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Our Mission

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.
Webinar Topics of Discussion

- Introduction – First Nations Development Institute
- Strengthening Native Programs and Feeding Families Grant
- Walk-thru online application process
- Question & Answer
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<th>About First Nations Development Institute</th>
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<td><strong>Native-Led Nonprofit</strong></td>
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<td>Founded in 1980</td>
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<td><strong>Based in Colorado</strong></td>
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<td>Satellite offices in New Mexico and California</td>
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<td><strong>30 Staff Members</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grantmaking Program</strong></td>
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Our Core Programs

Achieving Native Financial Empowerment
Native financial and investor education, consumer protection and financial fraud education, combating predatory lending and research.

Nourishing Native Foods and Health
Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition and food sovereignty efforts.

Advancing Household and Community Asset-Building Strategies

Investing in Native Youth
Native Youth and Culture Fund, college scholarship/internship programs, and youth-oriented financial education.

Stewarding Native Lands
Financial and technical assistance to support Native ecological stewardship and Native control of ancestral lands and resources.

Strengthening Tribal and Community Institutions
Nonprofit capacity-building activities, support for Native arts, Native language immersion, professional development and coalition building.
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.
First Nations Project Team

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Cochiti/Kiowa
Director of Programs - NNFS

Richard Elm-Hill
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
Program Officer

Jacque Demko
Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation
Grants Officer

Shonto Greyeyes
Navajo
Project Coordinator
Grant Opportunity

**Strengthening Native Programs and Feeding Families – Round 2**
A Food Pantry Grant for Native Communities funded by American Express.

Collective goal is to send 60,000 lbs. of food into Native Communities. (5,000 lbs. of food each grantee)
Grant Eligibility

- Federal-and State-Recognized Tribal Government
- Native-controlled 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- Native-controlled community organizations with fiscal sponsorship
- Native 7871 Organizations
Guiding Selection Criteria

First Nations seeks projects with the following:

• Project serves and understands the food insecurity needs of Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian communities.
• Ability to strengthen the Indigenous food system or build organizational capacity.
• Provide a clear plan of action with specific, measurable, and realistic goals and objectives.
• Present a logical program budget.
• Ability to track, measure, and share the impact of the project.
• Demonstrates the capacity or desire to source and distribute at least 5,000 lbs. of food during the grant period.
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Application Process

This application process is a one-stage, competitive process.

**Application Deadline:**
March 31, 2022 no later than 5pm MT

Unfortunately, First Nations cannot make any emergency exceptions to application deadlines. Partial applications, incomplete applications due to user error, or faxed/emailed/mailed applications will not be considered unless they have received prior approval.
Allowable Activities

Selected grantees under this opportunity must use funding to support work that is addressing food insecurity/hunger in Native communities to:

• Building on needed or existing infrastructure,
• Supporting logistics (e.g. food safety, food processing, packaging, transportation)
• Capacity building for the organization and staff (e.g. specialized trainings, transportation),
• Networking (e.g., for food recovery to collect edible, safe foods that would otherwise be discarded and, instead, distribute them to hungry families),
• Accessing healthy foods traditional to a Native diet
Unallowable Activities

- Lobbying
- Entertainment
- Capital construction projects (including the construction, purchase, renovation, and/or furnishing of facilities)
- Funding of individuals
- Development campaigns
- Endowments
- Scholarships or tuition assistance
Grant Requirements

• Post-Award Grantee Orientation Webinar
• Publicizing Grant Project
• Interim Verbal Progress Report
• Final Written Report
Access Online Application

To access the online application system, you must go to First Nations’ website and go to the online RFP page for this opportunity:
Application Section: Project Purpose

1. **Project Purpose Statement**  
   – what is the ultimate purpose of your grant?

2. **Organizational Food-Related Programming History**  
   – What are the past and current activities?

3. **Program Benefit**  
   – How this grant project will address food security in your community?

4. **Vision for Success**  
   – How will you implement your grant project and measure success
Each grantee is required to have AT LEAST 1 specific and measurable objectives for their program/project.

Objectives should state what will be improved or developed, how so, and when?

**SMART**

- **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’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?
- **T**imed – Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
Application Section: Program Objective Examples

**Example 1:** By May 31, 2022, our organization will distribute 500 food packages to the 100 tribal elders totaling 5,000 lbs. of food distributed.

**Example 2:** By June 2, 2022, 3 staff members will have completed a 4 hour forklift training to support our food warehouse efforts.
The following attachments must be uploaded to this application form before your proposal will be considered complete. **All attachments must be in PDF format unless otherwise specified.**

**Attachment A: Budget**  [(download template)]

**Attachment B: Tax-Status Documentation**

**Attachment C: Leadership & Staff List**

*Optional Attachment D: Letter of Support*
Application Tips

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 grant program priorities listed in the RFP.

04 Submit all required attachments.

05 Be sure to save your work in the online system often!!!!!!!
Important Note

• All applicants must complete First Nations’ online grant application by March 31, 2022 no later than 5pm Mountain 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 (on or before March 18, 2022) 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. 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.
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Questions

Please submit your questions in the question box

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