

Country Program – United States

Who we are

We are a charity funded by BHP Billiton, a leading global resources company, and through our programs we address challenges that are directly relevant to the resources sector. Our global programs focus on Natural Resource Governance, Environmental Resilience and Education Equity.

What we do

The BHP Billiton Foundation was established in 2013 and works to address some of the most critical global sustainable development challenges facing our generation. By working in partnership with others we seek to raise the bar, find new solutions and set new standards for the future.

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The BHP Billiton Foundation works to improve long-term economic, social and environmental sustainability at a national level through Country Programs, which complement the work of its Global Signature Programs. The Foundation currently has Country Programs in Australia, Canada, Chile and the United States (US).

The US Country Program is focused on:

	Harnessing the potential of young people	Supporting Native Americans	Water sustainability & security
Aim	Support the inclusion of more disadvantaged young people in quality education with a focus on girls, non-English speakers and Native Americans.	Enable positive change in the lives of Native Americans by supporting self-determined initiatives which recognise and build on existing capabilities and perspectives.	Enhance the governance and management of water resources for the benefit of society and to ensure sustainable access to clean water for future generations.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create environments where young people from diverse backgrounds are supported to seek improved career pathways, economic opportunities and self-determined futures. • Break down societal barriers which inhibit young people from fully participating in and benefiting from education opportunities. • Promote access to alternative education and bridge the gap between school and employment. • Enhance the wellbeing and mental health of vulnerable young people to increase their participation in society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on existing capabilities to develop capacity and create positive cultural and social outcomes. • Support governance initiatives which enable lasting positive change and sustainable benefits. • Enhance teacher curriculum and training to encourage greater participation and achievement of young Native Americans. • Support the preservation, reinforcement and promotion of Native American culture and traditions to contribute to a more culturally aware and respectful society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development and advocacy that advances water resource management through raising awareness, building trust and gaining wide-scale support of advancing water stewardship. • Support policy frameworks that promote more effective decision-making and the development of practical solutions that incentivise efficient and equitable management of shared water resources, encourage innovation, and stimulate the development of new water technologies.

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Measures of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More girls and young people from disadvantaged groups benefit from educational opportunities which improve career pathways, economic opportunities and enable self-determined futures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Native Americans recognise that the enhanced governance and institutional capacity of organisations which represent or provide services to them, contribute to improvements in their quality of life. • Enhanced preservation, reinforcement and promotion of Indigenous culture and traditions contributing to a more culturally aware and respectful society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased public awareness of enhanced evidence-based public policy frameworks for the sustainable use of water resources.

The United States Country Program will comprise a portfolio of projects which:

- Address common challenges through cross-sector dialogue and problem-solving.
- Draw on expertise from leaders in relevant fields and the perspectives of beneficiaries to support project design, implementation and monitoring.
- Take a sustainable approach to implementation allowing three to five years to affect change.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society and institutions to enable positive change in the lives of citizens.
- Focus on learning, building evidence and sharing good practice to enhance outcomes and impact.
- Support transformative change through leadership, innovation and technology implemented locally by capable organisations which are informed by national and global learnings.