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## **Native Arts + Cultures Foundation Awarded \$600K from the Mellon Foundation**

PORTLAND, Oregon, 6 May, 2025 – Native Arts + Cultures Foundation (NACF) has been awarded \$600,000 in general operating funds from the Mellon Foundation. We are so pleased to see the beauty and diversity of Native art and culture included in their grantmaking.

The grant from the Mellon Foundation will fund more awards for Native artists and our community impact initiatives at the Center for Native Arts + Cultures in Portland and our work in the field. With this grant, we are ensuring the future of Native cultural contributions by giving artists the resources to create and by developing platforms for the community to experience Native culture.

“We couldn’t be happier to be supported by the Mellon Foundation. This organization has such a storied history of supporting the most prescient voices in art, academia, and culture. We are glad NACF is now a part of that story.”- Shyla Spicer (Yakama), NACF President/CEO

### **About the Native Arts + Cultures Foundation:**

The Native Arts + Cultures Foundation (NACF) is a Native-led, 501 (c) 3 philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to the perpetuation of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures nationwide. NACF advances equity and cultural knowledge, focusing on the power of arts and collaboration to strengthen Native communities and promote positive social change with Native peoples in the United States. Learn more at [nativeartsandcultures.org](http://nativeartsandcultures.org)

### **About the Mellon Foundation**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is the nation’s largest supporter of the arts and humanities. Since 1969, the Foundation has been guided by its core belief that the humanities and arts are essential to human understanding. The Foundation believes that the arts and humanities are where we express our complex humanity, and that everyone deserves the beauty, transcendence, and freedom that can be found there. Through our grants, we seek to build just communities enriched by meaning and empowered by critical thinking, where ideas and imagination can thrive. Learn more at [mellon.org](http://mellon.org).

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