Gather Food Sovereignty Grant Opportunity Q&A Session
February 8, 2023
First Nations Development Institute
Nourishing Native Food and Health Program
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Q&A Topics of Discussion

Introduction – First Nations Development Institute
Gather Food Sovereignty Grant
Walk-thru online application process
Question & Answer
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.
About First Nations Development Institute

Native-Led Nonprofit
Founded in 1980

Based in Colorado
Satellite offices in New Mexico and California

40 Staff Members

Grantmaking Program
Launched in 1993

2022 Grantmaking:
410 grants, $11.7 million

Serving Tribal Programs,
Native-Led Nonprofits & Community Organizations
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 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.
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Gather Food Sovereignty Grant Information

First Nations will award up to seven grants of approximately $32,000 to organizations in Native communities with the goal of promoting food system policy activity and development. The grants will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced, and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects focused on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty.
Grant Information

- Grant Award Ceiling: $32,000
- Grant Term: begins on April 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
- Application Deadline: February 28, 2023
- Award or Declination Information: March 29, 2023
- Grant will require a grantee orientation, a verbal progress report, and a final verbal report
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:

- That strengthen Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian community food systems and support Food Sovereignty
- A new emerging or innovative idea or an ongoing effort that substantially builds upon past success
- The ability and/or experience necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed project
- Logical and sequential development of project or program-implementation
- A clear plan of action with specific, measurable, and realistic goals and objectives
- Accurate, reasonable, and consistent project or program budget
- Direct engagement of target audiences within the planning, implementation, and evaluation process
Application Process

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

Application Deadline:
February 28, 2023, 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
- A mid-way verbal progress report in September 2023 summarizing grant activities, budget expenditures, quantifiable outputs, challenges, and lessons learned
- A final verbal progress report in February 2024 summarizing grant activities, budget expenditures, quantifiable outputs, challenges, and lessons learned
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: Program Objectives

Each grantee is required to have AT LEAST 3 specific and measurable objectives for their program/project.

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

- **S** Specific: What, exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?
- **M** Measurable: How will you know when you’ve reached your goal? Quantify it!
- **A** Achievable: What resources are needed – do you have them (including time)?
- **R** Realistic and Relevant – What’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?
- **T** Timed – Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
Application Section: Program Objective Examples

Example 1: By May 31, 2023, our organization will distribute 500 food packages to the 100 tribal elders totaling 5,000 lbs. of food distributed.

Example 2: By June 2, 2023, we will create a food policy that prioritizes traditional foods in our Tribal food programs.

Example 3: By July 10, 2023, we will incorporate a 1-acre community planting site to grow 4 varieties of traditional foods.
Application Section: Program Purpose

1. **Program Purpose**
   – This is the ultimate purpose of the program and include key words highlighted on application.

2. **Program Benefit**
   – Summarize circumstances for the need of this program and how the project will benefit the community.

3. **Program Description**
   – A brief narrative that describes anticipated goals and plans to achieve them.
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: Timeline**

**Attachment C: Tax-Status Documentation**

**Attachment D: Leadership & Staff List**

**Optional Attachment E: 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 **February 28, 2023 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 February 14, 2023) 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 Gather Food Sovereignty Grant. 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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