Using technology in innovative ways to further the goals NAGPRA is strongly encouraged; the Colorado Historical Society (CHS) effectively used technology, in addition to a straightforward consultation and documentation session with the Nome and Chinik (Golovin) Eskimo Communities for their final grant project.

CHS created a CD that was sent out to over 600 tribal entities. These CDs featured photos and descriptions of every object in CHS’s collection that is subject to NAGPRA as well as images of culturally unidentifiable items (for claim and/or identification). CHS’s project was also presented at the American Association of Museums (AAM) annual meeting as an example of a way to use technology to reach tribal members who cannot be present to document cultural items from a museum or institution.

The second part of the grant project was the Nome and Chinik Eskimo Communities’ consultation meeting with CHS. The duration of the meeting was transcribed and photographed. The Nome and Chinik Eskimo Communities came to review CHS collections, share information about the items, and provide assistance in managing Nome and Chinik collections at CHS. The CHS project was a successful multi-part endeavor and is a great example because of the varied nature of CHS’s final products.

See materials from the Colorado Historical Society grant project