

The Morris K. Udall Foundation's activities include an educational program that provides scholarships, fellowships and internships and funds the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. The Foundation also operates the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, which provides mediation, facilitation and related services to assist in resolving federal environmental conflicts.

Education Programs

The Foundation's educational activities are supported by the income from a Trust Fund established by Congress, which was authorized at \$40 million. Through FY 2005, appropriations have totaled approximately \$33.6 million. The educational activities include:

Morris K. Udall Scholars

From 1996 through 2005, there have been 4,197 nominees competing for 755 Morris K. Udall Scholarships. Scholars are college juniors and seniors who intend to pursue careers related to the environment or who are Native Americans engaged in health care or tribal policy studies. They have come from 255 institutions and all 50 states. Through 2005, \$3,775,000 has been awarded in scholarships.

Morris K. Udall Fellows

Eighteen Morris K. Udall Fellows have been awarded graduate fellowships of \$24,000 each.

Native American Congressional/White House Interns

Since 1996, 114 Native Americans have been summer interns on Capitol Hill, in the Executive Office of the President and in selected agencies. The interns are generally college juniors or seniors or graduate students with an interest in public policy. The Foundation provides each intern with housing, per diem, and travel costs to Washington, DC, plus a \$1200 stipend upon successful completion of the program.

Parks in Focus

This program, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs, instills an appreciation for nature in disadvantaged youth by teaching them photography while on trips to state and national parks.

Native Nations Institute

Native Nations Institute provides tribal leaders with executive and leadership training and policy advice necessary for effective tribal self-governance and economic growth. The Foundation has transferred \$2.25 million from Trust Fund appropriations to Native Nations Institute, pursuant to Congressional authorization in FY 2001 through 2004. An additional transfer of \$500,000 is anticipated in FY 2005.

U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution assists in resolving federal environmental disputes through mediation, facilitation and related services. The Institute has received annual appropriations of about \$1.3 million each year since 1999 and also is authorized to collect fees for services from parties to environmental conflicts. Congress has authorized funding through FY 2008 of \$3 million a year for operations and \$1 million a year for participation grants for non-federal stakeholders participating in conflict resolution processes involving federal agencies. Public Law 108-160.

Through its first five years, the Institute was involved in more than 300 cases and projects in 35 states, including consultations, assessments, mediations and facilitations, national policy dialogues, design of dispute resolution systems, assistance in development of agency ADR programs, training, and referrals. Issues included wildlife and wilderness management, public lands, grazing and timber, endangered species, water resources and rights, wetlands, brownfields, air pollution and transportation. The Institute's small professional staff accomplishes most of its work through partnering and subcontracting with existing private sector mediators with substantial experience in environmental conflict resolution.