Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains

Grant Opportunity

Introduction and Q&A

Thursday, August 19, 2021
11:00 a.m. MDT
Webinar Format

• Participants will be muted for this webinar.
• If you have questions during the webinar, please “raise your hand” using the hand button or enter your question(s) in the Question box.
Webinar Topics of Discussion:

- Introduction – First Nations Development Institute
- Overview of Grant Opportunity & Experience
- Walk-thru of online application process
- Question & Answer
About First Nations Development Institute

Native-Led Nonprofit
Founded in 1980

Based in Longmont, Colorado

28 Staff Members

1993: Grantmaking Program Launched

Grantmaking to date: 2,276 grants, $46 million

Constituent Base: Tribal Programs, Native-Led Nonprofits & Community Orgs
Our Mission...

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.
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 IMPACT

As of FY 2020

41 Years of grantmaking

2,150 Grants Awarded

37,592 People educated through convenings, webinars, and conferences in 2019 alone

4,447 Publications downloaded from our online knowledge center in 2019 alone

$43 MILLION Dollars invested through grantmaking
Grant Information

- First Nations expects to award up to 10 grant awards ranging from $25,000 to $30,000 to support tribes and organizations that are growing and/or expanding programs that aim to support sustainable economic opportunities that help to preserve native grasslands in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.
- Applicants must be located in North Dakota, South Dakota or Montana.
- Applicants must be engaged in ecological stewardship and conservation related activities in this region.
Grant Information

• Grant Award Ceiling: $30,000
• Grant Term: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022
• Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 5 pm MDT
• Award or Declination Information: Expected week of September 27, 2021
• Grant will require a mid-grant progress report and a final report
Grantee Eligibility

Federal- and state-recognize tribal governments

Native-controlled 501(c)(3) non-profits

Native-controlled* community organizations with fiscal sponsorship

Native 7871 Organizations
Geographic Eligibility

• In order to be eligible for funding, applicants must be located in any of the following states:
  • North Dakota
  • South Dakota
  • Montana
Selection Priorities

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate:

- That they can help strengthen Native American communities.
- Proper alignment with funding priorities and eligibility guidelines
- Ability and/or experience necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed project
- Strong leadership reflecting the community served
- Feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability of proposed projects or programs
- A clear plan of action with specific, measurable, and realistic goals and objectives
Proposal Requirements

• A brief history of the organization, its mission and ecological stewardship work.

• A concise description of the proposed project and how it will directly contribute to the protection of grasslands in the NGP.

• A summary of any activities involved in the project and how they will be implemented.

• At least three specific and measurable objectives to be accomplished during the project year.

• An estimated budget for the proposed project.

• Information on additional funding sources your project is utilizing (if any).
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 is the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?

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

**A description of the Board of Directors and Key Project Staff:** Native-controlled nonprofits should submit a list of their Board of Directors and key project staff who will be responsible for overseeing and implementing the proposed project. The list should include tribal affiliations (if applicable). Community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of their leadership team, with tribal affiliation of each team member (if applicable). Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of their Tribal Council in lieu of a Board of Directors.
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**Budget:** An estimated budget for the proposed project.

**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 and when each activity will be completed.
Online Application System

• All applicants must complete First Nations’ online grant application, including submission of necessary attachments, no later than **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, at 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.**
  • Should you encounter any technical issues please contact [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto:grantmaking@firstnations.org) ASAP and prior to the 5pm deadline.

• Some of our most rural and remote applicants may have limited access to high-speed Internet. Any exceptions to use of the online system must be made at least two weeks in advance of the deadline by submitting an email request to [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto:grantmaking@firstnations.org). Please include your name, contact information, and indicate you are applying for the Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains grant opportunity. If you do not have access to email you can call our office at (303) 774-7836 and ask to speak with a member of the Grantmaking Department.
Online Application System

First Nations website: [https://www.firstnations.org/](https://www.firstnations.org/)

Questions
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