Dear NAGPRA Grantees,

In light of the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak, the National NAGPRA Program recognizes that many of you may have disruptions in your usual business processes, or you may have grant-related activities and travel that need to be cancelled or postponed.

Our top priority is everyone’s health and safety, so please take all necessary precautions to look after yourselves and your loved ones. To protect the health and safety of our staff, the National NAGPRA Program team is currently teleworking, but available to you as usual by email (nagpra_grants@nps.gov) or phone (202-354-2201). In general, your grant may continue if continued performance does not violate any state and/or local government restrictions and your organization and any associated participants believe it is safe to continue. You must ensure any activities performed under the grant are in compliance with all requirements of the grant agreement.

If you are unable to continue your grant projects temporarily, activities may resume as soon as your organization believes it is safe to continue. If you experience a longer delay in your grant project, it is under my authority as Awarding Officer to extend or amend your grant agreement.

If you need to extend your grant, modify your scope of work, or delay a reporting due date, you may submit a request to nagpra_grants@nps.gov. The request should include a brief explanation and indicate if the delays or changes were caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Your request should be submitted by (or signed by) either the Project Director or Authorized Representative listed in your grant agreement. Digital signatures are acceptable.

We value the important work that you are doing and will continue to communicate any relevant updates. Please let us know if you have any questions -- we are here to assist you in this time of uncertainty.

Be well,
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