



FIRST NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**Native Youth
and Culture Fund**

A Program of First Nations Development Institute



Native Youth and Culture Fund 2017 Introduction and Q&A Session

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FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



Our Mission:

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 Strategies & Key Areas of Work

5 STRATEGIES

First Nations utilizes to achieve success in our focus programs:

- DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT •
through GRANTMAKING
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING
- COALITION-BUILDING •
 - ADVOCACY •
 - POLICY •





NYCF Priority Areas

- 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.



Eligibility

All entities that apply **must be located in the United States or U.S. Territories** and must be Native-controlled nonprofit organizations or Native-controlled community organizations.

- Federal- and state-recognized tribal governments;
- Native-controlled 501(c)(3) nonprofits;
- Native-controlled community organizations with fiscal sponsorship; and/or
- Native § 7871 organizations.
- **Grants under this project will not be made to public schools.**



Grant-Selection Criteria

- Are solid matches between the project purpose and one or more of the NYCF priorities;
- Demonstrate innovative and comprehensive activities;
- Have a clear focus on building healthier communities through preserving, strengthening or renewing Native culture and cultural traditions among youth;
- Demonstrate the ability, and/or experience necessary to accomplish the project;
- Have a clear plan of action, specific goals and objectives, and a process to periodically assess, document and disseminate progress and lessons learned;
- Are feasible, cost-effective and sustainable;
- Form partnerships and/or engage broad community participation and support; and
- Have potential for application and replication in other Native communities



Grant Requirements

Post-Award Grantee Orientation Webinar:

Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Mountain Time or Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time.

Organizational Technical Assistance and Travel Requirements:

\$1,000 minimum must be set aside within the proposed budget for a technical and training event (dates TBD).

Reporting:

- Progress report midway through the grant period
- Final report one month after the end of the grant period



Application and Required Attachments

Phase I Proposal Requirements:

- A brief **history of the organization**, its mission and primary programmatic focus.
- A concise **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.

Required Attachments:

- Tax-Status Documentation
- Description of Board of Directors and Key Project Staff



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Phase II Proposal :

- A description of the **project purpose**, descriptions of community and youth involvement, and an explanation of who will be served.
- **Full narrative proposal** that describes how goals and objectives will be achieved and how the project activities will benefit tribal youth.
- Detailed **evaluation plan** for your project, including identification of data to be collected, method of data collection, who will collect the data and how the data and any analysis will be utilized to improve or guide the project.
- A **budget narrative** that describes how the line items in your budget will help meet your project deliverables.
- Information on **additional funding sources** your project is utilizing (if any).

Required Attachments:

- Budget
- Timeline



Important Dates to Remember

- **GRANT PERIOD:** June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018
- **PHASE I PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017
No Later Than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time
- **PHASE II PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017
No Later Than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.



Important Note

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 Wednesday, March 8, 2017**, 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.



Online Application Walk-Through

We will briefly guide you through the online application system



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Questions?

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