42nd Annual "spirit of the eagle" powwow
MAY 7TH AND 8TH 2010

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Members of surrounding cities such as Spokane and many others, members of near by Tribal Reservations, and members and staff of the student body at Eastern Washington University.

Which of the Following Priorities Does the Project Meet?

- Project helps further **EWU’s mission and the EWU Board of Trustees Diversity Initiative Plan**
- Project will have long-term impact and positive and lasting change
- Project improves understanding of the diverse groups represented on EWU’s campus
- Project uses innovative and unique approaches to helping EWU become a diverse institution

### 1. Project Summary

The Native American Student Association (NASA), a student organization at Eastern Washington University (EWU) has held an annual Powwow to commemorate and honor the traditions and culture of the past, present, and future at EWU for many years. NASA, every year hopes to fulfill this lifelong tradition for the EWU and Cheney community. There are different purposes for which Powwows are celebrated; in all Powwows are gatherings that celebrate both land and life. The Powwow, also being identified as a Celebration today, is a gathering that invites individuals, families, communities, and organizations to come together and experience the diversity that we all share. In the Powwow Celebration we incorporate values and aspects of the Native culture and traditions, so that we may educate others and help to build a diverse community. In applying these values and traditions we honor our Nation, elders, veterans, royalty, children and we show our appreciation to others by having a dinner of traditional foods in which feed everyone present at the event. In the event we plan to involve many students, faculty, organizations, businesses, Tribal affiliations, and cultures in the event. Every year we invite other ethnic clubs to participate in our event so that we may share the diversity present in the world. Arts and Crafts vendors are invited to display their traditional arts to sell or for display. Overall we invite everyone, which includes, students, faculty, local communities, and neighboring states to come together to sing, dance, renew friendships, meet new people, and enjoy the delicious food and to witness a celebration for all people. This year’s 42nd Annual Powwow celebration, to be held May 7th and 8th, is an accomplishment for the Native American Student Association and the American Indian Studies Program, as we look back on all the years we have worked to keep this event and program going. The Annual Powwow also marks the success for the student organization as we work to unite Native and non-Native people in understanding the cultural differences. The Powwow is not only a determination of our success but is a way to identify that there is a Native American community present at Eastern Washington University. In so, the 42nd Annual Powwow Celebration fulfills the Campus Climate, Community Engagement, and Student Recruitment Categories of the Grant. Because it is NASA’s mission to promote Native American education, build character, and leadership among students, and to increase cultural diversity at Eastern Washington University, we work with many sponsors, supporters, and volunteers to make this event enjoyable and everlasting. The persistence to host one the largest diversity events at Eastern Washington University benefits the community of Cheney and Spokane. In planning the event many NASA members are called upon to organize this event. An event of this capacity takes tremendous effort in organizational skills.
As many as 20 Students are involved in planning the event, in which, they learn and improve life long skills that will help them in their future careers. Such as leadership, communication, networking, fundraising, grant writing, event planning, social interaction, and team collaboration skills. As we network with many businesses, Tribal institutions, and the community of Spokane, we hope to instill that sense of community between Spokane, Cheney, and the surrounding communities. In previous years we have also been focusing on recruiting efforts, such as inviting EWU educational departments to come and display educational opportunities that Eastern has to offer to future and current students. We see this as opportunity, as there are many prospective students that attend the event. While fulfilling the grant requirements, the annual Powwow celebration meets all priorities identified. In which the project is collaborative and interdepartmental. The project is based around EWU’s mission and the Board of Trustees Diversity Initiative Plan. The Powwow will have a long-term impact the community and is focused on educating the community on the cultures of diverse groups. This project is NASA’s unique way of helping EWU become a diverse institution. The event also meets all priorities. In this event the whole community will benefit. Students whom have not been able to attend a Native American traditional event are giving the opportunity to partake in what will be a celebration of diversity. This event is not just about NASA, but it’s about the family and community support that we express at EWU and in the city of Cheney.

2. Issue Project Addresses
The 42nd Annual Powwow addresses issues of diversity. This is an important issue on Eastern Washington Universities’ campus. In the past years the issue of diversity has been addressed in many ways. The increased enrollment of diverse students has been growing in the past few years and participation of diverse club organizations sponsoring events that entail diversity are more present then ever. With the increased support for diverse student enrollment, clubs, and events the issue of diversity will not be a huge factor on campus and in classrooms. In my years at Eastern I have heard and experienced countless stories of discrimination, racial remarks, and prejudice from staff and students. Not to say these issues have been resolved, but my experiences with issues of diversity have certainly dwindled. I see and feel there is more support for student and clubs working to expose the community and campus to diversity. As NASA hosts the 42nd Annual Powwow, we work to educate and share the diversity that is present on the campus of Eastern Washington University. Just to name a few; ethnic, sexual orientation, class, and religion, are all diverse and each have their own culture, lifestyle, values, and traditions. In the Powwow we invite other diverse student organizations to participate in our event and showcase their cultural traditions and values. In the past, clubs from Africana and Chicano departments and the Hawaiian Club have participated in our event. We need to enhance our understanding of the diversity in the world and especially in our own community. Studies have shown that education and awareness of diversity increases one’s knowledge and educational experiences to become a more effective professional in their respected profession. If everyone can be a part of an event that touches the issue of diversity, such as this event, we will learn more than what we came to learn at Eastern. Eastern Washington University has taken the step in its mission to enhance student learning. As the Board of Trustees initiates a broad-based community change and seeks to build a stronger community, NASA hopes to work toward these same goals to unite and create an environment safe for all members.

3. Project for Diversity and its Benefits
NASA members, students of Eastern, and faculty involved in planning the event will:

- Develop skills in working with a diverse organization in achieving goals to implement cultural awareness.
  - Become aware of the values and traditions that are entailed in planning such an event.
  - Enhance student interaction and leadership skills. Students will develop skills in organizing events, take on responsibility, and demonstrate abilities to carry out tasks.

Persons participating and attending the event will:

- Develop an awareness of Native American traditions and values.
- Learn the traditions of other ethnicities.
- Be exposed to the uniqueness of diversity, thus opening the door to exploring other cultures and ethnicities.
- Develop cultural competence among students, faculty, and the community.

4. Project Diversity Experts

In planning the event there are many experts in which we contract with to make this event possible. The expert’s chosen reside within the surrounding area of our community. The whole Powwow committee selects the persons selected for these duties. Although we have not made any contracts at this time I will go further in explaining the extent of the experts needed.

Master of Ceremonies:
Is a role model in the Native American community and has experience being an MC at many other powwows. The MC is knowledgeable about current events pertaining to the Native American community. The MC selected also is culturally competent, has experience with diverse populations, and aware of ethnic diversities.

Arena Director:
The arena director works hand in hand with the MC. This person’s responsibilities are to coordinate with the MC and Powwow committee in making sure that the event runs smoothly and following the agenda.

Spiritual Leaders:
Highly recognized elders in the community that offer guidance, protection, and thanks through their prayers. Spiritual leaders are present throughout the event and intervene when asked or when necessary.

Head Man/Head Woman:
These persons are recognized as role models in the Native community and are present throughout the event. They participate in all the activities at the powwow and are responsible for getting others in the audience to participate in the event.

Host Drums:
Consist of 8-12 persons per drum group. The drum groups are the main attraction to the Powwow celebration. With their unique songs, they bring life to the event, keeping participants and the audience on their feet.
Royalty Regalia Experts:
Women are selected to construct royalty crowns for our EWU Spirit of the Eagle Royalty.

5. Preliminary Budget
GOODS AND SERVICES
11x17 Flyers---------------------------------------------------------- $200
8x11 Flyers----------------------------------------------------------- $60
Envelopes------------------------------------------------------------- $40
Copy Paper------------------------------------------------------------- $20
Banners--------------------------------------------------------------- $200
Programs-------------------------------------------------------------- $150
Total G&S $670.00

CONTRACTUAL
Master of Ceremony----------------------------------------------------- $400
Arena Director---------------------------------------------------------- $400
Host Drums------------------------------------------------------------- $1500
Headman--------------------------------------------------------------- $400
Headwoman------------------------------------------------------------- $400
Total Contractual: $3100

OTHER COSTS
Drum Honorariums------------------------------------------------------- $1500
Feast------------------------------------------------------------------ $2500
Reese Court------------------------------------------------------------- $1500
Security--------------------------------------------------------------- $1000
Special Event Ceremonies----------------------------------------------- $2000
Total Other: $7500

Total Amount Requested under the Diversity Grants Program $5000
The amount requested would be applied to our Diversity Expert contracts, which are listed under contractual of this page.

Funding for Project

Tribal Funding

Source Status Amount Requested
Muckleshoot Tribe Pending $1,200
Colville Confederated Tribes Pending $1,000
Spokane Tribe Pending $1,000
Tulalip Tribe Pending $3,000
Puyallup Tribe Pending $5,000
Squaxin Island Pending $1,000
Quinault Indian Nation Pending $2,000
Kootenai Tribe Pending $200
Grand Ronde Tribe Pending $200

Business Funding
Avista Utilities Pending $250
Bonneville Power Pending $500
Northern Quest Casino Pending $200
N.A.T.I.V.E. Project Pending $200
477 Program Pending $500

**Eastern Washington University Funding**
American Indian Studies Program Confirmed $2500
Diversity Initiative Grant Pending $5000
Office of the President Going to request $1000
Residential Housing Going to request $250
Dryden Hall Going to request $250
Brewster Hall Going to request $250
Streeter Hall Going to request $100
Pearce Hall Going to request $250
Louise Anderson Hall Going to request $250
Dressler Hall Going to request $250
Morrison Hall Going to request $250
Office of Student Affairs Going to request $500
Eagle Entertainment Going to request $250
Residential Life Going to request $500
Dusk Til Dawn Going to request $500