

**FIRST NATIONS**  **NS**  
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

# ADVANCING TRIBAL NATURE- BASED SOLUTIONS

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**Q & A WEBINAR**

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# WEBINAR MANAGEMENT

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# WEBINAR TOPICS

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Introduction –  
FNDI & SNL

Overview of  
Grant  
Opportunity

Walk-through of  
online  
application  
process

Question &  
Answer



# ABOUT FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Native-Led Nonprofit  
Founded in 1980

Based in Longmont,  
Colorado

48 Staff Members

1993: Grantmaking  
Program Launched

Grantmaking to date:  
3,385 grants, \$80  
million

Constituent Base:  
Tribal Programs,  
Native-Led Nonprofits  
& Community Orgs

# OUR STRATEGIES

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DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH GRANTMAKING



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & TRAINING



CONVENINGS & WEBINARS



RESEARCH ON BEST PRACTICES & MODELS



COALITION BUILDING & FELLOWSHIPS



ADVOCACY



# STEWARDING NATIVE LANDS

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SOVEREIGNTY & JUSTICE

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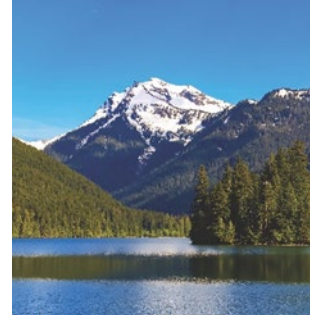
Protecting communities and lands from harmful practices, projects, and policies



## ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

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Sustainably managing and restoring lands for our communities and future generations



## CLIMATE

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Addressing ongoing and anticipated impacts of climate change to preserve lands and cultural lifeways



## COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

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Upholding traditions and amplifying knowledge

# GRANT INFORMATION

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First Nations expects to award up to **6 grant awards** up to **\$200,000** each to support projects that aim to grow tribal capacity and programming to employ and monitor community-, culture-, and nature-based approaches to address **climate adaptation** and **disaster preparation**.

# GRANT INFORMATION

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- Grant Award Ceiling: \$200,000
- Grant Term: 9/1/2024 – 7/1/2026
- Grant Period: 22 months
- Application Deadline: May 22, 2024, 5 pm MT
- Award/Declination Information: August 14, 2024

# GRANT INFORMATION



Nature-based solutions rely on animals, plants, and the environment to protect ecosystems and support human well-being and local biodiversity

- Clam bed restoration to address flooding and beach erosion
- Reintroduction of ecocultural plants to prevent erosion
- Beaver restoration to promote water retention and carbon sequestration
- Cultural burning to sustain biodiversity
- Grass farming to address desertification

# ELIGIBILITY



Federal- and state-  
recognized tribal  
governments

Native-controlled  
501(c)(3) non-profits

Native-controlled\*  
community  
organizations with fiscal  
sponsorship

7871 Organizations

# SELECTION PRIORITY

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Selected grantees under this opportunity must use funding to support work that is advancing climate action that addresses adaptation and disaster preparation through the application of nature-based solutions based on Native knowledge.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

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- Have the ability to build adaptive capacity and disaster preparation through application of nature-based solutions
- Provide a clear plan of action with specific, measurable and realistic objectives
- Present reasonable program-implementation and budget
- Incorporate methods to track, measure, and share impact
- Demonstrate the capacity to support climate action
- Engage community members to build local workforce capacity

# ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

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- Emergency response planning and preparation
- Climate proofing services
- Climate risk governance and capacity building
- Wildlife management and habitat restoration
- Workforce development initiatives (e.g. community training opportunities, youth conservation programs, paid internships, etc.)
- Capacity building for the organization and staff (e.g. specialized trainings, transportation)
- Departmental and programmatic development and advancement
- Updating tribal climate adaptation and resource management plans

# PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS


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- A brief history of the organization, its mission and primary programmatic work around climate action
- A concise description of the project detailing how the project incorporates Native knowledge, which nature-based solution will be advanced, how community will be engaged, and how climate adaptation and disaster preparation will be addressed
- An overview of how your program or project will benefit people and an ecosystem
- At least two specific objectives to be accomplished with the funding


# PROPOSAL ATTACHMENTS



**Tax Status Documentation:** A copy of the organization or fiscal sponsor's IRS Determination Letter if the applicant is a 501(c)(3) organization or a community organization using a fiscal sponsor. Tribal programs and governments may submit proof that they are a federal- or state-recognized tribe.



**Description of Board of Directors:** Native-controlled nonprofits should submit a list of their Board of Directors, with tribal affiliation of each director where applicable. Community organizations with fiscal sponsors should submit a list of their leadership team, with tribal affiliation of each team member (if applicable). Tribal programs and governments should submit a list of their Tribal Council in lieu of a Board of Directors.



**Budget:** An estimated budget for the proposed project with a detailed cost breakdown.

# ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

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- All applicants must complete First Nations' online grant application, including submission of necessary attachments, no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, at 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.**
  - Should you encounter any technical issues please contact [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto: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 in advance of the deadline by submitting an email request to [grantmaking@firstnations.org](mailto:grantmaking@firstnations.org). Please include your name, contact information, and indicate you are applying for the Nature-Based Solutions grant opportunity. 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.

# APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH

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QUESTIONS



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# THANK YOU

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