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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.
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.
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Grant Partnership and Purpose

Reclaiming Native Food Systems Grant

A capacity building grant for Tribes and Native non-profits located in WI and MI funded by Chicago Region Food System Fund.

Collective goal is to build regional capacity for Native producers to participate in the Chicago Region Food System.
## Grantees

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<th>Tribe / Organization</th>
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## Grant Funding Schedule

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<th>Grants Funded</th>
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<td>September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2020 (6 – months)</td>
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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

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)*
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.
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<td>Grant Start</td>
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<td>Begin working on Objectives</td>
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<td>September 30, 2021</td>
<td>Grant Orientation</td>
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<td>Attend orientation webinar or watch video recording.</td>
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<td>October 8, 2021</td>
<td>Grant Agreement</td>
<td>Email to Jenny Stephens, <a href="mailto:jstephens@firstnations.org">jstephens@firstnations.org</a></td>
<td>Send a scan or mail back 2 copies with original signatures &amp; initials</td>
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<td>November 1, 2021</td>
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<td>Share your grant award with your network.</td>
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<td>Verbal Progress Report</td>
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<td>First Nations Program Officer will schedule zoom meeting.</td>
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<td>Grant Close</td>
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<td>Complete all objectives and spend budget.</td>
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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!
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Questions

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