

UNITED IS THE WAY™
we support our local
Indigenous communities.



INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FUND

Despite being among the communities with the greatest basic needs, only 0.23% of philanthropic funds are awarded to Native-led nonprofits. In 2020, when United Way launched the Indigenous Communities Fund, we wanted to change that. Centered on our values of redistribution, representation, and reparations, we handed the decision-making power back to members of the Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits (SUNN) collaborative, giving them the autonomy to disperse revenue where they believe it is needed most.

THE 10 MEMBERS

- Chief Seattle Club
- Duwamish Tribal Services
- Na'ah Illahee Fund
- Native Action Network
- Native American Women's Dialog on Infant Mortality
- Northwest Justice Project
- Potlatch Fund
- Red Eagle Soaring (RES)
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
- Urban Native Education Alliance



SPOTLIGHT: Red Eagle Soaring



Integrating contemporary theatre and traditional Native performing arts, Red Eagle Soaring empowers Native youth to express themselves, take creative action on the issues that affect their lives, and sustain their cultural heritage through staged productions. Since 1991, RES has mentored hundreds of youths and brought in incredible role models—such as Lily Gladstone from Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon"—to teach workshops.