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NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

Seminar Overview

The National NAGPRA Grant Program offers grants to assist museums and Indian tribes with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The NAGPRA process may include consultation, documentation, and repatriation of human remains and cultural items. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write and manage a successful grant. Review case studies of grant applications and projects.

Agenda

Day 1

NAGPRA Basics

- What is required of museums?
- What are the opportunities for tribes?
- Delineate between NAGPRA Section 3 (inadvertent discovery/planned excavation on federal and tribal land) and Section 7 (repatriation of museum collections)

Activity

- Identify the status/needs of your NAGPRA program

Discussion

- NAGPRA grants: nuts and bolts—Part 1

Activity

- Identify fundable projects within your status/needs assessment through a question and answer process

Homework

- Identify a project to write up as a NAGPRA grant proposal

Day 2

Review Homework Assignment

Discussion

- Managing the NAGPRA process within your own institution
- NAGPRA grants: nuts and bolts—Part 2

Panel Discussion

- Case studies from museums and Indian tribes

Special Issues

- Role of the Review Committee
- Tips for consultations
- Supporting elders
- Contaminated collections
- And more

Activity

- Begin to write NAGPRA grants proposal with individual attention from instructors available

Final Group Discussion