



FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**Strengthening Native Programs & Feeding  
Families Grantee Orientation**

September 30, 2021



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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.*





**DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT**  
*through GRANTMAKING*



**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING**



**MOVEMENT-BUILDING**



**POLICY & RESEARCH**



**ADVOCACY**

# 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 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.

## ASSETS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

NATURAL RESOURCES

SOCIAL CAPITAL

HUMAN CAPITAL

POLITICAL ASSETS

PHYSICAL ASSETS

LANGUAGES

CULTURAL & ARTISTIC HERITAGE



# First Nations Project Team



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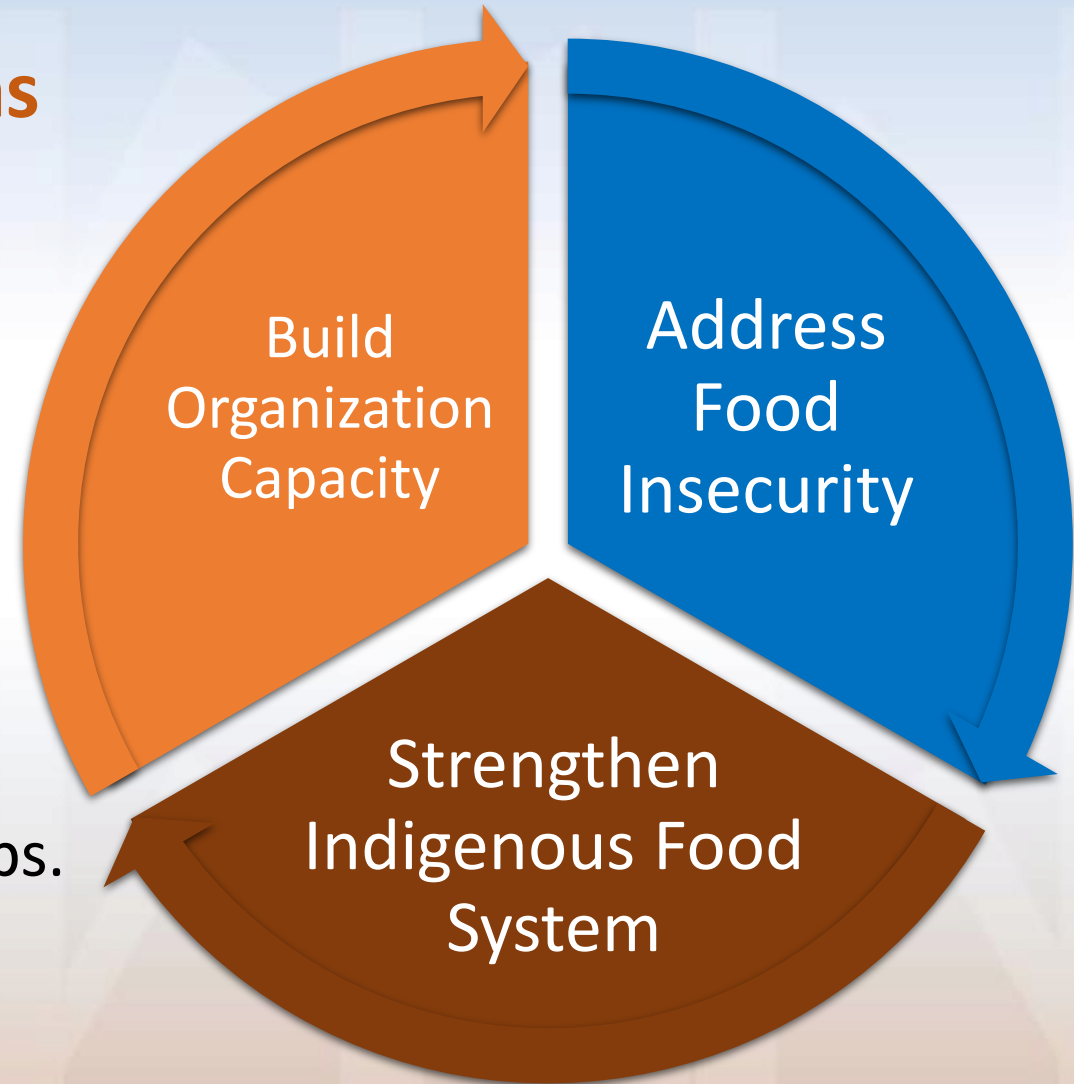
# Grant Partnership and Purpose

## Strengthening Native Programs and Feeding Families

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)



# Grantee Map



# Grantees

Tribe/Organization	City	State
Center Pole	Garryowen	Montana
Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation	Box Elder	Montana
FAST Blackfeet	Browning	Montana
Grinding Stone Collective	Glendale	New York
Ke Kula Nui O Waimanalo	Waimanalo	Hawaii
Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation	Ramona	California
Painted Desert Demonstration Projects Inc (STAR School)	Flagstaff	Arizona
Peacekeeper Society	Harrah	Washington
Santa Fe Indigenous Center	Santa Fe	New Mexico
Walks on the Day	Lake Andes	South Dakota
World Indigenous Nations University Hawaii Pasifika	Kula	Hawaii
Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation	Klamath	California



# Grant Funding Schedule

## Grants Funded

12 Grants Awarded at \$10,000 for a total of \$120,000.

## Grants Term

September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2020 (6 – months)

## Disbursement Schedule

October, 2021 -\$10,000 upon Signed of Grant Agreement



# Reporting Requirements

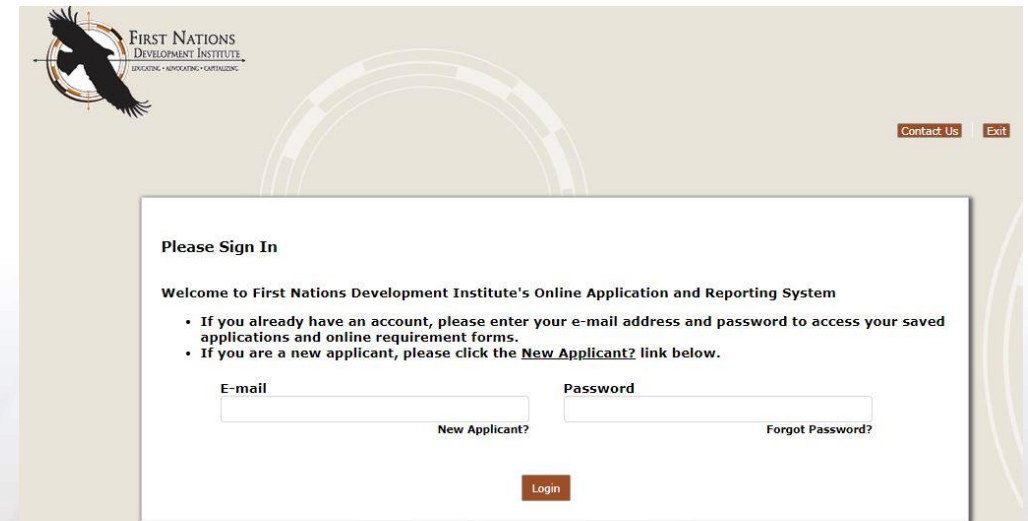
Include a project narrative and financial status report, copies of any policies, publications, media, or other tangible documentation produced from the proceeds of this grant.

## Progress Report

- Verbal Progress Report (Zoom) due by December 15, 2021.

## Final Report

- Final Report Due March 30, 2022.  
*\*1 month after grant period ends (Feb 28, 2020).*



The screenshot shows the login page for the First Nations Development Institute's Online Application and Reporting System. The page has a light beige background with a large, faint circular graphic. In the top left corner is the institute's logo, which includes a stylized eagle and the text "FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE" and "EDUCATION • INNOVATION • CAPITALISM". In the top right corner, there are two small buttons: "Contact Us" and "Exit". The main content area is a white box with a thin border. It starts with the heading "Please Sign In". Below this is a welcome message: "Welcome to First Nations Development Institute's Online Application and Reporting System". There are two bullet points: "• If you already have an account, please enter your e-mail address and password to access your saved applications and online requirement forms." and "• If you are a new applicant, please click the [New Applicant?](#) link below." Below the text are two input fields: "E-mail" and "Password". Under the "E-mail" field is a link for "New Applicant?". Under the "Password" field is a link for "Forgot Password?". At the bottom center of the white box is a "Login" button.

All reporting can be submitted online through our Grantmaking Portal.

# Publicizing Your Project

- **Announce Your Grant**

- Grantees are required to share the news of their award through various media outlets.
- We request that NAFSI grantees note that this project is funded by First Nations Development Institute.
- Announcement **due on or before November 1, 2021.**

- **Methods of Communication**

- A press-release, letter, story, or article,
- videotape or documentary
- photograph or story boards
- Social Media announcement

- **Opportunity to Publish a Featured Story in Our E-newsletter “This Week at First Nations”.**

- Submit a separate well-written feature article of between 500 and 1,500 words that describe your project, its purpose and its successful completion. Utilize quotes or experiences from various project participants, and include relevant photographs or graphics.  
(Optional)

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**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Deadline August 17: Food Pantry Initiative**

Strengthening Native Programs & Feeding Families Grant

One out of 12 Native individuals is so food insecure as to be classified as hungry, and Native households with children have a food insecurity rate of 28% compared to 16% for non-Natives. With support from American Express, First Nations created the **Food Pantry Initiative** to sustain Native American communities, organizations, and programs focused on food insecurity.

Through this initiative, First Nations is awarding **12** Strengthening Native Programs & Feeding Families Grants averaging **\$10,000 each annually over four years.** [Learn more](#) and [apply!](#)

**Deadline August 19: Native Youth and Culture Fund**

Proposals are now being accepted for programs that focus on youth and that support the construction of



# Grant Modifications

## Program

If you need an extension for your project.

If you have changes to the timeline of an objectives.

If you have revisions to an objective.

## Budget

If you have changes that exceed 10% of a category.

*Send an email request modification to your Program Officer within the grant period.*



# Grant Budget

## Best Practices

- Track your spending monthly.
- All approved expenses must be spent within the grant period.
- Plan to a 90-day countdown and review the budget with your team.
- Report on your budget to actual expensing using your approved budget an the excel template with the final report.

Tribe/Organization Name			
Grant Title - Date			
Project Name:			
Budget Item Name	Budget Under FNDI Grant	Funding From Other Sources	Total Budget
<b>SALARIES/PERSONNEL</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>BENEFITSFRINGE</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TRAVEL</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SUPPLIES</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>MEETING EXPENSES</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total meeting expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total other	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ADMIN COSTS/OVERHEAD</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total overhead	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



# Grant Checklist

Important Date	Item	Where/Submit Info	Instructions
September 30, 2021	Grant Orientation	Zoom	Attend orientation webinar or watch video recording.
October 8, 2021	Grant Agreement	Email to Jenny Stephens <a href="mailto:jstephens@firstnations.org">jstephens@firstnations.org</a>	Send a scan or mail back 2 copies with original signatures & initials
November 1, 2021	Grant Announcement		Share your grant award with your network.
December 15, 2021	Progress Report	Zoom	First Nations Program Officer will schedule zoom meeting. Verbal Report.
February 28, 2022	Grant Close		Complete all objectives and spend budget.
March 30, 2022	Final Report	Grantmaking Portal	Submit Final Report to the Grantmaking Portal



# When To Contact First Nations

- If you have staff turnover – especially project coordinator.
- If you don't receive your check within 30 days.
- If you are having problems meeting your objectives.
- If you are having issues with your onsite visit.
- If you are having financial issues.
- If you have to revise your budget and objectives.
- If you want to share good news or progress!



# Contact Us



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# Questions

This webinar will be recorded and can be accessed on our website under the First Nations Knowledge Center at <https://www.firstnations.org/webinars/grantee-orientation-webinars/>

