



GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE: INSIDER TOOLS TO SECURING FUNDING FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

Grant writing and securing funding can often feel like a shot in the dark. In this workshop, we aim to make the invisible visible, by pulling back the curtain on the process of grant funding and procurement. This workshop will provide insider knowledge to Native peoples, communities, and tribes that can help secure funding to advance Native equity. There is money out there, together we want to increase access. We will:

1. highlight opportunities often missed in Indian Country;
2. discuss strategies to build relationships with foundations and program officers;
3. strategize about how to use data and information tribes/organizations already collect to strengthen applications;
4. highlight common pitfalls in the grant writing process; and
5. provide strategies for tailoring applications to better meet the needs of the grantor.

The workshop will be led by two Native grantors, who have dedicated themselves to advancing Native equity. **Dr. Megan Bang** is a Professor of the Learning Sciences and Director of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research at Northwestern University, and the current Senior Vice President at the Spencer Foundation. **Dr. Karina Walters** is a former professor and co-director of the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at the University of Washington's School of Social Work, and current director of the Tribal Health Research Office at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Bang and Dr. Walters have both successfully procured tens of millions of dollars in funding for their research and the centers they lead, and have also overseen granting to various individuals, organizations, and communities (tribal and non-tribal).