Keepseagle Equipment Sharing Application Q&A

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Thank you for joining us. The webinar will begin shortly.
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Our Mission

First Nations Development Institute invests in and creates innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.
Our Approach

First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets and to restore control and promote culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.

Asset-building Defined

A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build Native capacities, capabilities and communities.

Why Asset-building Works

Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and needs of their communities better than outside agencies. It strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to create solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms. In brief, in the long term it works because it helps protect and enhance tribal sovereignty.
Our Strategies
How Change Happens

Our strategies are designed to support the entire ecosystem of transformative change in Native communities and build a network of grantee partners that ultimately leads to asset-building in Native communities.
Our Core Programs

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

Nourishing Native Foods & Health
Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition, and food sovereignty efforts.

Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies

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

Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions
Nonprofit & tribal capacity-building activities including the Urban Native Project, Native Arts Capacity Building Initiative, and coalition-building work, among other programs.
NAFSI’s Strategy

Native Food Sovereignty

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 foster the entrepreneurial spirit of Native peoples that leads to economic development.

Culture
- 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.

Native Nationhood
- Native communities create policies and programs aimed at Native food-system control and build strong Native institutions and governance capacity.
First Nations will award up to 10 grants averaging $10,000 to organizations in Native communities with the goal of growing and/or expanding programs that serve or directly collaborate with Native farmers and ranchers with at least 15% of the resources to assist Oklahoma specific projects since no Oklahoma specific projects are receiving cy pres funds.

For more information on the Keepseagle Settlement, please visit the following website: http://www.indianfarmclass.com
Other organizations awarded Cy Pres Funds:

- Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Lakota Fund
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation
- Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- Alaska Village Initiatives
- First Nations Oweesta Corporation
- The Hopi Foundation
- Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council
- Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Suquamish Indian Tribe of Port Madisen Reservation
- Fort Belknap Indian Community of Montana
- Center Pole
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Bay Mills Community College
- Stone Child College
- Farm Aid
- American Indian College Fund
- United Tribes Technical College
- American Indian Science & Engineering Society
- Farmers Legal Action Group
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of WI
- Sitting Bull College
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- National Congress of American Indians
- Oregon State University (for the Warm Springs Indian Reservation)
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Four Bands Community Fund
- The S.T.A.R. School
- Flowering Tree Permaculture Institute
- White Earth Land Recovery Project
- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
Grant Priorities

• Priority will be given to projects aimed at expanding needed resources to Native farmers, ranchers and producers leading to increased capacity, revenue and other positive farm outputs that will grow farmer capacity and Native farm and ranch operations.

• Priority to organizations that can assist and contribute to capacity-building that will grow the human capital and organizational capacity and increase the long-term sustainability and self-sufficiency of Native farmers and ranchers and increase the growth/sustainability of the economy and agricultural sector in Native communities.
Selected grantees under this opportunity must use the funding to support projects in Native communities with the goal of growing and/or expanding resources available to Native American farmers and ranchers. Examples of allowable activities under this funding opportunity include, but are not limited to:

- Essential tools (i.e. hand tools, power tools, etc.)
- Tractors, trailers and ATVs
- Other small equipment (i.e. tiller, seeder, disc, chisel, plow, mower, harvester, fuel tank, water tank, etc.)
- Farm truck
- Mobile chicken coop
- Shed or equipment storage
- Small food storage containers
- Food processing equipment
- Fencing and trellising
- Hoop houses
- Bees and bee equipment
- Irrigation
Unallowable Activities

Examples of unallowable activities under this funding opportunity include:

- Equipment repairs
- Capital construction projects (which includes the construction, purchase, renovation, and/or furnishing of facilities)
- Purchase of Real Estate
- Scholarships or tuition assistance
- Films, television and/or radio programs
- Endowments
- Development campaigns
- Funding for individuals
- Support of lobbying activities or drafting legislation
- Support of litigation
- Non-equipment related expenses
Keepseagle Financial Requirements

Grants Award Amounts:

• 10 Grants Awarded, approximately $10,000 each
• Total amount awarded is $100,000

Grant Term:

• March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021
## Application Requirements

| A brief summary of the equipment and needs. | Measurable objectives for acquisition of the shared equipment. | Anticipated uses of the equipment and how it will benefit producers control of the over-all food system. |
Required Attachments

• **Tax-Status Documentation:**
  A copy of the organization or fiscal sponsor’s IRS Determination Letter if the applicant is a 501(c)(3) organization or a community organization using a fiscal sponsor. Tribal programs and governments may submit proof that they are a federal- or state-recognized tribe. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.

• **Description of Board of Directors:**
  Native-controlled nonprofits should submit a list of their Board of Directors, with tribal affiliation of each director where applicable. Community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of their leadership team, with tribal affiliation of each team member where applicable. Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of their Tribal Council in lieu of a Board of Directors. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.

• **Description of Key Leadership Staff:**
  Native-controlled nonprofits and community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of key staff who will be responsible for overseeing and implementing the proposed project. Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of key staff responsible for overseeing and implementing the proposed project. This document should be uploaded as a PDF file.

• **Budget:**
  An estimated budget for the proposed project with a detailed cost breakdown that is reasonable and directly related to proposed grant activities and includes one or several line items addressing costs of at least $2,000 to support required project evaluation activities. This form must be uploaded as an Excel file.

• **Timeline:**
  A detailed project timeline that documents important project activities for each identified objective. Include staff who will be responsible for the implementation of the project activities and when each activity will be completed. The form provided is in Excel format and it must be uploaded as an Excel file or PDF file.
2019 Keepseagle Grant Requirements

- Attend Orientation Webinars
- TBD
- Reporting
- Final Report
Considerations

- Demonstrate the ability, and/or experience necessary to accomplish the project
- Demonstrate detailed and comprehensive activities
- Have potential for application and replication in other Native communities
- Have a feasible and cost-effective project
Considerations

- **Control**
  - Increase control by building capacity and skills and political participation

- **Retain**
  - Establish internal controls and regulatory structures to keep assets and benefits

- **Utilize**
  - Strengthen ability to use assets

- **Create**
  - Use assets to create new assets

- **Increase**
  - Expand or add value to existing assets

- **Leverage**
  - Use assets in a way that attracts additional resources
Whom does the project serve?

Why do the recipients need the funds? What specific conditions would you like to change?

Include demographics and other identifying information.

Include both qualitative and quantitative data, statistics, and anecdotes that tell the story of your organization’s work and who you will serve.
Objectives

S - Specific: What, exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?

M - Measurable: How will you know when you’ve reached your goal? Quantify it!

A - Achievable: What resources are needed – do you have them (including time)?

R - Realistic and Relevant – What’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?

T - Timed – Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
Objectives

Keep it simple: By (when), (who), will do (what)

Example 1: By July 31, 2020, program will have secured equipment quotes from three different companies to ensure best possible price.

Tip: Your dates should be varied so progress and activities can be measured!
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<td>How your goals and objectives will be achieved;</td>
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<td>How the shared equipment will benefit your community;</td>
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<td>What roles your staff will take to obtain, train on or use the equipment; and</td>
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<td>Why it is important for your community and why it fits within the broader goals of the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative</td>
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Considerations

A CLEAR PLAN OF ACTION

SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A PROCESS TO DOCUMENT & ASSESS PROGRESS AND LESSONS LEARNED
Tips for Filling Out the Online Application

1. Prepare your answers in a **Word document** and copy and paste your answers into the online application system.

2. Make sure you follow the format of each section and do your best to **answer every question**.

3. Always tie your answers to the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative **Priorities**.

4. Submit all required attachments.

5. Be sure to **save your work** in the online system often!!!!!!!!!
Let’s go through the application

Equipment Sharing Application
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 Monday, December 16, 2019. 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.
Questions
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