



Native American Youth and Family Center

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Chairs Nosse and Girod, and committee members.

My name is Oscar Arana, I'm the CEO of the **Native American Youth and Family Center**, also known as NAYA.

More than 70,000 Native people from hundreds of tribes call the Portland-metro area home. Through NAYA's 40-plus programs, we impact the lives of more than 10,000 people each year through our culture, education, housing, economic development and many more critical services that we provide families - from infants to Elders.

I'm here to ask for your support to improve the safety and resilience of NAYA's 10-acre campus.

In 2006 we moved into an abandoned PPS school that was built in the 1960's with 28 staff. Today, NAYA has over 160 staff members that do everything from Early Learning to Congregate meal sites for seniors. Our building is active with youth attending and graduating from our alternative high school, families engaging in programming, and Elders sharing their wisdom over meals.

We develop and operate housing, support small businesses, provide financial wellness and IDAs, offer college scholarships and build bright futures that give back to our community and economy.

We've made substantial investments to our building for 20 years which is now debt free, ensuring it'll support our community permanently. But, much more needs to be done to ensure this asset is here for future generations.

We're asking for \$7-million dollars to replace our roof and solar array, insulate our building, and transition our aging HVAC system from gas to electric. These upgrades will extend the life of our building, and energy savings will be redirected to programs.

Without these funds, we jeopardize the future of this important community asset in the event of a large-scale weather disaster or earthquake.

Our community looks to NAYA for support, especially in times of crisis. Please help us ensure NAYA's campus is safe, accessible, and resilient to withstand future emergencies.

Thank you.