2019 Grant Application Q&A

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 1:00 pm MT

Thursday, November 8, 2018 11:00 am MT
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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 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
Human Capital
Political Assets
Financial Assets
Institutional Assets
Cultural Assets
First Nations’ Facts

1980: Founding Year

1980-2018: Provider of TTA

1993: National Grantmaking Program begins

1993-2018: Awarded 1,488 in grants; $31.7 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**
First Nations utilizes to achieve success in our focus programs:
- Direct Financial Support through Grantmaking
- Technical Assistance & Training
- Coalition-Building
- Advocacy
- Policy
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Notice of Federal Funding

• National Endowment for the Humanities
• Grant #ZZ-258560
• 2 CFR Part 200
• Technical assistance is available to sub-grantees
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Timeline

2017: Launch of NLII

2018: 12 - $90,000 grants awarded

https://www.firstnations.org/programs/youth

2019: 12 grant awards up to $90,000 each

2020: 12 grant awards up to $90,000 each
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Grant Application Due Date:
• Tuesday. December 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Grant Term:
• February 1, 2019– January 31, 2020

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** 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) Focus on children to college students (3-22 years old)
  2) Actively growing new speakers
  3) Assessment and evaluation plans to identify progression in language acquisition
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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 how activities will increase program and/or organizational capacity
• 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

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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
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Required Application 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 **February 15, 2020**
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Online Application

• **Getting started**
  - [https://firstnations.org/grantmaking/2019NLII](https://firstnations.org/grantmaking/2019NLII)
  - Brief walk-thru

• **Tips**
  - **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
  - **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 (December 18, 2018)
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Additional Assistance

• Program support - Marsha Whiting, mwhiting@firstnations.org, 303.774.7836, ext. 215

• Online Application Support – Grantmaking team, grantmaking@firstnations.org, 303.774.7836

• Q&A Webinar Recording and PowerPoint are available at https://firstnations.org/fnk
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Questions?