

# TRIBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## Strategic Philanthropy Department



## About Our Department

The Strategic Philanthropy Department at San Manuel works collaboratively with nonprofits, funders and other Tribal governments to create change within the Tribe's ancestral territory and in Indian Country.

San Manuel's spirit of philanthropy is derived from the teachings of Tribal ancestors who believed in the importance of expressing themselves through a culture of giving. The Spirit of Yawa' - "to act on one's beliefs" - serves as the guiding principle in the department's decision-making process, which includes reviewing and approving between 200-300 charitable requests each year, strengthening existing community projects and regularly checking-in with grantees to see if their ideas come to fruition.

By drawing from the Tribe's history, knowledge, expertise and cultural values; the Strategic Philanthropy Department is able to select projects that will create the biggest impact in areas of need - which is why a career in philanthropy is so rewarding. Today, the department works with hospitals, homeless shelters, universities, and art programs. Recent projects include the opening of Mary's Village, a transitional housing complex for men experiencing homelessness in the city of San Bernardino, and the funding of Crafton Hills College's iSeek program, which supports student employee opportunities both on- and-off campus.

## What You'll Learn

An internship with the San Manuel Philanthropy Department will be a behind-the-scenes look at everyday operations. During the internship program, participants will learn about:

### The Impact on Society

The department's grant application process and see why it is necessary to select qualified organizations that will have the greatest impact on our communities; work collaboratively on projects with other community partners, nonprofits, funders and other Tribal governments; and regularly check-in with grantees about their endeavors.

### Our Calling:

How the Spirit of Yawa' serves as a guiding principle in the department's decision-making strategies. By following the call, the department looks to embrace the value and worldview bestowed upon us through the Creator, all while inheriting responsibilities that preserve and protect San Manuel's ancestral lands and their inhabitants.

### The Numbers:

How the department manages hundreds of requests from nonprofits, Tribal, and local government agencies each year.