California Tribal Fund
Access to Ancestral Lands Grant
Informational Webinar
January 23, 2022 | 10:00 am PST
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First Nations Development Institute

Strengthening Native American Communities & Economies

Our mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. 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.

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**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.

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**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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**Assets in Native Communities**

- Natural Resources
- Social Capital
- Human Capital
- Political Assets
- Physical Assets
- Languages
- Cultural & Artistic Heritage
Our Core Programs

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

Advancing Household and Community Asset-Building Strategies

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

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

Stewarding Native Lands
Grantmaking and technical assistance to support Native land stewardship and environmental justice initiatives.

Strengthening Tribal and Community Institutions
Nonprofit capacity-building activities, support for Native arts, Native language immersion, professional development and coalition building.
The California Tribal Fund - Mission Statement

The mission of the California Tribal Fund is to invest in the viability and visibility of California Tribal Nations, communities, and families. We are committed to eternalizing our cultures and traditions while honoring the historical fortitude of our ancestors. For more information, please visit: www.firstnations.org/california-tribal-fund/

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Access to Ancestral Lands Grant

First Nations expects to award **12 to 15 grants averaging $35,000** to California-based tribes or tribally-controlled non-profit organizations as they work toward strengthening California-based Indigenous stewardship and protection of ancestral lands. The purpose of the grant is to increase California Tribal people’s access to ancestral homelands.
Access to Ancestral Lands Grant Information

- Grant Award Ceiling: $35,000
- Grant Term of 18 Months:
- Application Deadline:
  January 31, 2022 @ 5:00 pm PST
- Award of Declination Information:
  March 4, 2022
Eligibility

- California based federal or state recognized tribal governments.
- California based Native – controlled 501 (c)(3) non-profits.
- Native – controlled community organizations with a CA based fiscal sponsor.
- Native § 7871 organizations.
Allowable Activities

- Support for employee and Board training related to the formation and governance of a land trust
- Research related to ancestral land mapping and cultural site surveys
- Support for acquisition related “due diligence” activities including but not limited to, land appraisals, environmental assessments, researching easements and access, and land use and zoning
- Support for technical assistance and training related to existing land holdings including development land management and operational funding and development plans
- Support for capacity building including creation or revision of policies and procedures, strategic plans, etc.
- Support related to applications for a Fee to Trust Land Acquisition
Unallowable Activities

Unallowable activities under this funding opportunity include:

- Lobbying
- Entertainment
- Capital Construction
- Funding of individuals
- Development campaigns
- Endowments
- Scholarship or tuition assistance
Proposal Requirements

- History of Your Organization
- Current Land Related Programs
- Objectives & Purpose Statement
- Project Activities
Objectives

Specific: What exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?

Measurable: How will you know when you’ve reach your goal? Quantify it!

Achievable: What resources are needed? Do you have them (including time)?

Realistic and Relevant: What is the outcome you’re expecting?

Timed: When will it be completed?
## Required Attachments

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TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

1. Prepare your answers in a Word document and copy and past your answers into the online application system.

2. Make sure that you follow the format of each section and do your best to answer each question thoroughly.

3. Always tie your answers to the grant program priorities listed in the RFP.

4. Submit all required attachments.

5. Be sure that you are saving your work as you go along.
Questions?
If you have questions about the California Tribal Fund or would like more information, or to schedule a call to discuss your Tribe’s or organization’s current needs, projects, etc., please contact Rebecca Tortes, Senior Program Officer, at rtortes@firstnations.org or at 951.265.7822.

This webinar will be recorded and can be accessed on our website under the First Nations Knowledge Center at http: www.firstnations.org/fnk

For more information on our values and grantmaking, visit us at: https://www.firstnations.org/california-tribal-fund/