

Quarter-Million Health Equity Grant to Kee Cha-E-Nar Corporation

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The Kee Cha-E-Nar Corporation announced it received a \$250,000 grant from Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity to provide scholarships to Tribal citizens pursuing degrees in behavioral health.

The Wah-sekw Won Scholarship assists Yurok tribal members, their families and other local Tribal members with college-related costs. The scholarship has funds to offer financial assistance to approximately 20 participants. The funds can be used to cover tuition, books, transportation and other fees. Upon graduation scholarship recipients must work in a local tribal community health program for the same amount of time they received support from the Kee Cha-E-Nar corporation.

The latest round of more than \$7 million in grants, made possible by support from MacKenzie Scott, the AbbVie Foundation and Eli Lilly and Company, all "...committed to eliminating Health disparities and improving Healthcare quality in their communities," said Dr. Byron Scott, Direct Relief Chief Operating Officer.

Kee Cha-E- Nar Board spokesperson Jessica Carter expressed her appreciation for the grant. “ These funds will help us establish a workforce to confront the mental health crisis in our rural region.”