California Tribal Fund

COVID – 19: Recovery & Resiliency

Introduction and Q&A: November 4, 2020
WEBINAR MANAGEMENT

All participants will be muted for this webinar

If you have questions please "raise your hand" using the button shown below.

You can enter your question(s) in the question box below.
First Nations Development Institute: 40 Years of Service

• In 1980, First Nations Financial Project was founded in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Funded by a $25,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, the project – renamed First Nations Development Institute in 1991 – became the first nonprofit social enterprise exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets.

• In 2020, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of First Nations and the progress made through this initial project that has grown into a leading Native-led nonprofit in service of strengthening Native economies and communities.
Our Approach...

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) supports Native people in their efforts to control and develop their assets, and -- through that control -- build the capacity to direct their economic futures in ways that fit their cultures.

Our approach takes a comprehensive view of assets that reflects the holistic nature of Native communities and Native economies and includes:

- Financial Assets
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Heritage
- Human Capital
- Physical Assets
- Institutional Assets
- Social Capital
- Legal and Political Assets
- Creative Assets (such as stories)

First Nations has been working in partnership with Native communities for 40 years. Through the decades, we have learned that asset-based development truly works and is an effective strategy for preserving community resources for the next seven generations. We believe that it is only through Native control of Native assets that the economic well-being of Native communities will be improved and sustained.
103 Technical Assistance Support Sessions

6,026 People Educated through Convenings, Webinars & Conferences

EDUCATE GRASSROOTS PRACTITIONERS

272 Travel Scholarships Provided for Conferences & Convenings

21 Academic Scholarships Provided to Students

11 Publications Produced in 2019

148 Grants Awarded

CAPITALIZE NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Total Amount Invested: $4,532,078

ADVOCATE for SYSTEMIC CHANGE
**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.
• Launched in the Spring of 2020
• Steered by a California-Indian-led Advisory Board
• Supports California-Native-led nonprofits and tribal programs in controlling and protecting their food systems, water, languages, traditional ecological knowledge, and land

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COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Grant Information

First Nations expects to award 8-10 general operating support grants averaging $10,000 to California based tribes or tribally-controlled non-profit organizations as they work towards long-term tribal community resiliency and recovery efforts and support organizations and projects which strengthen California based, Indigenous controlled and led organizations whose programs protect California indigenous food systems, water, languages, traditional ecological knowledge, and land.
COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Grant Information

- Grant Award Ceiling: $10,000
- Grant Term: Begins on January 1, 2021 ends December 31, 2021
- Application Deadline: November 20, 2020
- Award or Declination Information: Expected December 15, 2020

FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
Eligibility

California based federal or state recognized tribal governments.

California based Native – controlled 501 (c)(3) non-profits.

Native – controlled community organizations with a CA based fiscal sponsor.

Native § 7871 organizations.
Grant Priorities & Structure

• COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Efforts
• Organizations that currently work to support California tribal food systems, water, languages, TEK, and land
• General Operations Grant
• Organizations actively serving their communities during COVID-19
• Organizations are encouraged to focus on projects and program support which promotes long-term resilience and organization and program sustainability
Allowable Activities

Selected grantees under this opportunity must use funding to support projects in California based Native communities with priority being given to organizations and projects which currently work to support Indigenous control over food, water, languages, traditional ecological knowledge, and land within their respective tribal communities.

We encourage you to utilize this unrestricted, general operations funding as you see fit to address recovery and resiliency efforts in the tribal communities you serve.
Examples of allowable activities under this funding opportunity include, but are not limited to:

• Support for rent and utilities
• Support for employee and Board training related to hosting of virtual webinars and meetings
• Support for new software systems and technological training to support virtual meetings and webinars
• Support for capacity building including creation or revision of policies and procedures, strategic plans, etc.
• Support for program related cultural bearers’ honorariums or stipends
• Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and participants
Unallowable Activities

Examples of unallowable activities under this funding opportunity include:

• Lobbying
• Entertainment
• Capital Construction
• Funding of individuals
• Development campaigns
• Endowments
• Scholarship or tuition assistance
Proposal Requirements

- Purpose Statement
- A Brief History of Your Organization
- Programs or Project Description
- Current Community Condition
Whom does the project serve?

Why do the recipients need the funds?

What conditions would you like to address?

Include demographics and other supporting data.

Tell us the story of your organization’s work and tribal community!
Specific: What exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?

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

Achievable: What resources are needed? Do you have them (including time)?

Realistic and Relevant: What is the outcome you’re expecting?

Timed: When will it be completed?
Grant Requirements

• Reporting & Evaluation – Final Narrative and Budget Report

Please note: We always welcome updates, pictures, check-ins, etc. from our grantees.
Required Attachments

- Tax Status Documentation
- Description of Board of Directors
- Description of Key Leadership
- Budget
TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

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

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

3. Always align your answers to the grant program priorities listed in the RFP.

4. Submit all required attachments.

5. Be sure that you are saving your work as you go along.
IMPORTANT NOTE!

Please allow yourself enough time to submit a complete application before the deadline, as the system will automatically shut down at 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time on Friday, November 20, 2020, and no data can 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.

Requests to submit outside of the online system should be sent at least two weeks prior to the deadline and should be directed to grantmaking@firstnations.org.
ADDITIONAL HELP
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For program or grant specific questions and for questions about the online application system

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