Native Youth and Culture Fund
A Program of First Nations Development Institute

2020 INTRODUCTION AND Q&A SESSION

Thursday, February 20, 2020

First Nations Development Institute
WEBINAR MANAGEMENT

All participants will be muted for this webinar

HAVE A QUESTION?

Please enter your question(s) in the question box in the menu
OUR MISSION

We believe...

When armed with the appropriate resources, Native peoples hold the capacity & ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual & cultural well-being of their communities.

~ OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE ~
THE CORE OF ALL OUR WORK

to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. We invest in and create innovation institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian People and their communities.

FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
We believe that traditional Indigenous knowledge holds crucial solutions for the future, not only for Native communities but for society at large. We feel that unique Native perspectives can help address some of this country's most pressing issues. The Native American commitment to Native culture, traditions and languages; staying connected to and caring for our families and community members, whether rich or poor, strong or weak; and returning to a healthy precolonial diet are all important values that can sustain us well into the future. Against that backdrop, First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets. We work closely and in partnership with Native nations and communities to achieve those aims.
Our strategies are designed to support the entire ecosystem of transformative change in Native communities and to build a network of grantee partners that ultimately leads to asset-building in Native Communities:

- **DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT** through GRANTMAKING
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** and **TRAINING**
- **MOVEMENT-BUILDING**
- **POLICY** and **RESEARCH**
- **ADVOCACY**
2020 NYCF GRANT

GRANT CEILING: $19,500

Grant Term:
June 1, 2020- May 31, 2021

Stage 1 Application Due:
March 12, 2020
No later than 5 p.m. MT

Applicants will be notified via email on or before April 17, 2020, if selected to submit a Stage II application.
Native Youth & Culture Fund

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- Federal- and state-recognized tribal governments
- Native-controlled 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- Native § 7871 organizations
- Native-controlled community organizations with fiscal sponsorship
GRANT PRIORITIES

Preserving, strengthening or renewing cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs and values

Increasing youth leadership and their capacity to lead through integrated educational or mentoring programs
GRANT PRIORITIES

Engaging both youth and elders in activities that demonstrate methods for documenting traditional ecological knowledge systems, practices and/or beliefs.

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.
SELECTION CRITERIA

Have a clear plan of action, specific goals and objectives, and a process to periodically assess, document and disseminate progress and lessons learned.

Have a clear focus on building healthier communities through the perpetuation of traditional ecological knowledge, spirituality and the intergenerational transfer of knowledge systems, resulting in compassion, respect, dignity, reverence for nature, and care for each other and the Earth.

Form partnerships and/or engage broad community participation and support.

Demonstrate the ability, and/or experience necessary to accomplish the project.

Are feasible, cost-effective and sustainable.

Demonstrate innovative and comprehensive activities.

Have potential for application and replication in other Native communities.
Travel costs of at least $500 must be included in the proposed budget for one team member to attend the L.E.A.D Institute Conference hosted by First Nations. Please note that First Nations will pay for grantee lodging expenses so this cost should not be included in the travel allocation line item.
GRANT REQUIREMENTS

POST-AWARD GRANTEE ORIENTATION WEBINAR

REPORTING:

Progress Report - Due December 1, 2020

Final Report - 30 days after end of grant period, June 30, 2021
STAGE 1
PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- A brief history of your organization or tribal program
- A 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
OBJECTIVES

**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’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?

**Timed:** Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
OBJECTIVE

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

Example 1: By July 31, 2020, 30 youth will have participated in three workshops on farming and harvesting traditional rice for community consumption.

Tip: Your dates must be varied so progress and activities can be measured!
REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - STAGE 1

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 must submit a list of their Board of Directors, with tribal affiliation of each director clearly listed next to each name 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.
TIPS FOR FILLING OUT THE ONLINE APPLICATION

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

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

03 Always tie your answers to the Native Youth and Culture Fund Priorities

04 Submit all required attachments
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05 Be sure to save your work in the online system often!!!!!!!
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 Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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.
This webinar will be recorded and can be accessed on our website under the First Nations’ Knowledge Center at https://www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center/webinars/

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For questions about the online application system

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