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## overview

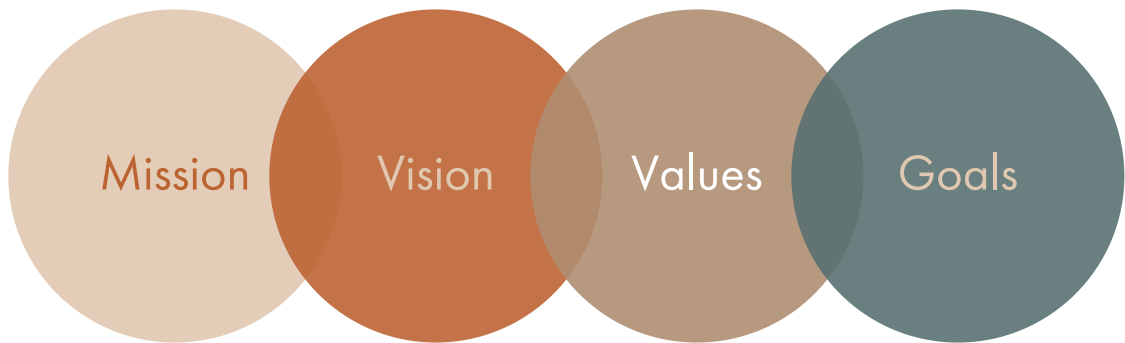
Embracing the Bear Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with the specific mission of facilitating and promoting programs and campaigns, nationally and internationally, that support community building & indigenous cultural revitalization, trauma-healing & personal-development, and self-expression through arts & athletics; as well as to promote and support public education or direct-service concerning ecosystem health and environmental & community stewardship.

| MISSION  | VISION   |
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| <p>To spark movements and inspiration throughout the world, while lighting pathways to peace within each individual.</p> | <p>We envision a world universe where humans occupy space in symbiosis with ecosystems; and where each individual feels an innate sense of belonging and understands thier innate impact.</p>                |
| VALUES   | GOALS  |
| <p>Symbiosis<br/>Indigeneity<br/>Artistry<br/>Collectivity</p>   | <p>Grow programs &amp; campaigns that foster:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) mental health &amp; emotional resilience</li> <li>2) community, cultural &amp; ecosystem vitilization</li> </ol> |



# implementation

The mission and vision of the Embracing the Bear Foundation comes to life in programmatic support and sponsorship of communities, collectives, and initiatives that align with our values and goals.



## MISSION

‘Embracing the bear’ means to step into wholeness. We believe that communities, ecosystems and individuals all thrive when they exist harmoniously both within and without relative to their internal and external systems. Embracing the Bear Foundation exists to not create new programming, not to re-invent the wheel, but rather to be a flintstone from which inspiration and movements can spark; and to be a conduit and connector between individuals & organizations and on behalf of ecosystems & communities in order to help light pathways to personal peace and ecological balance.



## VISION

We believe that a world where humans occupy space in symbiosis with ecosystems; and where each individual feels an innate sense of belonging and understands their innate impact is possible in this lifetime. We believe that achievement of that vision will require energetic contributions, rooted in equity, from each entity and individual. We believe that **our** best contribution is made through 1) honoring and honing our expertise as connectors, strategists and incubators, and 2) identifying gaps in aligned programs or initiatives or in support for aligned programs/initiatives and working to narrow those gaps.



## VALUES

**Symbiosis** - We believe in the inherent integrity of ecosystems and that every relationship should be symbiotic. Our relationships are interactional and rarely, if ever, transactional.

**Indigeneity** - We prioritize the rights and perspectives of first-inhabitants', and in our work acknowledge historical injustices on stolen-land while seeking to provide pathways to indigenous justice as well as land & cultural vitalization.

**Artistry** - We know that without art there are no movements. Individuals are healed, and societies shifted within moments of creative expression. *"Art is a weapon of hope, a catalyst for change that transcends barriers and unites people."* - Carrie Mae Weems

**Collectivity** - We see collaboration as the only sane path forward in most circumstances. Community well-being is paramount and we prioritize cooperation, mutual support, and the strength that arises from united efforts toward common goals.



## GOALS

Grow programs & campaigns that foster: 1) mental health & emotional resilience, and 2) community, cultural & ecosystem vitalization. Our goals are simple but they can manifest in multiple ways:

- **Program Incubation** of non-profit ideas, concepts and initiatives that help to meet our goals.
  - Fiscal sponsorship or technical assistance
  - Strategy, administration and partnership development
- **Fundraising** for aligned programs or initiatives
  - Fund-hosting or pass-through
  - Strategy and administration
- **Coalition-building** and management to achieve a common agenda
  - Fiscal sponsorship or technical assistance
  - Strategy, administration and partnership development
- **Campaign development** implementation and management
  - Ideation, strategy and administration