Green Jobs in Indian Country

Q&A Webinar
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

- 30 Staff Members

- 1993: Grantmaking Program Launched

- Grantmaking to date: 2,611 grants, $51.6 million

- Constituent Base: Tribal Programs, Native-Led Nonprofits & Community Orgs
STRENGTHENING
American Indian
COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIES
For 41 years

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 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.
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

Grants Awarded
- 253 Program Grants
- 204 COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

Total Amount Invested
- $5.8M Program Grants
- $2.6M COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

First Nations Development Institute
Grant Information

• First Nations expects to award up to **10 grant awards** up to **$100,000** each to support tribes and Native-led organizations that are starting and/or expanding programs that support green job creation in Indian Country.
Grant Information

- **Grant Award Ceiling**: $100,000
- **Grant Term**: June 1, 2022– May 31, 2023
- **Application Deadline**: April 20, 2022 at 5pm MDT
- **Award or Declination Information**: Expected week of May 15, 2022
- **Requirements**: 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
Selection Priorities

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate:

• That they can help strengthen Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian 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
• Creation or advancement of green jobs
Proposal Requirements

- A **brief history of the organization**, its mission and programmatic work around green job creation and/or advancement.
- A concise **description of the proposed project** and how it will directly contribute to green job creation or advancement.
- 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.
- A **timeline** of project activities.
- Information on **additional funding** sources your project is utilizing (if any).
Objectives

**S**pecific: What, exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?

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

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

**R**ealistic and Relevant: What is the outcome – the change you’re expecting?

**T**imed: 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.

**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 (if applicable). Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of their Tribal Council in lieu of a Board of Directors.
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.

Budget: An estimated budget for the proposed project with a detailed cost breakdown.

Timeline: A detailed project that documents important project activities and staff who will be responsible for activity implementation.
Online Application System

• All applicants must complete First Nations’ online grant application, including submission of necessary attachments, no later than **WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022, at 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.**
  • Should you encounter any technical issues please contact 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. Please include your name, contact information, and indicate you are applying for the Green Jobs 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/

Online RFP page: https://www.firstnations.org/rfps/green-jobs-in-indian-country-grant-opportunity/
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Upcoming Stewarding Native Lands Grant Opportunities

• Bering Sea Marine Resources
• Climate Resiliency in Indian Country
• Climate Resiliency Conversation

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