Nourishing Native Children: Feeding Our Future
Grant Application Q&A
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First Nations works 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.

At First Nations, we’re guided by the belief that when armed with the appropriate resources, Native Peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual and cultural well-being of their communities.
What “Assets” Mean to First Nations

**Assets in Indian Country**

- Physical Assets
- Natural Assets
- Cultural Assets
- Social Capital
- Human Capital
- Political Assets
- Financial/Economic Assets
- Institutional Assets
First Nations’ Facts

1980: Founding Year

1980-2016: Provider of TTA

1993: National Grantmaking Program begins

1993-2016: Awarded 1,162 in grants; $25.95 million
NAFSI Focus Areas

Native Nationhood

Health

Increasing access to locally produced healthy foods will reduce diet-related diseases and improve the health of Native peoples.

Economic Development

The development and cultivation of food markets and businesses fosters the entrepreneurial spirit of Native peoples that leads to economic development.

Culture

Native communities create policies and programs aimed at Native food systems control and build strong Native institutions and governance capacity.

Native Food Sovereignty

Traditional agriculture practices revitalize ceremonies of planting seasons, build the social bonds of the production process and strengthen the relationship of Native peoples to the land that sustains us.
NAFSI Approach

1. Capitalize projects with financial assistance
2. Technical Assistance to build organizational capacity
3. Training to develop human capacity
4. Networking Opportunities to share best-practices and models
5. Public Education to inform broader public of the great work occurring in Indian Country
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Grant Information

First Nations will award up to 10 grants of up to $15,000 each to continue or expand nutrition efforts to Native American communities for existing programs that serve American Indian children ages 6-14.
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Program Eligibility:

- Eligible applicants must currently have existing program nutrition initiatives in place that support Native American schools serving a primarily Native student body, Native nonprofit organizations that are Native controlled 501(c)3’s or tribally-controlled, and tribes.

- Eligible applicants will be:
  1) Rural or reservation based
  2) Will have existing feed programs (not startups)
  3) Will provide nutritious food at either facilities and/or through take-home programs (like backpack programs) to Native children ages 6-14
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Grant Information

Grant Application Due Date:
• May 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time

Grant Term:
• June 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018

Grant Ceiling:
• Up to $15,000 to continue or expand existing nutrition efforts
Eligibility

Types of Eligible Entities:

- Tribal government programs
- Tribal § 7871 entities
- Native-controlled nonprofit organizations
- Native-controlled community organizations (with a fiscal agent)

For eligibility questions please see our website FAQ sheet (from our homepage, click on the Grantmaking tab and then click on the Grantseeker Resources button.
Allowable Activities

1) Will include, but not limited to:
   • Purchase of food
   • Needed infrastructure or equipment (e.g. equipment for food safety, food storage, etc.)
   • Supplies (e.g. for food packaging etc.)
   • Costs associated with community or parental outreach development
   • Dissemination of educational materials for parents, etc.
Evaluation Component

As a requirement of this grant, each grantee will need to track meeting identified objectives as well as the following information from recipients:

- Number of Children Served
- Number of Meals Provided
Grant Requirements

• Post-Award Grantee Orientation Webinar
• Organizational Assessment & Individual Technical Assistance
• Reporting & Evaluation – Progress and Final Report including evaluation data
• Regular data collection required using First Nations’ data tracking tools
• Required Budget Allocation for Activities
Any Questions?
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