2019/20 RFP & Grant Application Q&A

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
1:00 pm MT

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Noon 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

**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: 1,547 Grants awarded totaling $32.2 million
First Nations’ Strategies & Programs

Strategies
First Nations utilizes to achieve success in our focus programs:

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

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

Nourishing Native Foods & Health
Nutritional systems; food security, health, and diet.

Effecting Strategies for Building Assets in Native Communities

Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies
Native Family Empowerment; individual development accounts; Native volunteer incentive tax assistance; and Native American business and asset development.

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

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

February, 2019: 13 grants awarded

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

https://www.firstnations.org/projects/native-language-immersion-initiative/
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Grant Application Due Date:
• Thursday, May 30, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Grant Term:
• July 15, 2019 – July 14, 2020

Grant Ceiling:
• $90,000
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.
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 within the age range of 3-22 years old.
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Program Requirements:

• Programming must include:

  1) Actively growing new speakers
  2) 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
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
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
- Audits
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Unallowable Activities

Capital Expenses
• Construction
• Facility purchases
• Land Purchases
• Vehicle Purchases
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Budget

• Narrative
• Additional Funding Sources (no match required)
• Previous First Nations Funding
• 10% cap on indirect costs
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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*)
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Grant Requirements

• **Evaluation and Reporting**
  • 2 Progress Reports Quarterly
  • 1 Final Report - Due **August 1, 2020**

• **Technical Assistance and Training**
  • 1 day pre-session and attendance at national conference TBD
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Online Application

• **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](https://firstnations.org/fnk)