their families and a curriculum for data collection of trafficking of Indigenous women throughout Humboldt County; (2) capacity and skills building workshop and knowledge sharing with social service agencies, law enforcement agencies, mental health practitioners and community advocates that focuses on outreach, identification and defense against human trafficking and sexual violence as well as healing communities through dance (3) creation of one-of-a-kind public service announcements building awareness on the intersections of trafficking and MMIW in Native communities. This project is the result of a collaboration between Native Women's Collective, a nonprofit organization that supports the continued growth of Native American arts and culture, and SBI, a community-based research institute on gender and sexual violence against Indigenous people.

SBI has hired **Lorelei Williams (Skatin Nation, Sts'Ailes First Nation)** as an Artist Fellow to lead this project. Williams has worked with Indigenous communities in Canada and the United States as an advocate and community leader on trafficking, deaths, and disappearances of Native women and girls for nearly a decade, and is the founder of Butterflies in Spirit, a dance group for families of Native victims of trafficking and MMIW. She also serves as a liaison between Vancouver Police

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Dept.'s crimes against women unit and Indigenous victims and their families, and as such, has valuable experience and insights to offer agencies here in Humboldt, on how best to serve Indigenous victims of violence like trafficking. Notably, Williams has lost two relatives to violent death and disappearance, and SBI's Executive Director Annita Lucchesi is a survivor of trafficking--this work is thus uniquely survivor-centered and guided. Williams will lead a free and open public lecture and workshop, hosted by Native Women's Collective, which will be offered to local area clinics, social services agencies, law enforcement agencies, researchers, community organizations, and community leaders. Additionally, Williams will work with Native Women's Collective to develop short film PSAs on trafficking of Native women and girls and MMIW, and will produce a toolkit to be published by SBI. This toolkit will be available for Humboldt County social services, law enforcement and other community workers to use to address human trafficking and sexual violence in our region. Williams will develop her curriculum over spring and summer of 2019, and will travel to Humboldt County in October 2019. We aim to publish the PSAs and toolkit by the end of the year.

### **2. What are your expected outcomes?**

This project will produce the following outcomes: --(1) groundbreaking research on the healing benefits of dance for both Native survivors of violence (trafficking, sexual assault) and their families and a curriculum for data collection of trafficking of Native & Indigenous women throughout Humboldt County; (2) capacity and skills building workshop and knowledge sharing with, social service agencies, law enforcement agencies, mental health practitioners and community advocates that focuses on outreach, identification and defense against human trafficking and sexual violence as well as healing communities through dance (3) creation of one-of-a-kind public service announcements building awareness on the intersections of trafficking and MMIW in Native communities.

### **3. Who and how many will benefit from the project?**

This will not only be an opportunity for us to begin to develop research and outreach about trafficking and violence against Indigenous women in the Humboldt/Del Norte region, but also an opportunity for us to provide curriculum that can be adapted by social services agencies, mental health practitioners and other organizations throughout the region which can be implemented to help address ongoing issues of sex trafficking and sexual violence. Moreover, because the PSAs and toolkit will be of use to communities outside the region, this work will help to position Humboldt County as a leader in efforts to address trafficking, assist other communities in like-minded work, and raise the profile of the important projects this grant supports.

### **4. How will the project utilize existing community resources (local expertise, leadership, volunteers) to strengthen community life?**

This project brings together two grassroots organizations who work with Indigenous women in Humboldt County and beyond-- the Native Women's Collective and Sovereign Bodies Institute--to bring a leading researcher and advocate to Humboldt County to help educate and strengthen community-based interventions on trafficking and sexual violence. We envision community-based workers from across Humboldt County attending this free lecture, training and discussion to help build awareness about violence, trafficking and Native women in Humboldt County. Two Feathers Native American Family Services, based in McKinleyville, has expressed their support, and has agreed to help recruit participants. In addition, we will be coordinating with the HSU Social Work Department to

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recruit Graduate Students and Social Workers to attend the events as well. Humboldt State University Native American Studies department will help sponsor the speaking/public lecture event.

### **5. How will the project have an impact on the community?**

This project will provide unique, culturally relevant opportunities for healing to victims of trafficking, and families impacted by trafficking and MMIW. We understand that for Native peoples, who are disproportionately affected by this issue, that a one-sized fits all outreach and program will not produce the type of meaningful data that we need to understand this continued issue. This project will build the capacity of local service providers and leadership to better serve survivors, and create new spaces for dialogue on how this issue impacts our region and how we may more effectively respond to it.

### **Notes on Budget**

Through our institutional partnerships and existing standing in the community, we have secured considerable support for this project--our ability to deliver outreach, data collection, a unique curriculum and toolkit, skills building for local agencies, and community healing services with a small grant such as this makes it a cost-effective investment in addressing trafficking in the area. Without these partnerships, the total cost of this project could normally range up to \$40,000--this demonstrates that NWC and SBI are best positioned to design and execute a project such as this, as we are able to provide it to the community at a largely reduced budget.

We are working to create the PSAs with support from the California Judicial Forum's Tribal Court-State Court Forum, and have also received commitment of support from Humboldt State University's Native American Studies Department to cover costs of travel for Lorelei Williams--namely airfare and lodging.

Native Women's Collective and Sovereign Bodies Institute will use their Admin fees to cover costs of grant administration, salary for staff assigned to support this project, and general costs of maintaining their operations, so that this work is possible. These fees also support costs of the events this project includes (fliers, space, refreshments, etc.), and publication costs of the toolkit to be developed.

The \$10,000 fellowship stipend for Lorelei Williams covers the costs of her labor and research, including consultation with community members and elders, development of the workshop curriculum, drafting and finalization of the toolkit, and her time providing her knowledge and services at the events outlined in this project.