

# RESTORING OUR RELATIVES

**Q&A WEBINAR**

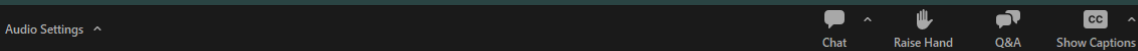
# WEBINAR MANAGEMENT

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First Nations' mission is to **uplift**  
and **sustain** the lifeways and  
economies of Native  
communities through **advocacy**,  
**financial support**, and  
**knowledge sharing**.

# 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

# ABOUT FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Native-Led Nonprofit  
Founded in 1980

Based in Longmont,  
Colorado

53 Staff Members

1993: Grantmaking  
Program Launched

Grantmaking year-  
end: 3,640 grants,  
\$94.3 million

Constituent Base:  
Tribes, §7871, Native-  
Led Nonprofits &  
Community Orgs

# STEWARDING NATIVE LANDS

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SOVEREIGNTY & JUSTICE

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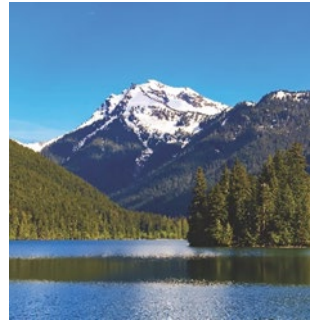
Protecting communities and lands from harmful practices, projects, and policies



## STEWARDSHIP

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Restoring healthy relationships between people and land



## 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 traditional knowledge systems



## WOVEN LANDS

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Creating new models, investments, and other tools to secure and expand Native ownership and stewardship over tribal homelands

The Mission of the Stewarding Native Lands program is to **invest in** and **center** Native peoples in the **stewardship** of their lands for a generous future.



# GRANT INFORMATION

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First Nations expects to award up to **15 grant awards** between **\$25,000 - \$50,000** each to support projects that grow tribal capacity and programming to employ and sustain efforts that **restore Native species** through **traditional knowledge** and **community involvement**.

# GRANT INFORMATION

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- Grant Award Ceiling: \$50,000
- Grant Term: 8/1/2025 – 8/31/2026
- Grant Period: 12 months
- Application Deadline: July 16, 2025, 5 pm MT
- Award/Declination Information: July 29, 2025

# ELIGIBILITY

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Federal- and state-  
recognized tribal  
governments

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

Native-controlled\*  
community  
organizations with fiscal  
sponsorship

7871 Organizations

# SELECTION PRIORITY



Selected grantees under this opportunity must use funding to support work that is protecting and/or restoring Native species that will in turn protect our lands, waters, and ecosystems for generations.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

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- Bringing back rivercane to prevent erosion and support traditional basket weaving
- Bringing back beaver to restore wetlands and meadows that provide medicinal and subsistence plants
- Bringing back buffalo to revitalize native grasslands that are critical to tribal food systems and ceremony
- Bringing back shellfish beds for subsistence and to prevent coastal erosion

# ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

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- Reintroduction of eco-cultural plants or animals
- Planning and implementation of habitat restoration
- Workforce development initiatives
- Capacity building for the organization and staff
- Departmental and programmatic development and advancement

# APPLICATION SUMMARY


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- Purpose Statement
- Project Summary
  - How will this project advance tribal and ecosystem priorities
- Project Description
  - The plant or animal relative of restoration or stewardship focus
  - How will your efforts integrate traditional knowledge and community involvement
- Project Objectives


# APPLICATION 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, JULY 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. Mountain 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).

# APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH

## FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Welcome to the First Nations Development Institute's Grants Portal

Login (all fields required)

Sign in

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**New to the Online Portal?**

Create Your Profile

To be considered for funding, you must create an account. Please click the "Register as an Organization" or "Register as an Individual" button below to start.

You will receive an automated email with your login information, granting you access to the portal and our application forms. Through the portal, you can also view your active and closed grants, applications, organization details, reports, and reporting templates

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Application:

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# COMMUNICATIONS

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# THANK YOU

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