

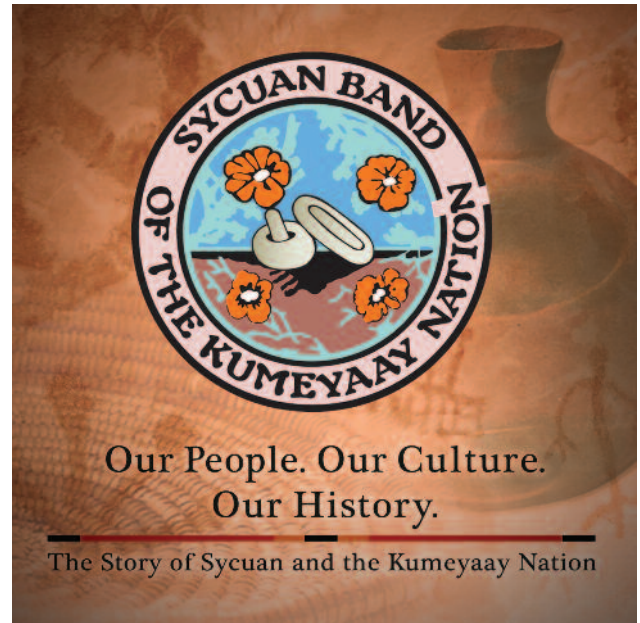
Sycuan Premiers Powerful and Poignant Documentary

Sycuan has created an amazing historical documentary that chronicles its 12,500-year existence in the present-day San Diego/Northern Baja region. The production titled, *Our People. Our Culture. Our History. The Story of Sycuan and the Kumeyaay Nation*, features local Native American anthropologists, historians and curators who help weave and trace the Kumeyaay ancestry. It contains biographical accounts that make it an even more compelling and thought provoking piece. It's a trek through history that has never been told or explored by most historians.

History books in California schools teach a view of the past that focuses on Spanish missionaries, conquistadors and other Europeans while omitting the Kumeyaay Native American people who thrived here for thousands of generations before the first settlers came. This documentary produced by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation aims to change that.

"It really shows our history from a perspective that most people have never heard of, it goes beyond anything in textbooks and accounts ever written or told about the Kumeyaay and Sycuan," said Daniel Tucker, Chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

This film also documents a triumph of the human spirit detailing the Sycuan Band's struggle to survive and thrive as a new generation rediscovers a heritage nearly lost. It will be distributed to school districts throughout San Diego and beyond,



with the goal that it be incorporated into history curriculums to help students learn about California's true past. ♣

The film can be accessed by logging on to www.sycuantribe.org.

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Federally-Recognized Tribes and Tribal Consortia

The U.S. Department of Justice recently announced the opening of a comprehensive grant solicitation for funding to support public safety, victim services, and crime prevention by American Indian and Alaska Native governments. The department's FY 2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is available at www.justice.gov/tribal/open-sol.html.

"Over the past four years, more than \$437 million in much-needed assistance has been provided to American Indian and Alaska Native communities through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation," said Associate Attorney General Tony West. "These resources are helping to strengthen justice, hope, and healing in tribal communities and are supporting efforts to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth, prevent violence against women, improve community policing, and explore alternatives to incarceration."

CTAS is administered by the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Office of Community Oriented

Policing Services (COPS) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The funding can be used to enhance law enforcement; bolster adult and juvenile justice systems; prevent and control juvenile delinquency; serve victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse; and support other efforts to combat crime.

Applications for CTAS are submitted through the Justice Department's Grants Management System (GMS), which enables grantees to register and apply for CTAS online. Applicants should register early, and no later than Tuesday, March 4, 2014, in order to resolve difficulties in advance of the application deadline. The deadline for submitting applications in response to this grant announcement is 7:00 p.m. EST on Monday, March 24, 2014.

The FY 2014 CTAS reflects improvements and refinements from earlier versions. The department received feedback from tribal leaders during tribal consultations and listening