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NCIDC Announces New Scholarship Program and Events to Lift Up Indigenous People

Eureka, CA (Nov. 1, 2022) – The Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC), has partnered with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Elevate Youth California, American Civil Liberties Union, and The California Endowment as well as the California Department of Community Services and Development to create a new Native scholarship program and to hold traditional Indigenous family wellness and education events in Humboldt and Del Norte County, California focusing on American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian people.

NCIDC Assistant Director Madison Flynn said, “the scholarship program was created to support Native people in obtaining education or training so they can reach their full potential.” \$141,000 was distributed for the first round of scholarships in September, helping 76 Native students and trainees across the state, including many CalPoly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods students. During the next round, more than \$55,000 will be awarded to an expected 28 Native Students and NCIDC is looking for more funding.

“In addition to awarding scholarships, NCIDC’s Da’luk Youth program has hosted many free community events that celebrate Indigenous knowledge and experiences while

supporting general wellness and education, including sports clinics, a cooking demonstration, and a roller-skating event, and even more are planned,” said Flynn. NCIDC’s next community event will be the Native American Film Showcase featuring short films produced by local filmmakers. The showcase will be held on November 5 at the Eureka Theater. Local Indigenous people and families can also come together at the NCIDC GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) happening November 18 to 20 at the Bear River Community Center.

NCIDC’s new scholarship program and events are driven by Tribal and community feedback through conversations, partnerships, and the agency’s bi-annual Community Needs Assessment. NCIDC began these efforts to answer community requests to further support Native youth’s mental health and wellbeing and their ability to reach their goals in life.

Applications for the NCIDC scholarship program are available at www.ncidc.org/ncidc-scholarship-program and must be submitted by February 28, 2023, for consideration. For more information on NCIDC programs, visit www.ncidc.org or call 707-445-8451.

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About NCIDC

Founded in 1976, NCIDC is a private nonprofit corporation that annually provides services to 14,000 to 15,000 clients statewide. The agency offers a wide range of services designed to meet the needs of Indian and Native American Communities, to provide support and technical assistance for the development of programs, and for the conservation and preservation of historic and archeological sites and resources.

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