Access to Ancestral Lands
Grantee Orientation
March 24, 2022

Thank you for joining us. The webinar will begin shortly.
All participants will be muted during the webinar

- Use the “raise hand” feature here if you are experiencing any technical issues or when prompted by an organizer.

- Please use the question box to enter any questions to staff.
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 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.
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.
In 2021, First Nations made 457 grants to Native-controlled nonprofits and Tribal government programs.

**Impact > 2021**

- 128 Technical Assistance Support Sessions
  - Includes capacity-building trainings, webinars, and convenings
- 73,075 People Reached through Programs
- 40 Academic Scholarships Provided to Students
- 31 Publications Authored or Produced
- 5,116 Publications Downloaded from Online Knowledge Center
- **457** Grants Awarded
  - 253 Program Grants
  - 204 COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants
- **$8.4M** Total Amount Invested
  - $5.8M Program Grants
  - $2.6M COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

**Unmet Need**

In any given year, First Nations is able to fund only a small percentage of the grant requests we receive — usually much less than 20%.
Mission Statement

Our mission is to invest in the viability and visibility of California Tribal Nations, communities, and families. We are committed to eternalizing our cultures and traditions while honoring the historical fortitude of our ancestors.

Vision Statement

We envision a future where California Indigenous People — here since time immemorial — have authority over our homelands and honor our responsibility to our people, language and traditions to ensure our communities are recognized, strengthened and sustained.
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## Welcome Grantees

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These grants are made possible through the generous support of several funders:

- The ERWJ Patterson Foundation
- The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- The Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation
Grants Funded

- 10 grants @ $35,000

Grant Term:

- March 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

Disbursement Schedule:

- Initial grant payments will be issued upon receipt of grant agreement - $32,500
- If you have not already done so, please email grant agreement to mcostales@firstnations.org.
- Final grant payment of $2,500 will be issued upon receipt and approval of final report
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Technical Assistance

In addition to grant funding, the California Tribal Fund has the ability to support technical assistance needs that your organization may have. In order to help you sustain your programming beyond the grant period. CTF staff will reach out during the project period to discuss how we might best support you in this manner.

Final Report

A final report, including project narrative and budget expenditure report, and copies of any policies, publications, media, or other tangible documentation produced from the proceeds of this grant, will be due within thirty days of completion of the project, on or before September 30, 2023.
Publicizing Your Project

Although not required, First Nations invites your organization to submit a separate, well-written feature article between 500 and 1,500 words, along with photographs or graphics, to possibly be used in First Nations’ electronic newsletter. The featured story should describe the project, its purpose, and its successful completion, and can utilize quotes or experiences from your project participants and/or staff.

In addition, please feel free to e-mail any social media posts related to your project to our staff.
When Should You Contact First Nations?

- If you have staff turnover – especially if it is the project coordinator.
- If you don’t receive your check within 30 days.
- If you are having problems meeting your objectives.
- If you are having financial issues.
- If you have to revise your budget and objectives.
- If you want to share good news or progress!
Questions?
Program or Grant Questions?

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