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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 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.
Our Core Programs

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

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

Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies

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

Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions
Nonprofit & tribal capacity-building activities including the Urban Native Project, Native Arts Capacity Building Initiative, and coalition-building work, among other programs.
410 GRANTS AWARDED to Native-controlled nonprofits and tribal government programs.

$12.5M INVESTED

2022 IMPACT

191 Technical Assistance Support Sessions
Includes capacity-building trainings, webinars, and convenings

140,202 People Reached through Programs

29 Academic Scholarships
Provided to Students

42 Publications Authored or Produced

4,741 Publications Downloaded from Online Knowledge Center

FIRST NATIONS EMPOWERS NATIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR CORE STRATEGIES:

Direct Financial Support through Grantmaking

Technical Assistance & Training

Advocating for Systemic Change

2022 FELLOWSHIPS & COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

300 Fellowship Applications Received

10 Fellowships Awarded

14 Participants Supported in the Indigenous Food Systems Community of Practice

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

- Up to $100,000
- $101,000 - $200,000
- $201,000 - $300,000
- Over $300,000

Learn more about the organizations First Nations’ supports at firstnations.org/grantee-directory.
Mission Statement

Our mission 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.

Vision Statement

We envision a future where California Indigenous People — here since time immemorial — have authority over our homelands and honor our responsibility to our people, language and traditions to ensure our communities are recognized, strengthened and sustained.
**Since February 2020 Inception**

- 134 Grants
- Over 80 Unique Grantees
- 2.5 million in Grants and Technical Support
- 39 of 58 Counties

**Program Areas**

- Access to Ancestral Land
- Food Sovereignty / Local Control of Food Systems
- Wildfire and Drought
- Youth and Culture
Food Sovereignty and Local Control of Food Systems
Grant Information

- Grant Award Ceiling - $40,000
- Grant Term of 18 Months – July 1, 2023 to January 31, 2025
- Application Deadline - Wednesday, May 31, 2023 @ 5:00 pm PST
- Award Notification or Declination Information – Week of July 10, 2023
These grants are made possible through the generous support of several funders:

- The ERWJ Patterson Foundation
- The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- The Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation
- The Sierra Health Foundation
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
Examples of allowable activities under this funding opportunity include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting a community food assessment to examine the economic impact of food system assets and plan next steps.
- Strategic Community planning around food sovereignty projects.
- Projects aimed at increasing local food system control, including increasing access to fresh and healthy foods.
- Increasing local food distribution and marketing to end-use institutions (e.g., schools or local and tribal businesses) and larger markets.
- Support for capacity building including creation or revision of policies and procedures, strategic plans, etc.
Example of Previously Funded Programs

Robinson Rancheria - Kudi Ta'Weno Garden Collective - Upperlake, CA

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians – Tekamuk Tribal Garden – Ramona, CA

Yurok Tribe – Food Sovereignty Project Support – Klamath, CA
**Unallowable Activities**

Unallowable activities under this funding opportunity include:

- Capital construction projects (which includes the construction, purchase, renovation, and/or furnishing of facilities)
- Scholarships or tuition assistance
- Films, television and/or radio programs
- Endowments
- Development campaigns
- Funding for individuals
- Purchase of Real Estate
- Support of lobbying activities or drafting legislation
- Support of litigation
Proposal Requirements

- Project Benefit
- Project Description
- Objectives
- Project Purpose
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?
Tips for Filling Out Your Grant 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.
Required Attachments

- Program Budget
- Tax Status Documentation
- Description of Board of Directors
- Description of Key Leadership Staff
RFP or Grant Portal Questions?

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Questions?