Native Youth and Culture Fund
A Program of First Nations Development Institute

2018 INTRODUCTION AND Q&A SESSION

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

First Nations Development Institute
WEBINAR MANAGEMENT

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You can enter your question(s) in the question box below
ABOUT
FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

STRENGTHENING
American Indian COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIES for 37 years

Our Mission...
to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. We invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.
OUR APPROACH

First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets and to restore control and promote culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.

ASSET-BUILDING DEFINED

A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build Native capacities, capabilities and communities.

WHY ASSET-BUILDING WORKS

Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and needs of their communities better than outside agencies. It strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to create solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms. In brief, in the long term it works because it helps protect and enhance tribal sovereignty.
**Our Core Programs**

**Achieving Native Financial Empowerment**
Native financial & investor education, consumer protection & financial fraud education, combating predatory lending, and research.

**Nourishing Native Foods & Health**
Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition, and food sovereignty efforts.

**Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies**

**Investing in Native Youth**
Native Youth & Culture Fund, college scholarship/internship programs, and youth-oriented financial education, among other programs.

**Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions**
Nonprofit & tribal capacity-building activities including the Urban Native Project, Native Arts Capacity Building Initiative, and coalition-building work, among other programs.

**First Nations Development Institute**
Our Strategies
How Change Happens

Our strategies are designed to support the entire ecosystem of transformative change in Native communities and build a network of grantee partners that ultimately leads to asset-building in Native communities.
1980 FOUNGING YEAR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

OUR IMPACT

1,412 GRANTS

$29.8 MILLION

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NATIVE YOUTH AND CULTURE FUND

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2018 NYCF GRANT

GRANT CEILING: $20,000

Grant Term:
June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019

Stage 1 Application Due:
March 8, 2018
No later than 5 p.m. MT

Stage 2 Application Due:
May 1, 2018
No later than 5 p.m. MT
ELIGIBILITY

Federal- and state-recognized tribal governments

Native § 7871 organizations

Native-controlled community organizations with fiscal sponsorship

Native-controlled 501(c)(3) nonprofits
GRANT PRIORITIES

Preserving, strengthening or renewing cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs and values

Increasing youth leadership and their capacity to lead through integrated educational or mentoring programs

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GRANT PRIORITIES

Engaging both youth and elders in activities that demonstrate methods for documenting traditional knowledge, practices and/or beliefs, where culturally appropriate.

Increasing access to and sharing of cultural customs and beliefs through the use of appropriate technologies (traditional and/or modern), as a means of reviving or preserving tribal language, arts, history or other culturally relevant topics.
**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Have a clear focus on building healthier communities through preserving, strengthening or renewing Native culture and cultural traditions among youth.

Form partnerships and/or engage broad community participation and support.

Demonstrate the ability, and/or experience necessary to accomplish the project.

Demonstrate innovative and comprehensive activities.

Have a clear plan of action, specific goals and objectives, and a process to periodically assess, document and disseminate progress and lessons learned.

Have potential for application and replication in other Native communities.

Are feasible, cost-effective and sustainable.
GRANT REQUIREMENTS

ORGANIZATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAVEL

$1,000 minimum must be included within the proposed budget for FNDI's LEAD Conference in September, 2018

REPORTING

Progress Report - midway through grant period

Final Report - 30 days after end of grant period
STAGE 1
PROPOSAL
REQUIREMENTS

- A brief history of your organization or tribal program
- A description of the project and who it will serve
- At least three specific and measurable objectives to be accomplished during the project year
- A summary of project activities and how they will be implemented
- An estimated budget for the proposed project
OBJECTIVES

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Specific: What, exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?

M
Measurable: How will you know when you’ve reached your goal? Quantify it!

A
Achievable: What resources are needed – do you have them (including time)?

R
Realistic and Relevant – What’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?

T
Timed – Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - STAGE 1

Tax-Status Documentation
A copy of the organization or fiscal sponsor’s IRS Determination Letter if the applicant is a 501(c)(3) organization or a community organization using a fiscal sponsor. Tribal programs and governments may submit proof that they are a federal- or state-recognized tribe. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.

Description of Board of Directors
Native-controlled nonprofits must submit a list of their Board of Directors, with tribal affiliation of each director clearly listed next to each name where applicable. Community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of their leadership team, with tribal affiliation of each team member where applicable. Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of their Tribal Council in lieu of a Board of Directors. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.

Description of Key Leadership Staff
Native-controlled nonprofits and community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of key staff who will be responsible for overseeing and implementing the proposed project. Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of key staff responsible for overseeing and implementing the proposed project. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.
TIPS FOR FILLING OUT THE ONLINE APPLICATION

01 Prepare your answers in a Word document and copy and paste your answers into the online application system

02 Make sure you follow the format of each section and do your best to answer every question

03 Always tie your answers to the Native Youth and Culture Fund Priorities

04 Submit all required attachments
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05 Be sure to **save your work** in the online system often!!!!!!
Please allow yourself enough time to submit a complete application before the deadline, as the system will shut down automatically at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Thursday, March 8, 2018, and no data may be entered thereafter. We do not accept partial, faxed, emailed or mailed applications. Applications that are not received on time due to user error will not be considered.
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This webinar will be recorded and can be accessed on our website under the First Nations’ Knowledge Center at http://www.firstnations.org/fnk

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