Strengthening Native Programs & Feeding Families Grant

Q&A Webinar

First Nations Development Institute
Nourishing Native Food and Health Program

September 20, 2023
OUR MISSION

First Nations Development Institute assists in and creates innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.
# OUR CORE PROGRAMS

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<td>Native financial and investor education, consumer protection and financial fraud education, combating predatory lending and research.</td>
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<td><strong>NOURISHING NATIVE FOODS AND HEALTH</strong></td>
<td>Native food systems, food security, health and nutrition and food sovereignty efforts.</td>
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<td><strong>ADVANCING HOUSEHOLD AND COMMUNITY ASSET-BUILDING STRATEGIES</strong></td>
<td>Native Family Empowerment, Individual Development Accounts, Native Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Native American Business and Asset Development.</td>
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<td><strong>STEWARDING NATIVE LANDS</strong></td>
<td>Financial and technical assistance to support Native ecological stewardship and Native control of ancestral lands and resources.</td>
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<td><strong>INVESTING IN NATIVE YOUTH</strong></td>
<td>Native Youth and Culture Fund, college scholarship/internship programs, and youth-oriented financial education.</td>
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<td><strong>STRENGTHENING TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS</strong></td>
<td>Nonprofit capacity-building activities, support for Native arts, Native language immersion, professional development and coalition building.</td>
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OUR STRATEGIES

- DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT through GRANTMAKING
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING
- MOVEMENT-BUILDING
- POLICY & RESEARCH
- ADVOCACY
OUR PROJECT TEAM

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Strengthening Native Programs and Feeding Families – Round 3

OVERVIEW & REQUIREMENTS
GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Collective goal is to send 60,000 lbs. of food into Native Communities. (5,000 lbs. of food each grantee)
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

- Project serves and understands the food insecurity needs of Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian communities.
- Ability to strengthen the Indigenous food system or build organizational capacity.
- Provide a clear plan of action with specific, measurable, and realistic goals and objectives.
- Present a logical program budget.
- Ability to track, measure, and share the impact of the project.
- Demonstrates the capacity or desire to source and distribute at least 5,000 lbs. of food during the grant period.
# GRANT OVERVIEW

**Grants Funded**

12 Grants awarded at $10,000 for a total of $120,000

**Grant Term**

November 6, 2023 – September 11, 2024 (9 month)

**Disbursement Schedule**

$10,000 upon completion Grant Agreement
APPLICATION PROCESS

This application is a one-stage competitive process.

Deadline
October 5, 2023, no later than 5pm MST
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

1. Post-Award Grantee Orientation
2. Publicizing Grant Project
3. Interim Verbal Progress Report
4. Final Written Report
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

01  Project Purpose Statement
    What is the ultimate purpose of your grant?

02  Organizational Food-Related Programming History
    What are the past and current activities?

03  Program Benefit
    How will this grant project address food security in your community?

04  Vision for Success
    You implement your grant project and measure success?
Program Objectives

Each Grantee is required to have AT LEAST 1 specific measurable objective for their project.

- **Specific:** What, exactly, in detail, do you want to achieve?
- **Measurable:** How will you know when you’ve reached your goal? Quantify it!
- **Achievable:** What resources are needed – do you have them (including time)?
- **Realistic and Relevant:** What’s the outcome – the change – you’re expecting?
- **Timed:** Break it into steps. When will each step be completed?
Program Objective Examples

By May 31, 2024, our organization will distribute 500 food packages to the 100 tribal elders totaling 5,000 lbs. of food distributed.

By June 2, 2024, 3 staff members will have completed a 4-hour forklift training to support our food warehouse efforts.
Required Attachments

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: Tax-Status Documentation

Attachment C: Board, Leadership & Staff List (include tribal affiliation if applicable)
Application Tips

1. Prepare your answers in a *Word document*. Copy and paste your answers into the online application system.

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

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

4. Submit all required attachments.

5. Be sure to **save your work** in the online system often!!!
IMPORTANT NOTE!

All applicants must complete First Nations’ online grant application by October 5, 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 October 5, 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 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.
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

HELP US SHARE YOUR PROGRESS & SUCCESSES

• Share your social media with us, and follow and tag us when appropriate.

• Keep us informed about news and progress updates – First Nations would love to feature them in our weekly digest email.

• Send in photos – This project is featured on our website. Help us keep content engaging with relevant images!

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THANK YOU

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