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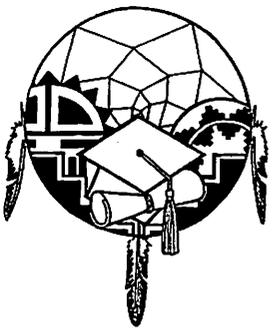
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CATCHING THE DREAM to make \$51,317 in grants

ALBUQUERQUE: August 15, 2015: The CTD President, Gov. James Lujan, Sr. announced today that Catching the Dream will make up to 21 grants this school year for two grant programs to Indian schools. Fifteen grants for \$1,766 each will be for the Reading Award Program (RAP), and six grants of \$10,000 to \$20,000 will be for the Golden Star Attendance (GSA) Program.

Mr. Lujan, said, “This is the twenty-fourth year of our making grants for school improvement. Schools in Indian Country need to provide the best possible education to their students.” Mr. Lujan is the past Governor of Taos Pueblo and the past President of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), a BIA college in Albuquerque.

“RAP is the only program of its kinds in the U. S.,” said Dr. Dean Chavers, the CTD director. “We have made 180 reading grants since 1991, and about 80% of them have succeeded really well. In many cases, the test scores have risen from the fifteenth percentile to the seventy-fifth and higher percentile because of the program.”

“Reading books outside the classroom is the single most important factor in school success,” he continued. “Students who read heavily do really well on the ACT, the SAT, the ITBS, and the ASVAB tests. In contrast, students who do not read at all outside the classroom are almost always disappointed in their test scores. It breaks our heart for a 3.8 student to score at the fortieth percentile on the ACT,” he said. “But it happens all the time to students who do not read a lot.”

The deadline for application for the grants is October 15, 2015. Applications must be submitted on the form provided by CTD. To receive an application, schools must call, write, fax, or e-mail CTD (CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com) to request the appropriate form. Maximum length of proposals will be one page. Applicants who request the forms by e-mail will also receive them by e-mail.

The winners of the grants will be announced on November 15, 2015. The RAP grants are supported by the McLeod Charitable Lead Trust (\$10,000), the AMB Foundation (\$15,000), and the Donald Foucart Foundation (\$1,500).

CTD, formerly the Native American Scholarship Fund, is the only organization in the U. S. that has an active program of grants to Indian schools. CTD also operates a scholarship program for Native students attending any accredited college in the nation.

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A WORD OF CAUTION

Applicants for a CTD grant **Must Not** wait until they have received the grant funds to start the project. They must start the project activities at the beginning of the year and operate the project all year long, rather than waiting until they have received the actual grant payment to start. Failure to start the project early in the year will count heavily against the application in the reading and ranking process.

