

# Native Language Immersion Initiative **RFP & Grant Application Q&A**

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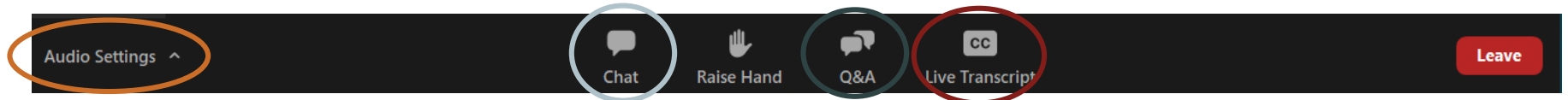
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# AGENDA

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- 01** Introduction to Program Team
- 02** General NLII Information & Eligibility
- 03** Grant Priorities & Application
- 04** Use of Funds & Attachments
- 05** Optional Materials, Tips & Expectations
- 06** Grantmaking & Questions



# 01 | Introduction to FNDI

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## 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

Native Family Empowerment, Individual Development Accounts, Native Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Native American Business and Asset Development.

## STEWARDING NATIVE LANDS

Financial and technical assistance to support Native ecological stewardship and Native control of ancestral lands and resources.

## INVESTING IN NATIVE YOUTH

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

## STRENGTHENING TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

Nonprofit capacity-building activities, support for Native arts, Native language immersion, professional development and coalition building.



# OUR TEAM

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Grantmaking



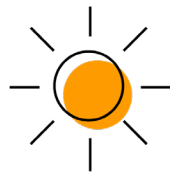


## 02 | General Information

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2024 NLII grant cycle funding is provided by the Sunderland Foundation, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Inc., the CSAA Insurance Group (a AAA Insurer) and through a generous gift from the Diane Mott Estate.



The funding ceiling is \$75,000. You may request up to this amount or any amount under. This grant is one year in length, beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 31, 2025.



Applications are due in our online system Monday, March 4, 2024, no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.



# Eligible Entities

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Tribal  
government  
programs

02

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Tribal § 7871  
entities

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Native-  
controlled  
community  
organizations  
(with a fiscal  
agent)

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Native-  
controlled  
nonprofit  
organizations





## 03 | Grant Priorities

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- Have an existing language-immersion program (one-year minimum).
- Provide at least 20 hours of Native language instruction per week in a year
- Serve a minimum of 10 students; open for all age groups but youth serving and intergenerational teaching is preferred.
- Have a community vision for the future of their language.

*\*At least two or more of the NLII priorities need to be met for your application to be considered.*





# Application

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- A brief history of your organization or tribal program
- A description of the project and its purpose
- How your program or project meets the immersion requirements under this opportunity
- An overview of who your project program will serve
- At least three specific goals or objectives to be accomplished during the project year
- A program narrative
- Plans for data collection and evaluation of grant activities





## 04 | Use of Funds

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This is a general operating support grant. Funds can be used for project specific activities or to support your programming, work, or overall organization.

Examples of allowable activities include, but not limited to:

- Curriculum development
- Language and culture summer and after-school camps
- Professional development
- Mentorships
- Internships
- Leadership succession planning
- Strengthening technological and information systems
- Conducting audits
- Program evaluation consulting





# Required Attachments

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1. Tax Status Documentation
2. Description of Board of Directors
3. Description of Key Leadership Staff
4. Budget
5. Timeline

*\*First Nations provides a sample budget and timeline template that can be found linked on the RFP.*



# 05 | Optional Materials

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Limit uploaded documents to three pages each and PDF your document if possible.

You may include a PDF or Word document that has a link to a video.



# Tips

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1. Prepare your application responses in a Word document.
2. Make sure you follow the format of each section.
3. Tying your answers to the grant priorities and also to your objectives.
4. Submitting all the required attachments.
5. Remembering that a unique group of individuals are reading your application.



# Grantee Expectations

- Language Revitalization Sessions
- Evaluation & Reporting



# 06 | Grantmaking

All applicants must complete First Nations' online grant application, including submission of requested attachments, no later than Monday, March 4, 2023 at 5 pm Mountain Time.

- For any technical issues encountered, please contact [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto:grantmaking@firstnations.org) at your earliest convenience to prevent further delay in meeting the application deadline.

Any exceptions or accommodations that need to be considered to use of the online system must be made at least two weeks, on or before February 19, in advance of the deadline by submitting an email request to [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto:grantmaking@firstnations.org) AND [mgauthier@firstnations.org](mailto:mgauthier@firstnations.org).

- Please include your name, contact information, and indicate you are applying for the Native Language Immersion Initiative.



# Online Application System

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To access the online application system, you must go to First Nations' website and go to the online RFP page for this opportunity:

<https://www.firstnations.org/rfps/native-language-immersion-initiative-grant/>

For more information about the Native Language Immersion Initiative program and origin story, please see the project page at:

<https://www.firstnations.org/projects/native-language-immersion-initiative/>



# QUESTIONS?

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# REFERENCED LINKS

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## First Nations' Knowledge Center:

[www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center/webinars/](http://www.firstnations.org/knowledge-center/webinars/)

## FAQ:

<https://www.firstnations.org/grantseeker-resource-frequently-asked-questions/>



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