2018 Grant Application Q&A

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
1:00 pm MT

Thursday, February 8, 2018
11:00 am MT
Webinar Management

• Participants will be muted for this webinar.
• If you have questions during the webinar, please enter them in the Question box as they arise. Thank you!
Native Language Immersion Initiative: Project and Grantmaking Team

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First Nations Mission & Guiding Principle

Exclusively committed to the control of tribal assets by tribes and Native communities

• 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
- Social Capital
- Cultural Assets
- Institutional Assets
- Political Assets
- Human Capital
- Financial Assets
First Nations’ Facts

1980: Founding Year
1980-2016: Provider of TTA
1993: National Grantmaking Program begins
1993-2017: Awarded 1,345 in grants; $28.9 million
First Nations’ Strategies & Programs

- Achieving Native Financial Empowerment
- Nourishing Native Foods & Health
- Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies
- Investing in Native Youth
- Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions

5 STRATEGIES:
- Direct Financial Support through Grantmaking
- Technical Assistance & Training
- Coalition-Building
- Advocacy
- Policy

Effective Strategies Programs for Building Assets in Native Communities
Native Language Immersion Grants

• **2017:** Launch of Native Language Immersion Initiative (NLII).
• **2018:** First round of funding for three year initiative
• **2018:** 12 grant awards up to $90,000 each to build the capacity of and directly support Native-controlled nonprofit organizations actively supporting Native language-immersion and culture-retention programs.
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Grant Application Due Date:
• March 23, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Grant Term:
• June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019

Grant Ceiling:
• $90,000
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Types of Eligible Entities:

• Tribal government programs, Tribal § 7871 entities, Native-controlled nonprofit organizations, and Native-controlled community organizations located within the United States, serving Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian communities.

• Applicants in urban areas must demonstrate a close tie to one or more tribal communities.
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Program Eligibility:

• Eligible applicants **must currently have existing program** program in place that support providing at least **20 hours per week** per school year of Native American language instruction with at least **10 students**
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**Program Requirements:**

• Programming must include:

1) Target age of children to college-age
2) Actively growing new speakers
3) Have assessment and evaluation plans to identify progression in language acquisition
Program Priority

• Programming should include:

  1) Community based long term language plan
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Community Engagement

- Programming should include:
  1) Relationships with key stakeholders and partners to achieve common goals
  2) Target recipients and needs assessment
  3) Community language resources
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Objectives

• At least 3 objectives required
• Up to 6 objectives may be listed
• Objectives must be SMART- helpful mnemonic device for developing impactful and quantifiable indicators of program/project success.
  • Specific in identifying outcomes to be achieved
  • Measurable using quantifiable and objective terms
  • Attainable given proposed timeframe & capacity
  • Relevant to the identified problem/statement of need
  • Time-bound within the project period
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Proposal Narrative

• Tell your story
• Describe activities
• Tie to objectives, budget, and timeline
Evaluation

- Evaluation must be tied to program/project objectives
- Describe how your program identifies language progression or attaining language fluency
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Allowable Activities

- Curriculum Development
- Instructional courses and materials
- Organizational Infrastructure Support
- Language and Culture Camps
- Indirect costs (10% cap)
- Salaries
- Consultants
- Teacher training
- Technology Access

All aimed toward achieving Native American fluency and academic proficiency!
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Unallowable Activities

- Construction
- Facility purchase
- Land Purchase
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Budget

• Narrative
• Additional Funding Sources (no match) required
• Previous First Nations Funding
Required Attachments

• Tax-Status Documentation.
• Timeline. *(Download Required Timeline Form)*
• Description of Board of Directors
• Description of Key Leadership Staff
• Budget. *(Download Required Budget Form)*
Grant Requirements

• Evaluation and Reporting
  • 2 Progress Reports Quarterly
  • 1 Final Report- Due June 30, 2019

• Travel and Training
  • 2018 LEAD Institute- September 10-14, 2018
Online Application

• **Getting started**
  o [https://firstnations.org/grantmaking/2018NLII](https://firstnations.org/grantmaking/2018NLII)
  o Brief walk-thru

• **Tips**
  o **Save at least once per hour!**
    ➢ The online system automatically times out after one hour if the “Save & Finish Later” or “Next” buttons are not pressed
  o **Use a Word document to work offline**
    ➢ Copy and paste the application into a Word doc
    ➢ Do not use special formatting
    ➢ You can then cut and paste the info from your Word doc back into the online application
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• Technical Assistance Available
  o Please contact us right away if you are experiencing technical issues with the online system
    ➢ Call (303) 774-7836 and ask to speak with a member of the Grantmaking Department, or email grantmaking@firstnations.org
  o Request to submit offline
    ➢ First Nations recognizes that applicants in rural areas may not have reliable internet
    ➢ Requests to submit applications outside of the online system must be made at least two weeks prior to the application deadline (March 9, 2018)
Preserving, strengthening or renewing cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs and values.

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

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

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.
Other Resources

• Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance: https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2018-ACF-ANA-NL-1342

Additional Help

- **Program support** - Marsha Whiting, mwhiting@firstnations.org, 303.774.7836, ext. 215
- **Online Application Support** – Grantmaking team, grantmaking@firstnations.org, 303.774.7836
- **Next Application Q&A Webinar Session** will be held on:
  - Thursday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time (1 hour)
  - Registration URL can be found at www.firstnations.org/grantmaking/2018NLII in the “Help” tab